

HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HAYFIELD

Present:

Cllrs P Easter (in the Chair), K Bevins, L Bevins, M Dean, M Jones, E Lawson, A Ramwell, V Wieteska and J Wilson

In attendance:

8 members of the public and Keith Bradshaw, Parish Clerk

PART 1 NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

224 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

225 Variation of Order of Business

There were no variations to the order of business.

226 Declarations of Members Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

227 Dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no such dispensations requested.

228 Items in part 1 of the Agenda requiring exclusion of the public

There were no items requiring exclusion of the public.

229 Public Speaking

Concerns were raised as to the cost of advertising and HR Consultancy.

The grass has been cut at Little Hayfield playing fields but the cuttings have not been tidied up and the grass around the swings has not been cut.

The allotment at the Clough has been dug up.

The grass requires cutting at Wood Lane and weeds are growing in the kerbs and gutters.

There are two broken steps on the Persimmon Bridge and plants are making incursions into the alley way from Wood Lane to Persimmon Bridge. Garden fences are leaning into the alley on the right hand side.

The white lines fade very quickly on the pedestrian crossing by St Johns. The beacons do not appear to be effective and lights around the beacons as in New Mills would make them more visible.

The Council was asked to consider putting community groups pages/links on its website.

It was asked when the next Parish Newsletter is to be published.

Andy Porter of DCC has said that the initial plans for Hayfield Quarry are to rework the spoil and crush it for aggregate. The Parish Council was asked to consider taking the lead with the Liaison Committee. Mr K Brisley will answer any questions.

Concerns were raised that there is not enough equipment for small children/toddlers in the play parks. The Mother and Toddler group would like to work with the Council to set up a working group to apply for funding and grants.

It was reported that due to the lack of a pavement at the bus shelter there is no room for people to stand outside.

The trees on the May Queen field have been trimmed but the trimmings have been left on the field.

230 Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of the Council Meetings will be placed before the Council for approval at the next meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee held on Thursday 22nd August 2013 were a true and fair record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

231 Planning

NP/HPK/0713/0614 & 0615 – Carr Meadow Cottages, Glossop Road, Hayfield.

It was RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

Mr & Mrs London, 21 Glossop Road, Little Hayfield – Single storey extension.

It was RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to this planning application.

Decision Notice NP/HPK/0613/0468 Spray House Farm – conversion of redundant barn into ancillary residential accommodation/holiday let.

It was RESOLVED to note that this planning application has been granted.

English Woodland Grant Scheme application at Swallow Bank Farm.

It was RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to this application.

232 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Easter informed the meeting that Phil Chapman has resigned as a Councillor adding that he is willing to continue hosting the website and email at reduced prices.

Hayfield Community Sports has had a meeting with the Vicar and Peter Dunkerely and the questions raised have been forwarded on.

233 Committee and Other Reports

a) Little Hayfield Advisory Group

Cllr Dean reported that no meeting of the Group had taken place since the last Council meeting. £2,000 has been spent last year on walling and the work needs completing if there are funds available. The Green Bank Trust may have funds available which can be applied for. Graham Hollet of Derbyshire County Council has agreed to do a survey to see if any more work needs to be done.

Approval has been received for the planters but the statutory bodies will have to be consulted to gain their approval.

The handrail needs replacing on the bridge at Clough Lane on Footpath 38, where the stile drops down to the bridge.

Lane Head Road is in need of repair the gradient at the bottom has increased to an unacceptable level and needs DCC Highways to look at the problem.

The next meeting of the group will be 16th September.

b) Recreation and Leisure Committee

It was RESOLVED that the next meeting of this Committee will be held soon after 25th September 2013 to look at needs and see what finances are available. The trees overhanging the new Cross Scales need cutting back and more play bark is needed here.

c) Orchard Project

The trees that should have been planted around the football field are getting mature in the nursery field and if they get too big they could not be moved. **It was RESOLVED** that these trees be sold at the October Apple Day Festival and the proceeds reserved for the purchase of more trees when the football field issues have been sorted out.

d) Allotments

There was nothing to report.

e) Dungeon Brow Working Group

Two schemes have been placed on the notice boards. Scheme 2 shows a difference in levels and may need a safety barrier. Services will have to be checked and the streetlight needs moving. As this is in the conservation area approval will be needed from the Conservation Officer and planning permission may be required. Grants may be available for some of the work.

