

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 1st March 2022 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

Councillors: Chairman Cllr Lees, Vice-Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Thomason, Pearson, Sharp, Parker, Peart.

Apologies:

Absent:

In attendance: County & Borough Cllr Bell and Clerk to Hartshill Parish Council

1)- Welcome and apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2) Procedural items

Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person, or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate – Noted.

3) Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, s81 and the Parish Councils (Model code of Conduct) Order 2001, members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting as well as any gifts or hospitality received. This requirement applies to elected members and co-opted members – Noted.

4) Chairman's Announcement

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its Committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary. Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent. Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities. People under the age of eighteen or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting – Noted.

5. Report from Borough Councillor Bell

- The first resident's liaison meeting was held with residents of Church Close, along with the Project Manager from Wates Construction, County and Borough Cllr Bell, Cllr Roberts, and Parish Clerk from Hartshill Parish Council in relation to the new school build.
- Residents raised several concerns they had in relation to the new school development including their request for obscure windows and acoustic fencing to protect their homes from dust and noise created from the site and construction vehicles.
- Another meeting has been arranged for Thursday 3rd March at Hartshill Pavilion.
- Residents from Swift Court are also welcomed to attend as they will be affected by the construction site entrance too.
- Sarval Liaison meetings to be restarted.
- A5 Junction – meeting to be arranged focussed solely on the Woodford Lane junction. TBC.
- Mardi Gras – Organised by MDJS great turnout. Cllr Bell expressed her thanks to the Parish Council for their help in supporting the road closure notice for the event.
- Budget meeting took place – Money towards Polesworth Sports Centre, Atherstone Leisure Centre and a carpark for Coleshill were discussed.

6. Public Question Time

- No members of the public in attendance.

7. Accounts for Payment

- Proposed Cllr Thomason, Seconded Cllr Lees that payments amounting to £11967.05 were authorised for expenditure by the Council. Resolved.

8. Financial Report - Income received £5151.32 Balances at end of February Current account: £88102.25 & Reserves at: £204249.26

9. Planning Applications.

- PAP/2022/0049 – Council would like planning to consider the implications this application will have on the already dangerous junction of Woodford Lane with the A5. Clerk to send comments.
- PAP/2022/0049 – No objections

10. Minutes of last meeting. – Minutes of meeting Ref: 010222 were signed as a true record. Proposed Pearson, Second. Peart.

11. Correspondence – None

12. Estate

- **Community Centre** – Clerk to move forward with the replacement of the dishwasher in the kitchen. **Cllr Roberts** asked the Council to consider purchasing a replacement step ladder for the building as the current ones are dangerous. Resolved by the Council to go ahead with purchase.

- **Cemetery** – Western Power installed cabling at the Cemetery. Trench dug was not far enough so another contractor arranged for the tarmac to be dug. Meter installation taking place on Tuesday 8th. Grave digger to provide quote for removal of debris at top of Cemetery, level, and reseeding.
- **Hartshill Green** – Council would like to see Rose bed on the green tidied up with the addition of some more colourful roses. Councillor Sharp to consult with Groundsman on the works.
- **Snowhill Recreation Ground** – Cllr Roberts would like the Council to consider installing extra lighting columns in the recreation ground as currently the area is very dark at night and puts people off walking through. Additional lighting would help people feel safer about walking in the rec at night-time. Three new columns needed. Quotes received amounting to £11955.00 and £6500. Second quote will include one timer to control all lamps including photocell. Rec Committee asking Council to consider purchasing the lights. Council in agreement to go ahead with second quote of £6500.
Proposed Lees, Seconded Sharp.

13. Road Sign

- Clerk to contact Highways to see if they will replace it and get a quote from Nuneaton Signs if Highways refuse. To bring to next meeting in April.

14. Mancetter Road

- Quarry reported their wheel wash was not working for a few days but is back up and running again now.
- Councillor asked why road sweeper only sweeps one side of road.
- Cllr Lees explained that the Quarry owner is still welcoming people to the Quarry to look and discuss how it runs. Councillors would like to revisit the Quarry again this year.

15. Queens Jubilee

- Cllr Peart updated the Council on HCEO plans for the Jubilee – Submitted application for their arts festival. Hoping to have a marquee with picnic lunch and disco on MDJS site.
- Parish Council arranging Beacon Trail for the village. Beacon to be purchased and lit on the 2nd of June at 9.45pm on Oldbury Hills Hartshill. Clerk to Contact the Hayes and ask for shop to remain open for the evening and use of the carpark. Parish Council to subsidise burgers/Pork batches on the evening – Cllr Roberts to book Steve Mellor.
- Further meeting arranged for 11th March at 1pm to discuss more details.

15. Village Sign

- Village sign should be ready for Autumn. Setbacks from Covid halted production but work will start soon.

16. Items for next agenda.

- Rose bed on green
- Confidential Item
- Christmas lights on green

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

17. Next meeting to take place on 5th April 2022 at 6.30pm Friends Meeting House, Hartshill.

Signed: _____ Date: _____