

Minutes of the Meeting Monday 7th June – 6.30pm at Hartshill Community Centre

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

Apologies: Thomason, Wood

In attendance: Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

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. Report from Borough Councillor Bell

- Frustrated with movement on Traveller site. Putting further pressure on police for action. Travellers have been upsetting close neighbours. Still waiting on court date for movement on injunction.
- Sarval has started smelling again. MP Marcus Jones arranging a meeting on site. An internal telephone number is needed to report smells. Council would like a liaison meeting in relation to this.
- Health Centre update: Contractors now on site. Estimated 42-week build.
- MP Marcus Jones has sent letter to Dept. of Education in relation to the proposed new build of Hartshill School explaining that the capacity is not big enough to accommodate the growing village. The plan is a like for like building with no increase on classrooms. He was told the design is a standard issue design and due to the build timescale if additional classrooms were added this would involve Highways which would cause further delay in the building.
- Complaint in relation to parking on Grange Rd has been received. Care home cannot patients close enough to building for wheelchair accessible ambulances/cars since pub has reopened. Received abuse from people when asked to move cars.
- Complaint received in relation to rubbish on Snowhill Rec. Caretaker was not on site and a junior football match took place on the Sunday which left a lot of litter. The bins were emptied, and the site cleaned on the Monday.
- Gully on Grange Rd carriageway very narrow. Reported to fix my street and Graham Stanley.

6. Public Question Time

- Garden sale was a great success.
- A new date has been set for the litter pick on 19th June, meeting at 11am at Holy Trinity Car Park.
- Other events organised by Hartshill Community Events Organisation include the Scarecrow festival, Autumn Fayre at local school, Craft Fayre at Community Centre. Walking to the events will be encouraged to help with the parking situation around the village.
- Speed humps proposed for Church Rd/Castle Rd would like to see extended to after Charnwood Drive to slow traffic down that end of the village.

7. Accounts for Payment – payments amounting to £ 15301.00 were approved by the Council. Invoices inspected and approved by Chairman.

8. Financial Report - Income received £1571.37. Balances at end of May Current account: £106030.16 & Reserves at: £202371.00

9. Planning Applications.

- PAP/2021/0241 – No objections.
- PAP/2021/0254 – 72 Church Rd. Councillor Parker declared an interest in this application and left the room. Remaining Cllrs saw no objection to the application. Once Cllr commented they would like to see wooden railings as opposed to metal.
- PAP/2021/0333 – Ansley Common, Countryside Properties. Council strongly objected to the planned development based on the fact it is a reserved piece of land. Schools and Doctors surgeries already oversubscribed in the surrounding areas, disruption to wildlife.
- PAP/2021/0181 - Do not approve. No reason for trees to be completely felled. Would like to see sites visited by NWBC arborologists before decision is made. Happy for trees to be trimmed.

- PAP/2021/0131 - do not approve. No reason for trees to be completely felled. Would like to see sites visited by NWBC arborologists before decision is made.

10. Minutes of last meeting. – Minutes of meeting Ref: 100521 were signed as a true record.

11. Correspondence

- **New PCSO** - PCSO Mollie Thompson has previously worked at Nuneaton and has already made a difference to the area. Mollie will be working alongside myself for the foreseeable future. We also have PCSO 6098 Simeon Hodson assisting.
- **Off Road Bikes** - Oldbury Golf Club – There have been numerous reports of trespass and off-road bikes causing anti-social behaviour. Some of these incidents have also included sheep worrying which impacts the farmers greatly. Atherstone safer neighbourhood team have teamed up with the rural crime team who have been patrolling using off road bikes. Officers can patrol hot spot areas and deal with offenders. Vehicles have been identified and dealt with by Police.
- **Fly Tipping** - Fly tipping is still common in rural locations. North Warwickshire Borough Council have installed CCTV on Atherstone Road which is to be utilised by Police to identify offenders. Rapid vision is in the process of installing CCTV along Apple Pie Lane following the stolen cameras. Oldbury Road is another location which has been subject to fly tipping. Regular Police patrols have been conducted in the area.
- **Hartshill Hayes** - Following reports of damage and anti-social behaviour, Police have been on foot patrol in the area as an engagement opportunity.
- **Michael Drayton School** - Atherstone Safer neighbourhood team have teamed up with representatives from Neighbourhood watch to deliver a bike marking event at Michael Drayton School in Hartshill. Bikes which attended were property marked and registered onto the Bike Register system. With over 285,000 bikes stolen each year in the UK, Bike Register is a free service which reduces bike theft by up to 75%. For further information please visit www.bikeregister.com
- **Drunk & Disorderly** - Police were alerted to a report of a male being aggressive towards the public in Hartshill. The male who displayed erratic behaviour was located nearby by PC 1391 Lauren Hughes and PC 2129 Mike Redman. The male was arrested and charged to court for drunk and disorderly.
- **Ridge Lane PCSO** Mollie Thompson has kicked off the anti-social parking on Ridge Lane by issuing warning tickets to each vehicle.
- **Kirby Glebe Traveller Site** Police are regularly in attendance and there has been a noticeable decrease of caravans. Police are currently in the process of working with trading standards to make Hartshill a 'No Rogue Trading Zone.'
A large quantity of personal attack alarms was given out to the public for reassurance when walking alone.

12. AGAR 20-21

Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021 was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.
Accounting statements for the year 2021 approved by the Council. Resolved.

13. Hartshill Hayes Country Park Liaison Committee –

Requested that information be obtained from the Hayes Liaison group on tree felling for Parish Council website.

14. Steps to the Hayes

Previous contractor could not provide paperwork for works to start. Further correspondence with other contractors has taken place. Marina Kerchum commented on quotes received and advised on recommended contractor. Provided spec for new specs which has been forwarded to contractor. Currently awaiting revised quote.

15. Land to side of Saria

Councillor Roberts would like to see this piece of land reserved for leisure. Could the Parish Council consider funding maintenance on this piece of land once per year? Currently no greenspace officer in position. Clerk to find out who to write to in relation to this piece of land.

16. Cemetery Electric

Quote received from Western Power for £7955.03 for electric supply to the Cemetery. Approved by the Council. Further quote to be received for digging trench for wiring. Resolved.

17. Funding.

Application received from Hartshill Community Events Organisation for £500 to provide planters for the village. Approved by the Council. Resolved.

18. Staff

It was agreed that the Clerk salary be raised to Level 24 of the NALC pay scale.

21. Next meeting to take place on 5th July at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting Closed 19.50pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____