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**MINUTES OF THE HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 7-15pm in the 'Village Hall, Hayfield'**

Present

Cllrs: Tony Ashton (In the chair), Lisa Bevins, Michael Conway, Eva Lawson, David Gouldthorpe, David Toft, Joss Underwood & Jackie Wilson

Also in attendance

Two members of the public

Derbyshire County Councillor Anne Clarke

Andrew Barker Parish Clerk

PART ONE OF MEETING

0423/01 To receive apologies for absence – Nil.

0423/02 Variations of order of business – Nil

0423/03 Declaration of members' interests – Cllr Lawson excused herself from speaking during item 0423/10a. Cllr Underwood declared an interest in aspects of 0423/14 Coronation and excused herself from the meeting room during any resolution in respect of the hire of the Village Hall/Green for the event.

0423/04 Dispensations on matters in which members have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Nil

0423/05 Agenda items to be taken with the public excluded – It was decided to hear item 0323/11 Parish Clerk Vacancy with the public excluded as it would include personal and financial information.

0423/06 Public Speaking – (10 minutes max)

- a) Derbyshire County Councillor (DCC) Clarke informed the meeting that DCC had voted by a majority in favour of the formation of the East Midlands Mayoral Authority. There has been a change in the 'make up' of the authority with two councillors now being members of the UK Reform Party.

She has been allocated a sum of £1,500 to distribute to local groups in connection with the King's Coronation with. The money has to be spent by March 2024.

- b) Nil
- c) Nil

0423/07 Minutes of previous meetings

- a) It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 1st March 2023
- b) The minutes of the Finance Committee of 15th March 2023 were noted.

0423/08 Chair's announcements – The Chair pointed out that after 4th May 2023 there will be a new Parish Council. Prior to the new Council's first meeting in company with the Clerk he will provide a training session in respect of 'meetings' for any new Councillors (and existing if they wish to attend. He reported on advice received from the monitoring officer regarding a public meeting scheduled for 21st April in respect of the Royal Hotel. The monitoring officer had advised that no Parish Councillor attend.

Lastly, he took the opportunity to thank all Councillors for their support throughout his Chairmanship. He appreciated that within the Hayfield Parish Council there are disagreements but matters never become 'personal' as is not always the case in other Councils.

Cllr Toft responded by thanking the Chair for his time in office particularly whilst guiding the Council through the difficult times of lockdown and Covid.

0423/09 Clerk's report –The Clerk took the opportunity to update the Council on drainage work that had been undertaken in the Valley Road Recreation Area, progress to resurface the bike track and plans to have the caretaker present when the annual ROSPA play equipment inspections take place.

0423/10 Planning –

- a. Re HPK/2022/0359 – Egerton Transport Limited, Lower Cliffe Farm, Thornsett Lane, Birch Vale – Installation of horse-riding track and fenced menage, on land owned by applicant, change of use to equestrian – The Council commented that it will have an intrusive visual impact upon the Peak District National Park

0423/11 The Royal Hotel – It was resolved that the Clerk apply to High Peak Borough Council to have the Royal Hotel listed as an Asset of Community Value.

It was resolved that the Chair and Clerk seek legal advice from the East Midlands Law Share scheme in respect of 'rights of access' for the public across the 'car parking' area in front of the Royal (maximum expenditure £800.00)

0423/12 Appointment of Internal Auditor – It was resolved to employ the services of G Turner

Accountancy to carry out the 2022/23 internal audit of Hayfield Parish Council (maximum spend £250.00)

0423/13 Memorial Garden – It was resolved to accept the offer from Hayfield Civic Trust of a trough subject to final location and siting being agreed. It was resolved that any replacement plaque carry the same wording as the original but with a reference to the legacy donation from Betty Strutt.

0423/14 Kings Coronation– The Council were informed that a Road Closure application had been submitted to the High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) for 1200-1630hrs on Sunday 7th May 2023. A funding bid to HPBC had been successful (£550.00) so the total budget for the event was £1,550.00. Cllr Gouldthorpe that this is a Parish wide event and that this includes both Little Hayfield and the Parts of Birch Vale lying within the Parish boundary.

It was resolved to approve the following expenditure,

- Street Entertainment - £600.00
- Printing - £300.00
- Live music - £200.00
- Additional bunting - £120.00
- Village Hall Hire (Cllr Underwood left the meeting for this resolution) – Pay one third of the overall hire cost – Approximately £130.00

0423/15 Tourism and Commerce Advisory Group – It was resolved to establish a Tourism & Commerce Advisory Group the composition and terms of reference for which would be decided by the new Council at the May 2023 meeting.

0423/16 Group Reports to receive reports from:

- a) Climate Group – Nil
- b) Little Hayfield Advisory Group – Met on 4th April 2023 with minutes to be published.
- c) Traffic Management Committee – Nil

0423/17 Reports from outside bodies to receive reports from:

- a) Hayfield Allotments Society – Meeting in April 2023
- b) Hayfield Educational Charity – Proposal for new trustees will be discussed at a meeting on 26th June 2023
- c) Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club – Cllr Ashton to contact the club chair for an update on pitch and facilities.

- d) The Village Hall – Cllr Bevins reported on the Village Hall AGM and gave the council a copy of the accounts. The Hall committee intend to purchase souvenir coronation mugs to distribute to pupils at Hayfield Primary School
- e) Arden Quarry – Nil
- f) Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group – Next meeting 4th April 2023
- g) Community Orchard Project –Documentation now with Cllr Underwood.

0423/18 Finance & Accounts for payment – The March 2023 Finance Report and payments made by the March 2023 Finance Committee were noted.

PART TWO – Nil

0423/19 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Wednesday 10th May 2023 which as this is an election year will be the annual meeting.**

The meeting closed at 08-36pm.