

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 6th September – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

Councillors: Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Sharp, Parker, Peart, Chaudry

Apologies: Cllr Pearson & Cllr Thomason

Absent: None

In attendance: One member of the public and Clerk to Hartshill Parish

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. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

- Cllr Chaudry was provided with his declaration of acceptance of office by the Clerk.

6. Report from Borough & County Councillors

- No Councillor present.
- Cllr Roberts took the opportunity to express congratulations to the newly elected Borough Councillor for Hartshill, Cllr Parker.

7. Public Question Time

- One member of the public wished to discuss the upcoming hearing on the planning appeals at Kirby Glebe Farm traveller site.
- The hearing is to take place on the 13th & 14th of September at Atherstone Council Offices appealing against the decision to allow permanent residency on the site.
- Members of Hartshill Parish Council and representatives from Mancetter Parish Council will be in attendance.
- Police will not be in attendance due to it being a planning issue and not related to any anti-social behaviour on the site.
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8. Accounts for Payment

Invoices amounting to ££15,940.62 were approved for payment – Proposed Cllr Parker, Seconded Cllr Sharp.

9. Financial Report

- The Clerk gave an update on the financial position of the Council.

9.1 Notice of Conclusion of Audit

- The Council received a clear audit for the year 21/22. Cllr Roberts expressed her thanks to the Clerk for her work on this.

10. Planning Applications

- Kirby Glebe Farm Notice of Appeal hearing – discussed under public question time.
- PAP/2022/0320 – No objections.

11. Minutes of the last meeting 120722

- Proposed Cllr Parker, Seconded Cllr Sharp that the minutes be signed as a true record.

12. Correspondence. – None to report.

13. Estate – Snowhill Recreation Ground – Emergency meeting of the Rec Committee, decision made to purchase two new lamp posts instead of three as ground too sloped to accommodate the third. Brighter heads on the lamp should provide adequate lighting. Collaborating with schools to ask them to reduce hedge height on alley which will improve lighting also. The privet hedge on the entrance to be reduced too but quoted £400 for church road alone.

Cemetery – Glendale contacted to quote for Cemetery tree reduction. Lockable skip broken over bank holiday weekend and filled with garden waste. Skip to be locked and visitors asked to use rubbish bins until Groundsman is on site.

Request to create space for a new bench in the Cemetery was made. Council stated that due to the refusal of a similar application only a short while ago they would not agree for a new space to be created but would be more than happy for the applicant to use the already allocated space in the Cemetery.

Community Centre – tables broken in hall, Clerk to quote for replacements. Community Café would like to start up Thursday sessions again. Council agreed to let Tuesday continue for now and consider Thursdays again later due to the low uptake last time.

14. Green Spaces

Would like to see more planting take place of bulbs on the Randall's estate close to the tree.

Planters already purchased and would like contractor to install on the green. Will discuss with contractor once he is available.

15. Christmas Lights

- Lights to come on the first Friday of December.
- Cllr Roberts would like to make an event of it with a Hog Roast, small marquee in front of flats on Trentham Road. 6 o'clock switch on with food and hot drinks available from 5pm.
- Targeted leaflets drop and advertising to take place in advance.
- Contact HSPA to see if they would like to sing.

16. Donation to Hartshill Scout Group.

- As a thank you for their involvement in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations Cllr Roberts requested a donation of £50 be made to Hartshill Scout Group. Proposed Cllr Roberts, Seconded Cllr Sharp – Resolved.

17. Village Sign

- Decision on where to place the village sign deferred to next meeting due to Cllr Pearson unable to attend meeting.

18. Dog Bin Request

- Clerk to discuss request with County/Borough Council before decision can be made.

19. Grange Road Recreation Ground.

- Quotes received from Becky Evans at North Warwickshire Borough Council for the works to Grange Road Recreation Ground.
- The quotes received were scored by NWBC and the winning quote was £71,111.42.
- The Council agreed to fund this along with the addition of Cllr Bells grant which will make it affordable.
- Clerk to contact Becky Evans to give approval and would request that the works be completed by April 23 latest with an opening celebration.
- Proposed Cllr Peart, Seconded Cllr Roberts – Resolved.

20. Items for next agenda

- Hartshill Parish Plan Project.
- Parking on Coleshill Road.

**20. Date & Time of Next Meeting 4th October at 6.30pm Friends Meeting House.
Meeting Closed 8.45pm**

Signed: _____ Date: _____