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MINUTES OF THE HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7-15pm on the Zoom Platform (Live streamed on YouTube – ‘Andrew Barker’ channel, title ‘Hayfield Parish Council April 2021’).

Present

Cllrs: Tony Ashton (in the chair), Lisa Bevins, Michael Conway, David Gates, Catherine Hughes, Eva Lawson, David Toft

Also in attendance

Parish Clerk Andrew Barker

PART ONE OF MEETING

0421/01 To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs. Jones & Wilson

0421/02 Variations of order of business – Nil

0421/03 Declaration of members' interests – Cllr Bevins declared an interest in agenda item 0421/10b & 0421/16 and excused herself from these items. It was noted that Cllr Toft’s spouse is a member of the Civic Trust advising on item 0421/11a&b, but he would not be excluded from these items.

0421/04 Dispensations on matters in which members have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Nil

041/05 Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded – Nil

0421/06 Public Speaking – (10 minutes max)

- a) Nil
- b) Nil

0421/07 Minutes of previous meetings

- a) It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 3rd March 2021
- b) The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 17th March 2021 were noted.

0421/08 Chair’s announcements – The Chair expressed disappointment regarding a lack of contact from both Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and the High Peak Borough Council (HPBC). The Borough Council have announced plans for the planting of a tree in Hayfield which the Chair has no objection to but would have appreciated some consultation. In respect of Derbyshire County Council’s adjustments to the Glossop Road (A624)/New Mills Road (A6015) he again reported that there has been no consultation with the Parish.

0421/09 Clerk’s report –The Clerk reported on a new member of the Climate Group, work on the Old School Field stage area, that work to complete the Annual Governance & Accountability Return was starting and the problems of partnership attendance at the Summer Traffic meeting and in particular the lack of response from Derbyshire County Council.

Cllr. Toft requested it be minuted that he was deeply concerned, disappointed and frustrated by Derbyshire County Council’s lack of engagement or communication with the Parish Council on matters that affect and cause problems for the villagers. Specifically, he highlighted the complete lack of any reply to communications sent to them regarding the Sett Valley Trail, Swallow House Lane traffic issues and their non-attendance nor acknowledgement of the Summer Traffic meeting and follow up correspondence. It was resolved to write to the Chief Executive of the Cony Council expressing the disquiet of the Parish Council.

0421/10 Planning – It was resolved to

- a. Make no comment re HPK/2021/0064 – 2 Brookhouse Court, Hayfield – Re-submission of previously approved HPK/2015/0521 for a single storey extension.
- b. Make no comment re HPK/2021/0113 – 57 The Grouse Hotel, New Mills Road, Birch Vale – Variation of condition 16 in relation to HPK/2019/0111.
- c. Not consider HPK/202/0535 (Consultation on revisions) – 1 New Mills Road, Birch Vale – Proposed detached building to provide living accommodation for dependant relative (ancillary to existing dwelling) and domestic double garage replacing existing single garage as the Planning Department had reached a decision and time to comment had expired.

0421/11 Memorial Garden Renovation – It was resolved to accept the planned specification provided by Hayfield Civic Trust for the Memorial Garden Renovation. It was also resolved that Cllrs, Ashton, Hughes & Lawson together with the Civic Trust and the Clerk seek further estimates/quotations matching the specification and make a choice of preferred contractor with a time limit of fourteen days to obtain the requisite three quotations.

0421/12 Signage on Parish Council Land re dog fouling – It was resolved to assign a budget of £250.00 for the Clerk to purchase replacement signs for Parish Council Land deterring dog fouling. It resolved that the Clerk carry out research into the existence of any current byelaws in respect of Parish Council land

0421/13 Petition - Traffic Calming on New Mills Road – It was resolved to support a petition requesting further traffic calming measure on New Mills Road from the Kinder Lodge to Hallams Garage and would suggest a Pelican Crossing as a way of achieving this.

0421/14 Hayfield School, Swallow House Lane – Support ‘20 is Plenty’ request – It was resolved to support Hayfield School board of governor’s request to Derbyshire County Council for a ‘20 is plenty’ zone on roads around Hayfield School and remind the County Council that they hold S106 monies from the building of ‘The Glade’ that could be used for this purpose.

0421/15 Old School Field boundary proposals – It was resolved to accept the woodland management and fencing proposals submitted by Mr P. Finn (Climate Advisory Group) in order to sustainably fulfil resolution 0221/16b. The Clerk was tasked with taking advice from Mr Finn and requesting Derbyshire County Council erect a ‘one time’ fence along their boundary with the Parish Council Land on the Old School Field thereby prevent access to the A624 across DCC land. This would then allow time for natural barriers to be planted and grow in conjunction with longer term woodland management. It was resolved to purchase replacement ‘No Cycling’ signage for the Old School Field as part of agenda item 0421/12

0421/16 S137 application Village Hall – It was resolved to make a £250.00 donation to the Village Hall to assist existing and potential village groups to recover post Covid

0421/17 Casual Vacancy – It was resolved to adopt the procedure described by the Clerk. This and the vacancy will be publicised at the Parish Council window and website as soon as possible to allow for the vacancy to be voted upon and filled at the May 2021 Parish Council meeting.

0421/18 Group Reports -

- a) Little Hayfield Advisory Group – Meeting scheduled for 14th April 2021
- b) Traffic Management Committee – Repeated expressions of disappointment re the lack of attendance from DCC and appreciation of the Police’s contribution at the Summer Traffic Issues meeting. An update was given on congestion issues on Kinder Road, the use of cones and the efforts of the Police.
- c) Climate Emergency Group – Cllr Conway gave an update on meeting of 10th March 2021 highlighting the printing of the Decarbonise grant information leaflet.

0421/19 Reports from outside bodies –

- a) Hayfield Allotments Society – Nil
- b) Hayfield Educational Charity - Nil
- c) Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club – Cllr Conway reported on the return of fixtures.
- d) The Village Hall -
- e) Arden Quarry – Nil
- f) Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group - Nil
- g) Community Orchard Project – Nil

0421/20 Finance & Accounts for payment –

- a) The following accounts were authorised for payment

Ref.	Payee	Description	Net cost	VAT	Total
BACS852	A E M Barker	Zoom Subscription	£119.90	£23.98	£143.88
BACS853	A E M Barker	Football Nets (Valley Rd Rec Area	£63.20	£12.64	£75.84
BACS854	DCC	Annual grass mowing 2019/20	£1528.44	£305.69	£1834.13

- b) The March 2021 Finance Report covering income expenditure and the accounts reconciliation for February 2021 was noted

1st February 2021 Opening Balance - £118,670.31

February 2021 Receipts – £176.00 (Allotment rents)

February 2021 Expenditure - £25,292.39

February 2021 VAT paid - £3,595.22

Balance at 28th February 2021 - £93,660.51

Bank Balances at 28th February 2021

Santander - £174.01

Unity Trust Current - £25,946.57

Unity Trust Instant - £67,539.93

Total at 28th February 2021 - £93,660.51

- c) The payments authorised by the Finance Committee of March 2021 were noted.

PART TWO – No Items

0421/21 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7-15pm**

The meeting closed at 8-26. pm