

Hayfield Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 7:15pm in Hayfield Village.

Present: Cllrs: T.Ashton (in the chair), L.Bevins, D.Gouldthorpe, E.Lawson, J.Appleton, A.Feetham, M.Conway, J.Underwood, D.Toft.

Also in Attendance: Parish Clerk H.Mason, HPBC Councillor Gill Scott, members of the public x1.

Part One of Meeting

1023/01 To receive apologies for absence: Nil, all cllrs present.

1023/02 Variations of order of business: Nil.

1023/03 Declaration of members' interests: Nil.

1023/04 Dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:
Nil.

1023/05 To determine which Agenda items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded: Nil.

1023/06 Public Speaking:

- a. Gill Scott of HPBC spoke on the priority workshop she has been to; the upcoming years have been planned and the priorities are the same as the election pledges, their hope is to focus on working with all tiers of council. HPBC hopes to deliver warmer homes and the council are building 31 new eco homes and the stock of council houses are improving. The introduction to community engagement offices. New Mills Leisure Centre is in the process of getting a refurbishment which will benefit the community of Hayfield who use this facility. A meeting will be held on Friday 4th November to further discuss the funding for the female changing rooms for Hayfield Cricket Club. Scott thanked Cllr Ashton for his support with HPBC working with New Mills Volunteer Centre. Leading the way to the greener future, a lot of work is still to be done in the rivers within the area and the concern of levels of pollution in Hayfield rivers from sewage.

Anne Clarke DCC gave her apologies and sent in a report, which was read by the Clerk: “You may be aware that the leadership of the County Council have released information showing that there is a £46 million deficit in the budget prediction. This has resulted in a recruitment freeze which will put extra pressure on officers and will inevitably, have an adverse effect on services to residents. I have received an assurance that the zig-zag white lines opposite St John’s church will now be extended back to the length they previously were, prior to the resurfacing work, as this has caused difficulty for residents living nearby. I have submitted a Member’s Enquiry regarding the school safety zone flashing lights as these have been reported by a number of residents including myself but are still currently malfunctioning.”

b. A member of the public spoke about the use of weed killer within the village.

c. Nil.

1023/07 Minutes of previous meetings

1. The draft minutes of the September meeting were approved.
2. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of September 2023 were noted.

1023/08 Chair’s announcements

The Chair spoke on his ongoing concern with parking within the village and witnessing small children and accompanying adults having to go on to the road due to cars parking on to the pavements and the issue hindering HPBC sweeping vehicles having access to pavements. This is illegal in other areas of the country such as London and Exeter, but the Chair expressed uncertainty on how this issue can be rectified.

1023/09 Clerk’s report: Clerks report was noted.

1023/10 Planning:

- a) It was resolved to make ‘no comment’ in respect of HPK/2023/0394.
- b) It was resolved to make ‘no comment’ in respect of HPK/2023/0404.
- c) Regarding application HPK/2023/0413 the Parish Council has no objection to the erection of a balcony but does have a concern that the balcony size of this application will be out of character to the local.
- d) It was resolved to make ‘no comment’ in respect of HPK/2023/0419.

1023/11 Hayfield Events - To consider the planning of upcoming events within Hayfield:

- **Hayfield Bonfire Night Update:** Fireworks for the event have been ordered. Food for the event has been arranged with vegetarian options ensured. It was resolved Cllr Gouldthorpe, and the Parish Council Maintenance Assistant would have the responsibility of being the pyrotechnicians for the event. Cllrs Bevins, Underwood, Conway agreed to marshal and support throughout the event and help in recruiting more volunteers.

- **Hayfield Christmas Light Switch On:** It was resolved to pay the bands a £150.00 fee for both Hayfield and Little Hayfields Christmas Light Switch On. Full update given from the Clerk, all planning is well underway and on schedule.
- **Little Hayfield Christmas Light Switch On:** Little Hayfields Christmas Light Switch On was discussed at the Little Hayfield Advisory group meeting on Tuesday 3rd October.
- **Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 12th November):** Update was given regarding the event happening within the village but is not a Hayfield Parish Council organised event.

1023/12 CEWG Letter Response to UU – It was resolved for the clerk to send the drafted letter to United Utilities on behalf of the Parish Council.

1023/13 – Hayfield Parish Council Facebook Page – Cllrs Appleton and Feetham discussed their ideas for the first posts for the Facebook Page and their plans for the page as a whole. It was resolved Cllrs Appleton and Feetham to liaise with the Clerk with getting the page up and running.

1023/14 – The Royal Hotel – Cllrs Bevins and Toft attended the meeting held to discuss The Royal and gave feedback to the council and spoke on the prevalent concern on the right of way access through The Royal Car Park on to the Cricket Club. Cllr Ashton to investigate the possibility of applying for a Village Green Application dependent of the outcome of the Asset of Community Value application the Parish Council applied for, outcome to be given by November 16th.

1023/18 Group Reports - To receive reports from:

1. **Climate Group:** The group have their next meeting on Thursday 12th October.
2. **Little Hayfield Advisory Group:** Little Hayfield residents agree they feel they are not getting enough support in vegetation management and gardening within the village and expressed a concern that DCC aren't cutting the grass as often as they have in the past. An update was given regarding the community speed watch.
3. **Traffic Management & PROW Committee:** Cllr Toft gave an update of the discussions had at their last meeting, involving exploring the 20mph limit within the village, expressed a concern at the lack of speed camera monitoring on the bypass, car parking issues within the village. The group agree they would like to invite Steve Alcock and Anne Clarke to attend a future meeting to discuss implications of the Government indicating they may restrict Local Authority powers to vary speed limits but at present they still retain the powers.

1023/19 Reports from outside bodies - To receive reports from:

1. **Hayfield Allotments Society:** After the Clerk and Head of the Finance Committee had investigated the payments of rent for the plots of the allotment, it was resolved the clerk will

take the action of contacting residents regarding missing payments and Cllr Ashton and Clerk will liaise with drafting letters to be sent out.

2. **Hayfield Educational Charity:** Cllr Lawson updated the meeting that they are still making good progress with their efforts.
3. **Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club:** Nil.
4. **The Village Hall:** Nil.
5. **Arden Quarry:** Nil.
6. **Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group:** A meeting was held last week, but Cllrs felt not much work had been done. A new piece of equipment has been loaned on trial and will be also used at other sites. The quarry has been dug out beyond originally agreed, they had sent a remedial plan but the plan outlines the originally agreed areas, so a new plan is needed to outline the new area which has been dug. A further meeting is scheduled again for April.
7. **Community Orchard Project:** The apple harvest is well underway. Thursday 5th October is the harvesting day at the primary school at 4:30pm and the main Apple Day is Saturday 7th October. Apples to be distributed and juiced, any leftover apples will go to local shops and pubs. It was noted Valley Road still has some apples and signs will be made to offer the apples to locals. Any apples leftover will be donated for juicing to local juicers.
8. **Tourism & Commerce Advisory Group:** An action plan outline has been created to take them through the year. The group are aiming to invite businesses to come talk to the group and share their thoughts and ideas and have a voice. The group expressed concern over the residing food and drinks van located in the Hayfield Bus Station car park and the possible effects this business could have to local, permanent businesses within the village. The group want to explore more advertising options for businesses, in and around the village and along the bus lines.

1023/17 Finance & Accounts for payment:

- a. The September 2023 Finance Report and payments authorised by the September 2023 Finance Committee were noted.

1023/18 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st November 7:15pm.

Meeting Closed at 20:48.