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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7:15pm in The Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs D.Gouldthorpe (In the Chair), L.Bevins, D.Toft, M.Conway, K.Dalkin, T.Ashton & W.Mellor.

**Also in Attendance:** A.Clarke (DCC), Members of the Public x 2 and HPC Clerk H.Mason.

**1224/1 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr E.Lawsom

**1224/2 Variations of order of business:** Nil.

**1224/3 Declaration of members’ interest:** Nil.

**1224/4 Dispensations on matters in which members have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** Cllr T.Ashton for Agenda Item 1124/10b and 1124/10c.

**1224/5 To determine which Agenda items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded:** Agenda Item 1224/17.

**1224/6**

**A:** A.Clarke DCC – Derbyshire’s OFSTED report for SEND has been published and it states that Ofsted found;

*‘Widespread and/or systemic failings leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with special*

*educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), which the local area partnership must address urgently.*

A monitoring inspection will be carried out within approximately 18 months. The next full reinspection will be within approximately 3 years. As a result of this inspection, His Majesty’s Chief Inspector requires the local area partnership to prepare and submit a priority action plan (area SEND) to address the identified areas for priority action.

DCC’s cabinet met on the 14th November and made the decision to close our local Adult Day Care Centre, the Jubilee Centre in new Mills, along with others and sell eight care homes across Derbyshire. They also decided to end to discretionary grants for funding including the funding that supports New Mills Volunteer Centre. Both these decisions were called-in, however, both call-ins were lost by a vote 4 – 5.

I have met with the Head of Countryside Services this week to discuss the Old Ranger Centre building in the Sett valley Car Park. This is now empty, and the council will be looking for expressions of interest for rental. The estates team is currently drawing up a marketing pack, which will have more information. Historically, there has been lots of local interest in this site. I have spoken to Countryside Services regarding arranging viewings for interested parties, which would probably be in the new year.

Most of my recent casework has been in regard to drainage in particular blocked and damaged drains and I have a number of such cases, which I am currently looking into.

**Gill Scott HPBC:** G.Scott gave her apologies and sent a report which was read out by the Clerk: The "Let's Lift the Curfew" run from Hayfield bus Station to the Millenium Walkway was a great success. The aim was to encourage women to feel safer going out in the dark, whether for a run or a walk. We hoped that maybe ten people would turn up - but we had 30 (including one man and a dog!).

High Peak Borough Council has started the consultation on the proposed investment in New Mills Leisure Centre. There was a drop-in session last night at New Mills Town Hall where residents were able to see the plans and learn about the different options.  There are posters up around the village showing a QR code which will take people to the survey. We are urging people to have their say on this.

DCC Cllr Anne Clarke and I will be holding a drop-in session on December 18th, from 1-3pm in St Matthew's Church Hall, for people to see if they are receiving the support they are entitled to and to receive advice about warmer homes. The CAB, Christians Against Poverty, New Mills Volunteer Centre, National Energy Action are some of the groups who will be there. Posters will be going up imminently and it is hoped that the Parish Council will support us in promoting this.

Finally, Happy Christmas to you all - and thank you to councillors, the clerk and PC workers for your hard work for the Parish this year.

**B:** A member of the public spoke on concerns over planning application HPK/2024/0453, Agenda Item 1124/10a –Concerns over how the application did not have word on being within a conservation area, unsure how parking barriers which are very large and red will provide a safe working environment for employees. Also how several things have already been done without permission being granted.Concerns over planning application HPK/2024/0454, Agenda Ite 1124/10b that this is another ‘retrospective’ proposal.

A second member of the public spoke gave an update to the council regarding her correspondence with Voneus, after they installed the fifteen-foot poll with creosote on the poll. Voneus employees entered on to the speaker’s land with a ladder to work, she asked them to leave as no permission had been granted. There are complaints Nationwide over the works Voneus are doing. Project Gigabit is the government’s flagship £5 billion programme to enable hard-to-reach communities to access lightning-fast gigabit-capable broadband. Looking into what the government class as ‘hard to reach’, Hayfield would not match their description. Voneus have the smallest amount of this budget, having 12 million. 6000 houses in Mid-west Shropshire and 4,400 in the Peak District. After contacting the Senior Service Manager, the poll was removed on 12th November.

**C:** Nil.

**1224/7 Minutes of previous meetings:**

1. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 6th November were approved.
2. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of Wednesday 27th November 2024 were noted.

**1224/8 Chairs Announcement**

The service and parade for Remembrance Day on Sunday 10th November were very well attended. The November Finance Meeting was not quorate, wages were paid but regular invoices had to be delayed for a week, an extraordinary meeting was called, and invoices were approved.

Cllr L.Bevins and I attended the Hayfield Allotment Society AGM – There is a change of Chairman and Treasure and a new committee to address new money laundering legislation and set up a suitable trust.

