

Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday 7th March 2023 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

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

Apologies: None

Absent: None.

In attendance: Borough Councillor Bell, Borough Cllr Parker, Gregory Payne of National Highways, PC Lauren Hughes, Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public,

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. National Highways

- Following the last meeting with the Parish Council, Highways have been reviewing safety measures for the A5 junction with Woodford Lane.
- Closure of the lane or restricting turns have been discussed.
- Meeting with WCC tomorrow (8th March) to review the model impact report (A study of the impact of closure, limiting right turns or signalling). Discussions have also been made about signalling Mancetter island, but this would be highly costly. There is no low-cost option here so all areas to be discussed.
- Councillor Roberts expressed her concerns about decisions being made without proper consultation. Accidents are happening every few weeks and the Council are worried about a fatality.
- Councillor Parker acknowledged that progress is being made on the junction's safety but there are too many accidents happening, even since the last meeting with Highways.
- Councillor Thomason would like to see the bollards on Woodford Lane well lit as an immediate course of action.
- Councillor Pearson expressed her concerns over the figures based on fatalities over accidents. This is a reflection on modern car safety and a number of fatalities have taken place on the island. With the Mira expansion and S.106 funding should be available for improvements.
- Councillor Bell explained that there is a constant disruption to traffic due to accidents taking place at the junction on a weekly basis. Time scale is a serious issue here as accidents are constantly taking place while the junction is still only being talked about.
- Grey Payne agreed to attend a future meeting with the Council following the model impact report meeting.

6. Report from County and Borough Councillors.

- Willow Close – Application for 29 houses to the back of willow close has gone to appeal. The land is in Nuneaton and Bedworth, but access is in Hartshill (NWBC). The original application has been refused but has been sent to appeal. NWBC refused the initial application due to the fact that close was built as a cul-de-sac. Plough Hill Road is already extremely congested and fumes from the traffic are affecting those with respiratory issues on the close. The impact the building work would have on those already suffering with respiratory issues would be terrible. Highway's opinion is critical in the appeal - they have conducted a transport study on the current road system and have not costed the engineering of a roundabout on the junction. Parish Council to offer support through a letter.
- Meeting on Travellers – how are NWBC managing the larger site. A Gypsy and Traveller policy needs to be put in place in order to protect themselves. Enforcement officers have visited the site and are concerned. Will continue to watch. Appeal hearing for site to take place in June and is open for any residents to attend.
- Speed traffic monitoring taking place on Moor Road.
- Steps to the Hayes from Castle Road need repairing.

- Enforcement officer asked to visit Whitehall Farm on Mancetter Road as a lot of lorry activity on site. Originally told it was to be storage for Lindley Hall Farm, would like confirmation of what is going on.
- Mancetter Road is currently a mess, will speak with WCC about getting it cleared.
- Camphill Residents have started a Quarry Liaison group. A meeting took place at the Windmill attended by Councillor Richard Baxter Payne. Residents raised concerns over the state of the road and early morning starts on the site.
- Councillor Parker would like to see the Hartshill Newsletter come out. Offered to help Councillor Peart with this.

7. Report from PC Lauren Hughes

- Vehicle Crime took place over late nights and early mornings – 203 vehicle checks.
- Arrest took place for fly tipping offences.
- Cuppa with a copper at Dobbies was very successful.
- Visited Kirby Glebe Traveller site – very quiet on site, spoke to residents. Not all sites are occupied.
- Arranged meeting with Hartshill High School to set up regular visits.
- Councillor Roberts requested that someone come out to look at the CCTV cameras on Snowhill.

8. Public Question Time

- Resident concerned over strength of Quarry blasts. Cracks appearing on houses in Grange Road. Council suggested resident attends the liaison meetings with residents of Camphill.

9. Accounts for Payment

Invoices amounting to £13014.84 (Jan) and £16856.42 (Feb) approved for payment. Proposed Parker, Seconded Peart.

10. Financial Report

- Financial report Income received: £2143.39.
- Current Balance: £64153.88 Reserve: £167691.62

11. Planning Applications

PAP/2021/0395 – agreed Clerk to send letter in support of NWBC objection to the application and appeal.

12. Minutes of the last meeting 070223 – Approved – Proposed Parker, Seconded Roberts.

13. Correspondence. – None to report.

14. Estate

Community Centre – Councillor Roberts noted how pleased she was with how the community centre is currently run and thanked the Clerk.

Cemetery – New piece of land looking very well. Would like to put roses in flower beds by the Groundskeeper hut – Council agrees. Quotes to be obtained for reduction of the leylandii. Gradual reduction considered to keep cost down.

Cllr Roberts would like Council to consider planted area for scattering of ashes. Clerk to bring ideas to next meeting.

Groundsman job advertised. Very few applications received. Agree to offer position to current Groundsman, Clerk to prepare contract starting at 15 hours per week to reassess after 3 months.

Snowhill – All ok, light up and running.

15. The Green/Hartshill Sign

Cllr Roberts, Parker and Sharp met at the Green to discuss areas for improvement.

7.5 Tonne limits to be put where they can be seen,

Would like rubbish bin moved closer to bus stop.

Would like to beautify flats side of the green maybe incorporate planters/hanging baskets.

Coronation bench to go on to Grange Road Recreation Ground – Would like to find out process to change name of the recreation ground.

16. Election

- Councillors reminded to fill in and drop documents off to Atherstone Council house if they wish to reapply as a member of the parish council.
- May meeting to take place after election so Annual Parishioners meeting to take place first on 2nd May with Annual Council meeting to take place the week after on the 9th.

17. Kings Coronation/grange Road Rec – discussed under item 15.

18. Land next to Saria

- Used to be used for recreational use with a path around for use of the public. Currently overgrown and not accessible. Parish Council would like to find out the cost of them taking over the land or gain confirmation that it will not be developed on. Ideally, they would like to see it re-established as a walk.

19. Meeting with Travellers.

- Meeting to take place at the Community Centre on the 28th of March at 11am.

20. Severn Trent Application

No response received yet.

21. Items for Next Agenda

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Xmas Lights
- Woodford Lane Junction
- Hanging Baskets

22. Item discussed that did not appear on the agenda.

Enquiry made from WCC to use the Community Centre free of charge. Would like more information on why the project had no budget for room hire costs before agreeing.

Enquiry from Tarmac to set up meeting re: land on Castle Road – Mondays preferable.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

April 4th, 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Reference: _____

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