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DRAFT MINUTES OF HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

Meeting held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7:15pm in Hayfield Village.

Present: Cllr T.Ashton (In The Chair), Cllrs L.Bevins, D.Gouldthorpe, M.Conway, E.Lawson, A.Feetham, J.Underwood, K.Dalkin.

Also in Attendance: H.Mason Hayfield Parish Council Clerk, G.Scott of HPBC, A.Clarke of DCC and one member of the public.

Part One of Meeting

0324/01 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr D.Toft.

0324/02 Variations of order of business: Nil.

0324/03 Declaration of members' interests: Cllr E.Lawson – Agenda Item 0324/10, A: HPK2024/0061.

0324/04 Dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: Cllr E.Lawson – Item 0324/10, A: HPK2024/0061.

0324/05 To determine which Agenda items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded: Item 0324/18 Tree Felling.

0324/06 Public Speaking:

A. A.Clarke of DCC – Spoke on the meeting with DCC Traffic Safety Team regarding Hayfield Village, Traffic safety meeting and thanked them for their work. Notes from the meeting:

At the PC sub group meeting three suggestions came forward Priority sign, Pedestrians in road, slow on road surface. Below is the engineer's response:

Priority sign – the engineer was against this as he felt it might be counter-productive. If someone thought they had priority going up might push themselves forward causing more problems than the current drivers giving way to each other approach.

Re pedestrians in street, the engineer wasn't in favour as the sign is meant to be a warning sign but felt it would need to be positioned at the corner where by that time you would see if there were pedestrians in the road so what extra information was it giving?

Slow on tarmac again not in favour as drivers have to travel slowly due to parked cars, also these white signs wear quickly and can end up looking unsightly.

From the three suggestions I gained an impression that the Pedestrians in street was the sign the team might be least against. However, even if they said they would put that forward it then

has to go past the conservation team as the village centre is part of a conservation area and they may argue against.

Steve also explained that since the National Guidance regarding Sign Clutter Reduction, as signs deteriorate, they are often taken down and not replaced unless the impact can be clearly identified as having a positive effect. The argument being that too many signs devalues their effectiveness, so fewer signs are now given the go-ahead.

Regarding the microwave detector units these can be hired by Parish Councils and the contact would be etc.datateam@derbyshire.gov.uk

Happy to discuss the above further and trust these notes are of some help.

The men's toilets at the bus station have been closed and earmarked for refurbishment but have now been vandalised. Most work done at bus s been completed, but the yellow lines need repainting, contacted to discuss for completion of this work. Accessible hand rail at the underpass has been cleared.

Road cleaning and signage to be completed and will liaise with P.Inman regarding this. Met the new local PCSO Rob Nicklin who will be working with Amanda Bardsley in the Hayfield and surrounding areas.

Aware the ACV for Hayfield library is coming to the end of its term and could be something to look at.

G.Scott of HPBC – High Peak Borough Council have set their budget on the 21st February and they are in a good financial situation, over the years the council has done well with their budgeting with has lead them to be in this position. Upcoming increases:

- Council tax (£6.32 increase).
- Council house rent will go up by 7.7%.
- HPBC are clamping down on empty houses, 12-month empty, second homes / business rated homes could be eligible for 100% premium.
- Car parking fees increased by 20p per hour.

Has been in contact with the Cheap Housing Officer and the Hayfield Biodiversity Group are taking over the grass verge by Lea Road. Thank you to Hayfield Parish Council for the support in purchasing plants for Shude Hill. Stress there is still money in the fund for grants.

B. A member of the public spoke on the Hayfield Big Spring Clean on Saturday 23rd March and the concern of large amounts of litter being left at Bowden Bridge car park – residents have been doing a clean-up. Residents have contacted Peak District National Park and had a response from Victoria Peel the Executive Support Officer who said their litter team have on several occasions called and no litter has been there and asked if the Parish Council can support.

C. Nil.

0324/07 Minutes of previous meetings:

1. The draft minutes of the February 2024 meeting were approved.
2. The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of February 2024 were noted.

0324/08 Chair’s announcements: No announcement for this meeting.

0324/09 Clerk’s Report:

Tree Survey:

The Tree Survey went ahead on Thursday 15th February – The Councils Maintenance Assistant attended the full Survey and I attended partially. Charles found the experience very valuable to support the checks he does throughout the year within the Parish and was able to gain insight and advice from the Tree Surveyor. The Tree Survey was received on Wednesday 28th February, and this has been circulated to full council.

