

Minutes of the Meeting
Monday 10th May – 6.30pm at Hartshill Community Centre

Councillors: Councillor Roberts, Pearson, Sharp, Thomason, Wood, Pearson, Lees, Parker.

In attendance: Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

Apologies - None

1)- Welcome and apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2) Procedural items

Councillors are reminded that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person, or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate – Noted.

3) Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, s81 and the Parish Councils (Model code of Conduct) Order 2001, members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting as well as any gifts or hospitality received. This requirement applies to elected members and co-opted members – Noted.

4) Chairman's Announcement

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its Committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary. Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent. Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities. People under the age of 18 or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose. Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting – Noted.

5. Election of Chairman - Councillor Lees was elected Chairman of Hartshill Parish Council for the year 2021/22

6. Appointed Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office. – Cllr Lees signed Declaration of Acceptance signed, witnessed by the Proper Officer.

7. Election of Vice-Chairman - Councillor Roberts was elected Vice-Chairperson of Hartshill Parish Council.

8. Appointed Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Roberts signed Declaration of Acceptance signed, witnessed by the Proper Officer.

9. Declaration of Acceptance of Office. - Councillors Sharp, Thomason, Wood, Pearson, and Parker signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Proper Officer.

10. Notice of Interests. - Councillors signed declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests witnessed by the Proper Officer.

11. Public Question Time.

- The organiser of the 'Soap Box Race' event planned for September in the village attended the meeting to update residents and the Council on his plans.
- It is to be held on Apple Pie Lane (Road Closure application pending). Attendees will be allowed to view the race only from Grange Road Recreation Ground where screens will be displaying a live feed. It is being advertised locally as a 'Drive to' event to reduce parking issues in the village.
- Concerns have been raised by residents and Horse paddock owners. Organiser is working with them and letters are to be posted informing residents of the plans for the event in due course and how they can get in touch with their concerns.
- All money raised from the event will go back into the community.
- Working with local landowner to make more parking available in field at bottom of lane.
- Safety marshals will be on site. Bins will be provided and toilets available.
- Entries are given a full spec of design requirements to ensure entries are as safe as possible with working breaks and weight limits apply.
- The Council have requested a further residents meeting with the event organiser where residents can ask questions directly and further information can be given. Date to be confirmed.

12. Report from Borough & County Councillor Bell

- Highways – Road traffic surveys have been taking place. This should be back by end of the month.
- Thank you to Cllr Lees for his work on the camera for Clock Bridge, this is now installed and in use.
- The camera will help with fly tipping as well as traffic light jumping and other issues.
- Unconsented caravans on Barn Fisheries site. Still waiting for a court date due to a backlog in the Courts.

- Hartshill Medical Centre exchange and completion has taken place. Proposing 9 months for the build which is due to start imminently. Centre should be up and running by the first quarter of 2022.
- Resident arranged litter pick for the village to take place on 29th May. Cllr Bell providing equipment for the group.
- Cllr Lees – Spoken to the owner of the land on the corner of School Hill/ Victoria Rd who has agreed to clear the land, stone it, and add new fencing once work is completed with the shop on Coleshill Rd.

13. Minutes of the Last Meeting. – Minutes of the meeting referenced 260421 were signed as true record by Chairman Cllr Lees. Proposed Vice-Chairperson Cllr Roberts, Seconded Cllr Parker – Resolved.

13.1 – Matters arising from minutes

- Cllr Pearson raised the correspondence received in relation to the proposed dog bins. Lamppost mounted bins are not permitted anymore so the Council is to investigate an alternative. The bins are to go on piece of grass by Hayes Rd/School Hill junction, Where Moor Rd meets Oldbury Rd and junction of Moor Rd, Laurel Drive.

14. Correspondence.

- Correspondence received from concerned resident in relation to the Councils planned works to clear the land in the Cemetery to make it good for further burial space. Admittedly the Council realise their timing is not great but do wish to get the works done in the hope that grass will have time to grow before the Autumn. Resident has been informed.

15. Accounts for Payment:

- Expenditure amounting to £8102.89 from invoices received in April was approved by the Council.

15.1 Financial Report.

- Income for the month of April was recorded at £52,143.12 with balances at close of month £119,759.91 and Reserve account £202,371.00.

16. Planning Applications.

- None received since last meeting.

17. Notice of Audit

- Internal Audit to take place on 25th May 10.30am in the Parish Office.
- External Audit: The date for submission of completed and approved documents is 2nd July 2021. The period set for the statutory exercise of public rights is Monday 14th June to 23rd July 2021. The deadline set for the publication of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit is 30th September 2021.

18. Steps to the Hayes.

- There has been a delay in commencing the work to the Steps. Further guidance is to be received from NWBC. Clerk to contact.

19. Notice of Annual Assembly of Parishioners.

- Annual Assembly 2021 to take place on 17th May at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

20. Confidential Item.

- Members of the public asked to leave to discuss an item of confidentiality.

21. Next meeting to take place on 7th June at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed 7.50pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____