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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7:15pm in The Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D.Gouldthorpe (In the Chair), L.Bevins, E.Lawson, T.Ashton, A.Feetham, M.Conway, K.Dalkin, W.Mellor.

**Also in Attendance:** H.Mason Clerk,G.Scott (HPBC), A.Clarke (DCC), R.Nicklin (PCSO) and 1 x Member of the Public,

**0724/01 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr D.Toft.

**0724/02 Variations of order of business:** Nil.

**0724/03 Declaration of members’ interest:** Nil.

**0724/04 Dispensations on matters in which members have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** Nil.

**0724/05 To determine which Agenda items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded:** Nil.

**0724/06 Public Speaking – (10 minutes max)**

1. **R.Nicklin (PCSO) –** Rob Nicklin came to say hello to the council and introduce themselves as a new PCSO of the area. Spoke on how things are going well within Hayfield and the surrounding areas and divides his time equally between Hayfield and the other areas covered such as Glossop and new Mills.

**Anne Clarke (DCC) –** The time locks have been fixed on the Gents Sett Valley Trail toilets, which is preparatory work required before the refurbishment, but we still haven’t got an actual works start date. I have been in repeated discussion with Highways regarding pothole problems in Hayfield. There is a section of Swallow House Lane that is to be resurfaced, presently scheduled for the end of this month and this is the reason I have been given for that large pothole not being fixed. However, I have sent in a further report with recent photograph to show the depth this has now deteriorated to, showing the exposed iron work and a partial repair has now been made. I am pleased to say that Bus Service improvement Plan (BSIP) funding has been spent on the 61. High Peak buses have announced that from the 14th July there will now be a half hour service throughout most of the day and the last bus from Buxton during the week will run an hour later, with the final bus from Glossop running all the way to Buxton rather than terminating at New Mills. In New Mills the Adult Education Centre has been sold at auction, however, I am pleased to say that the Old Youth Centre Building has been obtained by a local group for community use. The consultations for the discretionary grant, which affects NMVC and the consultation on the proposed closure of the adult day centres and care homes are still live. There is also a petition for Jubilee Centre and other adult care centres to request a further debate at Full Council. The consultations and the petition can be found on the DCC website. The scheduled 10th July Full Council meeting has now been postponed until the 18th as an award is being presented to Derbyshire Lioness Millie Bright and the original date did not fit with her availability.

**Gill Scott (HPBC) –** A sink hole appeared on North Road by Shude Hill Close, after being alerted of this by a member of the public, the out of hours service for Alliance Norse at HPBC were called and they promptly came to assess the damage and make the area safe for pedestrians. Currently investigating a grass verge area where there is a wild flower garden which has been disrupted by broadband work. All leisure centres within the area will be moving back to in house companies as the current contracts will be expiring, this change over will not result in any loss of jobs within the leisure centres.

1. Nil.
2. Nil.

**072407 Minutes of previous meetings:**

* 1. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 5th June 2024.
  2. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of May 2024.
  3. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of June were noted.

**0724/08 Chair’s announcements:**

The fibre optics roll out within the village has caused disruption and as they have permitted development, they therefore they do not have to communicate the works with the village, once the village is connected, we will have top performance speed. The Well Dressings around the village over the weekend looked very nice and are a credit to the village and all the people who worked on them. Although away for the Pro Loco Art Competition a lot of great feedback and how well the event was attended. The BBC have been filming a TV drama in the village, this is something we should make more of through communicating about the village.

**0724/09 Clerk’s report:**

The contract gardeners have been working extremely hard to catch up on all the grass areas within the Parish after No Mow May and have left some sections to grow as wild orchids and wild flowers are growing withing Fisher’s Bridge and Little Hayfield, and would like to offer a suggestion to the council to look in to planting more plant plugs or wild flower seeds within these none mowed areas.

**0724/10 Planning:** It was resolved in the matter of HPK/2024/0257 planning proposal the council have no comment.

**0724/11 2023/24 Annual Governance & Accountability Review**

1. It was resolved to approve the Council’s 2023/24 governance statement which was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.
2. It was resolved to approve the Council’s 2023/24 accounts presented by the Clerk which were signed by the Clerk before the meeting and the Chair during the meeting.
3. The dates for the exercise of public rights were confirmed as being Thursday 4th July – Friday 16th August.

**0724/12 Website Service Hosting –** It was resolved to go with Parish Online for the new website provider.

**0724/13 Underpass All Age Community Project –** It was resolved the council support this project.

**0724/14 Hayfield Primary School Banner –** It was resolved for the Clerk to write to Hayfield Primary School requesting they contact DCC as this area is their land but the council strongly support this proposal and should include this within their communication to DCC.

**0724/15 Village Tidy Up –** It was resolved for T.Ashton and L.Bevins to meet with the Clerk to make a priority list and to discuss with the contract gardeners and maintenance assistant on which jobs they can take on and what the council may need to outsource for.

**0724/16 Playground Inspection & Equipment –** It was resolved to remove the slide from the sand pit and to look at the ramp safety railings as a priority and for T.Ashton, L.Bevins and D.Gouldthorpe to meet to discuss the Playground Inspection and create a priority list for work required.

**0724/17 Grass Cutting –** It was resolved for the Clerk to have authority until the council get pricing for the quotes on work, to monitor the situation and as and when source contractors for the work to be done.

**0724/18 Office Refurbishment –** It was resolved for D.Gouldthorpe and the Clerk to create an estimate of costing on different items required for the office refurbishment to bring to the council for approval.

**0724/19 Group Reports:** To receive reports from:

1. **Climate Group**: Due to meet shortly.
2. **Little Hayfield Advisory Group**: Nil.
3. **Communication Group**: A social Media Policy draft has been shared between A.Feetham and the Clerk for presenting to the council for approval at a future meeting. A.Feetham and the clerk to meet in the near future to go through the new website change and how this new system can support communication to the residents of the village regarding meetings, Parish Council business and events within the community.
4. **Tourism & Commerce Advisory Group**: Nil.
5. **Traffic Management & PROW Committee** – Nil.

**0724/20 Reports from outside bodies:** To receive reports from:

1. **Hayfield Allotments Society** – A meeting is being scheduled for councillors to meet with the Hayfield Allotment Society to discuss the amendments to documents and other issues raised by the society such as an overhanging tree and the shed.
2. **Hayfield Educational Charity** – Awaiting meeting.
3. **Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club** – Nil.
4. **The Village Hall** – Nil.
5. **Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group** – Nil.
6. **Community Orchard Project** – K.Dalkin has contacted some members and has begun establishing relationships and working towards apple day.

**Date of next meeting**: It was confirmed the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th August.

**Meeting ended 8:13pm.**