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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

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

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

**Also in Attendance:** A.Clarke (DCC) and 1 x Member of the Public,

**0924/01 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs A.Feetham and M.Conway.

**0924/02 Variations of order of business:** To defer Item 12 to a future meeting.

**0924/03 Declaration of members’ interest:** Nil.

**0924/04 Dispensations on matters in which members have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** Nil.

**0924/05 To determine which Agenda items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded:** Nil.

**0924/06 Public Speaking –**

1. **Anne Clarke (DCC) –** There have been no Council Meetings during August, but it has still been a busy month. A good deal of my time has been spent in relation to the Hayfield Road sinkhole. Contacting numerous agencies including United Utilities, Highways, Police, Bus Companies and Broadband installers to gain information to answer residents’ questions. Whilst Hayfield Road is now open, further investigations continue to monitor the situation and inform engineers. The long-awaited work on the Gents toilets at the old Ranger Station is scheduled to start this week, so I hope that they will reopen in the very near future. There is currently a consultation open on the proposed Library Service strategy and a survey and series of workshops available linked to the long-term vision for Derbyshire's Nature Recovery Strategy further details for both can be found on the DCC website.
2. A member of the public spoke on their concern about the barrier to the entrance of the George Hotel, possible causing an obstruction to Kinder Mountain Rescue. Against Standing Orders, the Chair allowed Cllr L.Bevins to comment on this concern and expressed the thought that the council does not need to act on anything immediately due to possible tenancy changes at The George Hotel.
3. Nil.

**0924/07 Minutes of previous meetings:**

1. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council meeting of Wednesday 7th August 2024.
2. It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Council Extraordinary meeting of Friday 23rd August 2024.
3. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of Wednesday 21st August 2024 were noted.

**0924/08 Chair’s announcements:** Reported on attending the Hayfield Summer Show: Very well supported with a great variety of produce. Larger than last year. Reported on attending the Licence Ceremony of the new Priest Mel Hartley at Chapel Church. Well supported with Council representatives from the three combined church Parishes: Chapel-en-le-Frith, Buxworth with Chinley and Hayfield, plus HPBC, Bishop of Derby and other Church dignitaries, together with the High Sheriff of Derbyshire. Expressed concern that there were no applicants for the casual Vacancy. Updated on timeline for Valley Road Tennis Court work. Cllr L.Bevins contributed as one of the Project Managers and elaborated on the details.

**0924/09 Clerk’s report:** Clerk’s Report was read out by the Chair:

**Website & Emails:** After some hiccups the new Parish Council website is fully transferred over with our new website provider Parish Online – the website has been posted and advertised to the Facebook page today. Emails have been transferred over to the new provider; new councillor email addresses can be found on the website, but any emails sent to councillor’s original email addresses will still be received. The website is no longer managed by a third party and the Clerk is now the soul website manager.

**Social Media Policy:** After the August Meeting the social media policy has been amended and will be published to the new council website.

**Paving Slabs:** An email has been sent to DCC regarding the paving slabs within Hayfield, making comment on what the council proposed during the August meeting – when a response is received, this will be circulated with all councillors.

**Letters to Residents, re bins:** A letter has been drafted for residents regarding the removal of bins from the village centre, the clerk has not had the chance to post letters to residents yet but once this has been done, councillors will be notified of when the letters were delivered.

**Tennis Court Resurfacing:** The tennis court resurfacing is scheduled to begin on Monday 9th September. Notices have been erected by all entrances to the park, at the post office, and newsagents and Facebook page. Hayfield Primary School have also agreed to publish the notice to parents. All local houses to the area have received flyers. Mark Sampey from Sport Surfacing Solutions will send over the documentation outlining the works, scheduling, health & safety, etc and then this will be circulated with all council members.

**Valley Road Park: Toddler Area:** Concerns have been raised from a member of the public regarding the sandpit within the toddler play area at the park, upon inspection the slide will need removing as a priority to ensure the health and safety of the users. I will contact the team to see when we can get this scheduled. As the toddler area will be closed during the tennis court resurfacing, we can try to schedule it for once this work is complete.

**0924/10 Planning:** Nil.

**0924/11 May Queen:** Cllr E.Lawson handed over a cheque for £100.00 as a donation to the council from the May Queen Committee for the purchasing of Spring Bulbs to be planted at the entrance to the village.

**0924/12 Grass Cutting Tender:** Deferred.

**0924/13 Hayfield Events:**

1. **Bonfire Night (Saturday 2nd November) Planning**

It was resolved for Cllr D.Gouldthorpe to be the event lead with the Clerk.

It was approved for the Chair and Clerk to purchase fireworks for Bonfire Night and the Christmas Light Switch-On without bringing to a meeting for approval as long as the purchase is within the budget.

It was resolved for the Clerk to contact J.Kemp Butchers to make arrangements for the event.

1. **To discuss the planning of Hayfield (Friday 6th December) and Little Hayfield Christmas light switch on.**

It was resolved for Cllr L.Bevins to be the event lead with the Clerk.

It was agreed the council would like to have fireworks again.

It was resolved to hire Thornsett Band again for the event and for the Clerk to contact to book.

It was resolved there is no budget for refreshments for Little Hayfield Christmas Light Switch-On.

It was authorised for Little Hayfield to be able to hire a band if they wish to do so, as long as the band is still within the same budget as last year.

Cllr W.Mellor to engage with Caroline to ensure the lights are tested in advance to allow for any replacement purchases.

**Any other general event planning:** Remembrance Sunday - What are the arrangements to purchase Hayfield Parish Council wreath as previously Cllr T.Ashton paid cash.

**0924/14 Bike Track Project:** Cllr D.Toft gave an update that after speaking with Bike Track, they are still aiming for Mid-September for work to begin.

**0924/15 Hayfield Parish Councillor Vacancy:** No applications were received during the 14 day window, therefor the Clerk contacted DALC on what the council can do next, DALC’s response - *Yes, it is acceptable to speak to people in the community to see if anyone is willing to come forward, as it is much better to be able to function with a full complement of councillors rather than carrying a vacancy.*

It was resolved to add the Vacancy on the Agenda for October.

**0924/20 Group Reports:** To receive reports from:

1. **Climate Group**: Nil.
2. **Little Hayfield Advisory Group**: Nil.
3. **Communication Group**: Nil.

**0924/21 Reports from outside bodies:** To receive reports from:

1. **Hayfield Allotments Society**: Nil.
2. **Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club**: Nil.
3. **The Village Hall**: Nil.
4. **Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group**: Nil.
5. **Community Orchard Project**: Cllr K.Dalkin will be meeting with interested parties on management of the trees – upcoming pruning season.
6. **Tourism & Commerce Advisory Group**: Nil.
7. **Traffic Management & PROW Committee**: Clerk to explore with DCC as to cost and availability of traffic monitoring (speed checking) device.

**0924/23** The August 2024 Finance Report and payments made at the July 2024 Finance Committee Meeting were noted.

**0924/23 Date of next meeting**: It was confirmed the next council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October

**Meeting ended 19:50.**