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**MINUTES OF THE HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7-15pm in the 'Village Hall, Hayfield'**

Present

Cllrs: Tony Ashton (in the chair), Lisa Bevins, Michael Conway, David Gouldthorpe, Eva Lawson, Jackie Wilson

Also in attendance

Two members of the public & Parish Clerk Andrew Barker

Of Note – These minutes record agenda items in the order they were published. Due to an administrative error the order of discussion at the meeting differed slightly

PART ONE OF MEETING

0123/01 To receive apologies for absence – Cllrs. D Toft & J Underwood

0123/02 Variations of order of business – See 0123/05

0123/03 Declaration of members' interests – Nil

0123/04 Dispensations on matters in which members have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Nil

0123/05 Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded – It was resolved to hear 0123/13 Annual Review Contracted Gardeners and 0123/14 Maintenance Assistant Pay and Conditions NALC with the public excluded as it related to personal financial information pertaining to an employee and contracts

0123/06 Public Speaking – (10 minutes max)

- a) High Peak Borough Councillor Lawson explained that the Borough Council had experienced issues with 'Liberty' its heating contractor which had led to delays in repairs and equipment replacement. High Peak Borough Councillor Ashton informed the meeting that the Borough Council had completed the purchase of the Spring Shopping Centre in Buxton.

- b) A member of the public queried why Parish Council vacancies were not being filled. (*Prohibited when within 6 months of a Council Election – May2023*)

A member of the public informed the meeting re a build up of decaying leaves on Valley and Kinder Roads creating slippery conditions underfoot (*DCC Highways to be informed*). She also stated that ivy growing above an information board on the right-hand side entrance to Wood Gardens that required cutting back

- c) Nil

0123/07 Minutes of previous meetings

- a) It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th December 2022
- b) The draft minutes of the Finance Committee of 21st December 2023 were noted

0123/08 Chair's announcements – The Chair drew the meetings attention to issues that would require attention when considering the 2023/24 Parish Council budget. He also spoke about the New Mills Volunteer Centre re an upcoming 'quiz' and their participation in the 'Home from Hospital' scheme

0123/09 Clerk's report –The Clerk delivered a verbal report

0123/10 Planning –

- a) Nil

0123/11 Parish Council Office – It was resolved to obtain initial advice to establish the state of the building and any recommendations.

0123/12 Allotment Rents – Written requests from Cllrs Ashton and Gouldthorpe had been received by the Clerk requesting a reconsideration of agenda item 0922/17b after four months. The item was reconsidered, and it was resolved that allotment rents be set at £15.00 per annum quarter plot and £30.00 per annum half plot. It was resolved that these prices take effect immediately

0123/15 S137 Application – Wright Turner – Deferred to a future meeting

0123/16 January 2023 Finance Meeting – It was resolved that the January 2023 Finance meeting now be a full Parish Council meeting to allow the setting of the 2023/24 Parish Council budget and precept requirement in order to comply with High Peak Borough Council timescales.

0123/17 Group Reports to receive reports from:

- a) Climate Group – Next meeting 10th January 2023

- b) Little Hayfield Advisory Group – Next meeting January 2023. A concern was raised that a property may be encroaching on Parish Council Land. The Clerk and Councillors arranged a site visit to verify
- c) Traffic Management Committee – Nil

0123/18 Reports from outside bodies to receive reports from:

- a) Hayfield Allotments Society – The area highlighted in agenda item 0922/17d has now been cleared/strimmed by contracted gardeners. To progress any further work/plans for this area it was resolved that Councillor Lawson and another Councillor would arrange to meet with the Allotment Society. It was resolved to consider the Society constitution and agreements with the Parish Council at a future Parish Council meeting
- b) Hayfield Educational Charity – Next meeting 9th February 2023
- c) Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club – Nil
- d) The Village Hall – Cllr Bevins reported on positive feedback received regarding New Year's Eve firework display
- e) Arden Quarry – Nil
- f) Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group – Nil
- g) Community Orchard Project – It was resolved to review the project at the March 2023 Parish Council Meeting

0123/19 Finance & Accounts for payment

The December 2022 finance report and payments authorised at the December 2022 Finance meeting were noted.

PART TWO –

0123/13 Annual Review Contracted Gardeners – It was resolved to increase the hourly rate of payment to £17.00 per hour from 1st January 2023

0123/14 Maintenance Assistant Pay and Conditions – It was resolved to increase the hourly rate of pay to £11.50 per hour from 1st January 2023

0123/20 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting as per agenda item 0123/16 was agreed as **Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7-15pm (February 2023 date will be agreed at this meeting)**

The meeting closed at 9-30 pm