

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 5th December 2023 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

Councillors: Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Vice-Chairperson Cllr Pearson, Sharp, Thomason, Parker, Chaudry

Apologies:

Absent: Peart

In attendance: Borough & County Councillor Bell, Parish Clerk, 2 Members of the public.

1 & 2 Welcome and apologies

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting – Noted.

6. Report from County & Borough Councillor Bell

- Planning inspector visited Barn Fisheries Site – no work has happened on site.
- Planning inspector made decision to do exchange of papers rather than appeal hearing reasoning that there was a lack of public interest in the appeal. Council currently taking barrister advice on how to submit judicial review on decision.
- Hinckley sewage – MP Marcus Jones visited site – site is enormous. Pipes going into Caldecote lane.
- Clock Hill leak – still cannot find where it is coming from.
- Quarry Liaison Meeting – 16th Jan 10am at the Friends Meeting House. Some residents invited to attend.
- School is now up, and running and new Trust has taken over.
- Engineers currently drawing up plans for railings on footpaths around school due to young girl having her foot run over.
- Traffic Calming on Church Road – residents to receive letters in relation to the consultation.
- Surgery up and running new patients can apply online.

7. Report from PC Andy Hoey

- Written report submitted.

8. Public Question Time

- Report from new management of the Windmill Sports and Social Club – 5 pitches including permanent home for Nuneaton Borough Ladies.
- Club to be turned into a charity with community room.

9. Accounts for Payment

Invoices amounting to £17807.00.

Including orders for payments raised for approval:

- £130.00 Royal British Legion donation
- £798 Grange Road signage
- £1088.26 Christmas Lights
- £1110.00 Cemetery work (Beechwood)
- £4365.76 Replacement fire doors for Community Centre
- £658.80 High St Safari

10. Financial Report

- Financial report Income received: £4380.13.
- Balances at end of NOV - £84550.51 Reserves £115842.84

Invoices & Financial approved by the Council – Propose Sharp, Seconded Parker.

10.1 Councillors asked to consider budget items for next meeting.
Agreed £10k allocated to updating play equipment on the rec ground.
To consider costings for notice boards, ashes scattering area.

11. Planning Applications

- Foodhall Bin Storage – No objections so long as residents agree.
- Low Price Storage – Comments submitted.

12. Minutes of the last meeting 071123 signed as true record. Proposed – Roberts, Seconded – Pearson.

13. Correspondence.

14. Estate

- Snowhill – Money needed to update equipment.
- Community Centre – Fire door quote for replacement received - £4,365.76.
- Cemetery – Groundsman salary to increase two pay scales SCP 1 £11.62 – SCP 4 £12.01. Groundsman requested some new tools to be budgeted for in the new fiscal year.

15. Severn Trent

Would like to request representative to attend Parish Council meeting for an update.

16. Tarmac Planning Application

- Council waiting on an update on where Tarmac is currently with their application process.

17. Items for Next agenda:

- Grit Bins
- Budget Items

18. Items for decision on next agenda:

- **Severn Trent Water**
- **Budget**
- **Tarmac Planning Application.**

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Date and Time of Next Meeting – January 9th 6.30pm 2024 at Friends Meeting House.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Reference: _____