Preparation for the Christmas Light Switch-On is well underway for Friday.

Painting of the Cenotaph railings has begun.

**1224/9 Clerks Report**

The team have put all lights, crib etc, up today ready for the Christmas Light Switch-On and I would like to just say a big thank you to them for all their hard work. Everything is on schedule and moving well for the big day. Marshalls, please meet at the office at 6pm for briefing. Details for the event have been received via the road closure reporting mechanism and have been entered onto out force calendar for SNT awareness. Next week all Allotment tenants will receive their invoice for rent collection by Thursday 12th December. The tennis court timber backboard will be a priority project to be done in the new year – the team have not had the time to order timber and begin project so will prioritise in the new year, weather dependant, including the works with the fencing at the toddler play area. Letters were sent out to all Bear Pit Houses regarding moving bins from the street – further letter will be sent to houses opposite as they may be owners of the bins, once these have been sent out, if bins are still not removed, further action proposal will be brought to full council in the new year. A response from DCC was received on 28th November and shared with all councillors. The response included the permit report showing all work past, present and future for the village of Hayfield.  There are also some areas that are only minutes away from Hayfield – Chinley, Chapel and Birch Vale showing in the report. Council voted and authorised for the Clerk to raise a complaint through DCC for their response to the council’s request. Clerk to ensure complaint contains specific reasons why in which the council feel their enquiry was not met and liaise with Cllr D.Toft and T.Ashton regarding the complaint.

**1224/10 Planning**

1. **HPK/2024/0453** – It was resolved that the council would like to comment the works are unsightly, doesn’t fit in with the conservation area and health and safety and working enviroment is not relevant.
2. **HPK/2024/0454 –** It was resolved that the council would like to comment a concern for the retrospective and emphasise the importance of the public foot paths and right of way.
3. **HPK/2024/0455 -** It was resolved that the council would like to make no comment.
4. **HPK/20240466** - It was resolved that the council would like to make no comment.
5. **NP/HPK/1124/1258 -** It was resolved that the council would like to comment that the application is contradictory regarding visibility of the proposed shipping container from the property and if granted it should be in a colour supporting of the natural area surrounding.

**1224/11 To Review Councillor Proposed Projects for 2025-2026 Budget Planning.**

**Project Proposal 1**

It regards to Project Proposal 1: Valley Rd New Swings it was approved to add this project to the 2025-2026 budget proposal in the amount of £12,000.

**Project proposal 2**

It regards to Project Proposal 2: Enhanced Maintenance to Valley Road Equipment it was approved to add this proejct to the 2025-2026 budget proposal in the amount of £2,500.

**Project Proposal 3**

In regards to Project Proposal 3: The Old School Field it was approved to add this project to the 2025 – 2026 budget proposal in the amount of £7,000 - £10,000, exact amount to be decided during bdget planning.

It was approved to create a subcommittee of Cllr D.Gouldthorpe and L.Bevins to lead planning and management of this project.

**Project Proposal 4**

In regards to Project Proposal 4: The Community Orchard it was approved to authorise £500.00 to be budgetted for the group within the budget for 2025 – 2026, for works for Community Orchard Trees located on Parish owned Land only.

**Project Proposal 5**

In regards to Project Proposal 5: Office Upgrade to include Tiolet Facility to approve to allocate £1,000 and for the Clerk to obtain two initial quotes from builders regarding the cost of a tiolet facility at the Parish Council Office.

The Clerk had received suggestions and feedback from members of the public, these suggestions were shared to councillors and all comments and suggestions will be taken in to consideration during budgetting.

**In regards to the Project Proposal for a Petanque Terrain i**t was agreed the council would look further in to locations for the Petanque Terrain, canvas responses and feedback from houses located around Lea Road for their opinion on Lea Rd grass area being a possible sight and canvas how many potential users there will be for the terrain.

**1224/12 To Review Candidate Applications for the Hayfield Parish Council Vacancies.**

It was resolved the two applicants were successful and will be contacted by the Clerk to sign all required documentation to join Hayfield Parish Council.

**1224/13 To Review the date and time in which Hayfield Parish Council hold their Financial Committee Meetings.**

It was approved to now hold the Financial Committee Meetings at 18:45 on the first Wednesday of each month before the Full Council Meeting at 19:15 and for the Clerk to create a rota for all councillors to atted the Financial Meeting..

**1224/14 Proposal to approve DCC road signs along Church Street, Hayfield.**

It was authorised to accept and approve the proposal from DCC regarding Road Signs to be implemented along Church Street.

**1224/15 To Review Costings of Dual Bin Costs for Tennis Court Area at Valley Rd Park Sourced by the Clerk as per Council Request, Minute 1124/16.**

It was resolved the council will purchase on of the three quotes the Clerk obtained, the quote approved is from Bin Shop for £599.31 (exc VAT).