It was RESOLVED that a public consultation meeting be arranged in the near future and that this will be included in the next newsletter.

234 Clerk's Report – Matters for decision

a) It was RESOLVED that the Council will pay £157.00 for SLCC membership for the Clerk.

b) It was RESOLVED that the following training courses be booked:-

People Responsible for Children's Play Area - 24th September – K Bradshaw

Finding & Bidding for Project Funding – Leicester 30th September – K Bradshaw

Planning Seminar – Bakewell - 8th October – Cllr M Jones

Planning – Chapel en le Frith - 18th September – Cllrs M Jones, E Lawson & J Wilson

c) It was RESOLVED that ten copies of the Good Councillors Guide 4th Edition be purchased for Councillors.

235 DALC Circulars

It was RESOLVED to note DALC Circulars 16 and 17

236 Reports from Representatives of outside bodies

a) Non Ecclesiastical Charities

It was RESOLVED to put an NEC notice on the Council Noticeboards

b) Hayfield Educational Charity

Concerns were raised that the accounts promised at the last meeting had still not been seen. Cllr Jones reported that these are currently being prepared and that he and Liz Compton will be appointed Trustees to the Charity next week.

c) Hayfield Community Sports Club

Reported earlier under Chairman's announcements

d) The Village Hall

Painting has been done and money is being raised for the lights and the floor.

e) Arden Quarry

There was a meeting of the liaison group with the Environment Agency in September where possible health issues had been raised.

237 Hayfield Quarry

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk is to research any information on areas likely to give cause for concern.

A meeting of the Environment Agency, Planners and the owners is to be held tomorrow and Cllr Wilson will attend if permitted and the meeting is not private.

Councillors were reminded that they can attend any public meeting as a private individual but not as a representative of the Council.

238 Environment Agency meeting re Flood Risk

The Clerk will find out if there is much to update from the August meeting before arranging any meeting with the Environment Agency.

The Council's emergency plan needs reviewing and updating. The Clerk is to check the current situation with DCC and the Fire and Rescue Service and to consider the risks associated with the reservoir.

239 Items for Information

It was **RESOLVED** to note these items and that they will be kept on file in the office.

240 Finance

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below as recommended by the Finance Committee on 22nd August 2013

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
3157	L Bramwell	Locum Clerk	£395.20
3158	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath	£16.00
3159	R Cox Electrics Ltd	PAT testing	£68.40
3160	Johnston Publishing	Advert for Clerk	£590.21
3161	K Bradshaw	Accountancy/assisting Audit	£530.25
3162	D Parker	Cleaning Office	£6.00
3163	Christopher Wild	Contract Maintenance	£510.00
3164	Car ham Garden Maintenance	Contract Maintenance	£874.07
3165	Timberplay Ltd	Cross Scales equipment	£5,638.80
3166	HMRC	PAYE & NIC 5 th April 2013	£431.00
3167	J S Marriott & Co	Internal Audit	£357.85
3168	Salary	Parks & Open Spaces	£298.54
3169	CLR Law	Legal Fees	£300.00
3170	Shopfittings Manchester	Black Sacks	£20.40
BACS - July	Tall Poppies	HR Consultancy	£3,000.00

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of cheque numbers 3171 and 3172 totalling £890.88 for August Salaries

c) It was **RESOLVED** to purchase SAGE Instant Accounts for £125.00 + VAT

240 It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of employees and details of the terms of contract for the supply of services, which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

241 It was **RESOLVED** that the Council will await the outcome of the action by Tall Poppies. The Clerk is to reply with thanks and a request for the Council to be kept informed.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Chairman

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