Tennis Courts and Tree Application:

A Tree Works Application has been sent to High Peak Borough Council, created by the Clerk with help from ACS Trees and further emails have been sent to the High Peak Borough Councils Arboricultural Officer regarding the work which is urgently required.

Pipe Work outside of the office building:

Progress is underway with communicating with United Utilities, to have them come out and inspect the area and approve the work to be done and to further inform us of the next stages.

Allotment Rent:

All plot holders who have yet to pay their rent were called on Thursday 27th February. Four plots have now paid their rent. Two still have outstanding payments due, but no contact was possible when I called, further email has been sent to one plot holder and the other, I am sourcing contact information from the Hayfield Allotment Society Secretary.

Bowden Bridge Waste:

After the waste issue was discussed during February’s Meeting by the Chair L.Bevins, the Clerk has written to Peak District National Park regarding the possibility of reinstating a bin in this area.

Purchases:

A new net and back board will be purchased for the basketball court in Valley Road Recreational Ground, once the maintenance assistant has been out to measure the board these will be ordered immediately.

Annual Leave:

I will be on Annual Leave on Wednesday 27th March and will be returning to work on Monday 7th April. The agenda for April’s meeting will be created on Tuesday 26th March and published on Thursday 28th March, I have organised for the agenda to be published on the website and for the agenda to be published on the notice board on Thursday 28th March.

0324/10 Planning:

a) HPK2024/0061 – 10 The Glade, Hayfield – Two Storey Side Extension.

It was resolved to make no comment on this application.

b) HPK/2024/0066 – 35 Fairy Bank Crescent, Hayfield – Single Storey Rear Extension.

It was resolved no comment on this application.

0324/11 Hayfield Parish Council Vacancy – It was noted that The Clerk will notify the Elections Office of the Vacancy and post the Notice of Vacancy.

0324/12 Changes to Outside Bodies – Item postponed for May 2024 meeting.

0323/13 1224/11 To propose updated terms and conditions for the use of Parish Council Land: To review the edits made from Decembers Meeting –

Use of HPC Lad Info sheet - It was resolved all present councillor are in favour for the Use of Hayfield Parish Council Land – Information for Outside Bodies document as it stands.

It was resolved to approve the Application Form for Use of Parish Council Land document as it is with the amendment of £100.00 for a Non-Community Organisation charge.

0324/14 Little Hayfield Clough request for works – It was resolved the Clerk will explore the cost of building a bridge and the cost of rebuilding up the stepping stones across the river. Also, The Clerk to explore grant and funding support from HPBC such as the Peak Innovation Community Infrastructure Grant.

0324/15 Precept – The council wish to move forward with creating a Precept Information document, Cllr A.Feetham to take the lead on creating the document. A further plan will be made to regarding distribution and publication.

0324/16 Bike Track – Deferred to April 2024 Meeting.

0324/17 Office Refurbishment – It was resolved to have Cllr D.Gouldthorpe as the Project Manager for the office Refurbishment.

0324/19 Group Reports To receive reports from:

- a. **Climate Group** – Nil.
- b. **Little Hayfield Advisory Group** – Nil.
- c. **Communication** – Progress is still being made with creating infographics for publication.

0234/20 Reports from outside bodies to receive reports from:

1. **Hayfield Allotments Society** – Nil.
2. **Hayfield Educational Charity** – The Hayfield Educational Charity have asked Hayfield Parish Council to erect a plaque at the Football and Community Sports Club to acknowledge the £25,000 given. In principle the council agreed to this and have requested for figures of the purchase of a plaque to be brought to the April 2024 council meeting for discussion.
3. **Hayfield Football & Community Sports Club** – Peter Easter had been contacted regarding the missing rent payments, the public liability insurance and to request information regarding the works being done at the ground but no response have been received. Clerk to contact the group regarding their obligations and such.
4. **The Village Hall** – Nil.
5. **Arden Quarry** – Nil.
6. **Hayfield Quarry Liaison Group** – Nil.
7. **Community Orchard Project** – Nil.
8. **Tourism & Commerce Advisory Group** – Nil.
9. **Traffic Management & PROW Committee** – Nil.

0324/21 Finance & Accounts for payment:

- a. The Finance and Accounts for Payment for February 2024 were noted.

0324/22 Date of next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday 10th April.

Part 2

0324/18 Tree Felling – The chair discussed with the council the tree felling in the Valley Road recreational grounds and connecting house.

END OF MEETING: 8:25pm.