**1224/16 To Review the Grant / Donation Application Form received from Hayfield** Cricket Club - Girls and Women’s Hardball Team.

It was resolved to approve the Grant / Donation request from Hayfield Cricket Club for the sum of £300.00.

**1224/18 Group Reports: To receive reports from:**

* 1. **Hayfield Climate Advisory Group** – Nil.
  2. **Little Hayfield Advisory Group** – Nil.
  3. **Communication Group** – With the prospect of two new councillors joining in the council in the new year, current council hope they may be interested in joining the Community Group, as currently the group has no members.

**1224/19 Reports from outside bodies:** To receive reports from:

1. **Hayfield Allotments Society** – The HAS had a very successful show and the AGM was held last week and raised some thoughts for future Agenda Items to bring to full Council.
2. **Hayfield Educational Charity –** Still trying to fix the banking issues, all members signed up as signatories as new trustees, all received confirmation and then no further information given, when following up, were told there was nothing on the banking system and it feels they are going around in circles.
3. **Hayfield Football & Community Sports** **Club –** Pete Easter sent over an update and Cllr T.Ashton reported back to the council that Hayfield JFC had their long-awaited meeting with two members of the Football Foundation and Liam Rooney of the DCFA on Friday 29th November. They met at Bank Vale and then recovered at HCC for a sit-down discussion. After a chat about the different options Jamie and Andy from the FF thought the best course of action was to go for the building of the Clubhouse and Pitch Levelling based on their previous experience and knowledge of how the system works. This was in the main due to the "chicken and the egg" scenario; if you have a pitch and no clubhouse it doesn't work and vice versa. They have the prices for the pitch works and just need to firm up the prices for the clubhouse build; Peter has had a couple of phone conversations with SRJ Design and a meeting this afternoon and in the process of getting a tender package together and receiving quotes off 4 builders. Modular buildings were an option discussed by the FF and are a quicker and cheaper build but with the same effect as a traditional build as they are finished the same. The FF will approach PDNPPA about this again with their experience and knowledge of previous projects all around the country - if Peter is available or another member of the management committee, they could attend January’s meeting when they should be further into the process of our application with the FF and update you.
4. **The Village Hall** – The Church has been to collect 10 art pieces for display in the church. The Christmas Tree selling went very well and there is a few trees left for purchase and can be done at the Newsagents. Thank you to the May Queen Committee who came to do refreshments.
5. **Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group –** A meeting next Wednesday has been scheduled with DCC and new operators and will give a report back to council once the meeting has been held. Should be operating again in the not too distant future, has work has been happening in the last five weeks and heavy machinery is on sight and in operation.
6. **Community Orchard Project –** Nil.
7. **Tourism & Commerce Advisory Group** – A meeting was held on 12/11/2024 and Cllrs D.Toft, L.Bevins and E.Lawson were present. Cllr D.Toft gave update on what was discussed during the meeting and shared meeting minutes: 1. General discussion around balance of tourists / locals in terms of local economy
   * 1. Closure of all three cafes, The Royal, temp closure of The George. On Monday and Tuesday no pubs, no cafes.
     2. Complex problem – e.g. Café closures do not necessarily reflect economic difficulties – each closed for different reasons, none of them purely economic.  
        The George will reopen, and problems not simply economic.  
        The Royal may be resolved and closure not simply economic.
     3. Visitors do not always mean spending in the village. Walkers often head onto Kinder without spending in pubs, shops cafes. Unlike other routes onto Kinder (for example Edale), our village is a long way away (and difficult).
     4. Not clear how much visitors contribute economically to businesses. Need for locals to patronise local businesses– ‘use it or lose it’!!!
     5. It became clear that many of the issues were not straightforward e.g. Air bnb affects house availability but many of those staying are self-catering and use the local shops and pubs.  
        Recommendations to Council:

2. Agreed to propose we should produce a Tourism ‘leaflet’ – for social media, website, (as well as paper)

3. Propose the Group to liaise with our DCC and Borough councillors to produce an audit of all amenities, commercial and voluntary, in the village, including opening days / times.

4. Agreed we need some hard data from businesses – how much of their business is from locals / visitors? What is the seasonal variation? Propose DT to produce a short survey

h. **Traffic Management & PROW Committee –** We received the wrong sets of data, clerk clarified and awaiting response.

**1224/20** The November 2024 Finance Report cover October and payments made at the November 2024 Finance Committee Meeting were noted.

**1224/21 Date of next meeting**: It was confirmed the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

**PART TWO**

**1224/17 To Review the Contract Gardeners Wage as per the Contract for Annual Review after One Year of Service.**

It was approved to increase the Contract Gardeners wage to the wage of £21.50 as of 1st February 2025.

**END OF MEETING – 20:47**