

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Hartshill**

**Councillors:** Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Vice-Chairperson Cllr Pearson, Sharp.

**Apologies:** Thomason, Chaudry

**Absent:** Peart.

**In attendance:** Borough & County Councillor Bell, Borough Councillor Hobley, Parish Clerk.

**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 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.

**6. Report from County and Borough Councillors**

**Borough Councillor Hobley:**

- A potential meeting with Tarmac is being arranged.
- Hoping to keep scarecrow festival going this year – info to follow.

**County & Borough Councillor Bell:**

- Willow close application - appealed. All objections previously will go back in. Elderly residents to provide info re: disabilities. Parish Council to resubmit objection comments.
- Another leak outside Castle Road. Water pouring for weeks. Severn Trent informed it is fresh water therefore they are not fixing. Caravan Park replaced pipe (40m) and so far, leak has ceased.
- Quarry owner to agree on date to restart quarry liaison meetings.
- Community Orchard – Funding available. Cllr Roberts considering place for orchard. Castle a possibility.
- Consultation for road humps on Castle Rd and Atherstone Rd should start soon.
- New crossing patrol position advertised.
- Book club restarting in library.
- Follow up for disabled access gate on Grange Road.
- Links nursery ramp to be completely replaced. Shaan Chaudry funded the cost- many thanks.

**7. Report from PC Jenkins**

- Report given on crime statistics for August.
- Road safety event took place at Hartshill Hayes – well attended.
- Cuppa with Copper took place at Community Centre.
- Horses on traveller site – concerns over welfare. Rural team involved and RSPCA to visit.

**8. Public Question Time**

- None.

**9. Accounts for Payment**

Invoices amounting to July: £13298.66 & Aug £64619.74.

Including orders for payment approved by the Council:

- £55521.42 for Grange Road Recreation Ground play path (partially funded by Cllr Bell & Lees Cllr Grant fund)
- £720 Beechwood landscaping at Hartshill Cemetery
- £1776.63 HMRC payment

**10. Financial Report**

- Financial report Income received: July £3599.85, Aug £ 57410.06 (incl. transfer from reserves for Grange Rd Payment)

- Balance at end of Aug Current: £51462.39 Reserves: £114927.81

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

**11. Planning Applications**

- None to report.

**12. Minutes of the last meeting 040723 signed as true record.** Proposed – Sharp, Seconded – Pearson.

**13. Correspondence.** –

- Nuneaton signs – signage in progress for Grange Rd Rec.

**14. Estate**

- Snowhill – all ok. No august meeting. Groundskeeper away.
- Community Centre – fire doors broken quote needed for repair/replacement.
- Cemetery – consider locking gates overnight. Consider cost of replacing gates.

**15. Steps to the Hayes**

To ask Parish Caretaker/Groundsman to trim back nettles on steps to leading to the Hayes from Trentham Road entrance.

**16. Lights for Hartshill Green**

Considering battery operated lights for Hartshill Green at Christmas time. Waiting to hear back from company 'Lite' to see if possible.

**17. Locking Cemetery overnight**

The council discussed the possibility of locking the Cemetery overnight. Although it would be a deterrent for vandals it is also likely to cause issues finding someone willing to open/close on weekends and weeknights. Quote to be obtained to replace gate at the entrance to the Cemetery should a decision to lock the gates at a further date take place.

**18. Bleed Kit**

- Council agrees to purchase a bleed kit £85 to keep in defibrillator box outside community centre. The pack is designed to control bleeding from a stab wound.

**Items for decision on next agenda:**

- Remembrance Sunday
- Food for Xmas event.

**Meeting Closed 8.40pm**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting – October 3rd 6.30pm at Friends Meeting House.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reference: \_\_\_\_\_