

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 6.30pm at Hartshill Community Centre**

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

**Apologies:** Thomason, Wood

**In attendance:** Parish Clerk and 3 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**

- Cllr Bell, Lees and MP Marcus Jones met with the Environmental Agency & Sarval to discuss issues with the site and smell. It was explained that the scrubbers need to be removed and cleaned. The manager has agreed to visit Hartshill to experience the smell himself once complaints are received. It was asked that a reliable internal phone number be issued for residents to call. A liaison meeting is to be arranged with the Parish Council. It was requested that the Environment Agency check that complaints are logged.
- The consultation on Grange Rd Rec is now complete. Sarval have offered to assist with financing the project.
- Planning Application submitted for 115 Victoria Rd did not go ahead due to planning officer in isolation. It is to go through at the next planning meeting.
- The Construction Management Plan for 113 Church Road has been revised and received by the Council.
- Concerns over planning applications being received for works to protected trees, Cllr Lees spoken to Mark Simpson at NWBC who has agreed that trees are being felled too easily. This will be discussed at the next planning meeting where further applications to TPO's will be raised.
- Flood at Chapel End over weekend when water mains burst. Few houses affected.
- Ansley Common Countryside properties application to go to planning for note.
- Dust analysis very near conclusion. Monitors for people and properties have been requested.

**6. Public Question Time**

- Hartshill Community Events Organisation is planning a community publication to go out twice per year starting next year.
- Plans for a photographic calendar to be produced for next year with photos taken by residents of the village is in the works.
- Planning is to start for next years jubilee. The council will discuss in September at the next meeting.

**7. Accounts for Payment** – payments amounting to £10,483.87 were approved by the Council. Invoices inspected and approved by Chairman.

**8. Financial Report** - Income received £135.00. Balances at end of May Current account: £95681.29.16 & Reserves at: £202,576.00

**9. Planning Applications.**

- PAP/2021/0297 Delys Grill, Coleshill Rd. The work is already completed. Council would like to know why proper procedure is not taking place with applications, why work is taking place before the application goes through.
- PAP/2021/0171 Cottage Farm, Leathermill Lane. No objections.
- PAP/2021/0354 Land adjacent to Moor Rd. Tree with TPO. Councillor Pearson been to photograph tree. Evidence shows photograph in planning application is not an accurate depiction of the tree. It was obviously taken in Spring and now during the summer the tree is trying to live. Tree has been neglected and work to the tree would prevent it from being felled.
- PAP/2021/0297. 161 Oldbury Road – no objections.

**10. Minutes of last meeting.** – Minutes of meeting Ref: 050721 were signed as a true record.

**11. Correspondence**

- Cemetery – Correspondence received relating to a damaged headstone at Hartshill Cemetery claiming damage to a headstone caused by Groundsman. Cemetery Manager has received the opinion of a stone mason who has agreed that the damage caused was unlikely to have been caused by the Groundsman or any of his machinery due to the location of the damage on the stone.

**12. Estate**

- **Cemetery** – Quote received for replacement stone for Bailey. Council in agreement to begin the work.
- **Rec Ground** – Looking into Solar panels for the pavilion.

**13. Steps to the Hayes–**

- Clerk to contact Hartwell's again for revised quote.

**14. Newsletter**

- Cllr Roberts requested that 'Church Service' be removed from the timetable featured on the newsletter as the Church Service does not take place in the Community Centre only tea/coffee after the service and would like to see more Parish Council news rather than Borough Council news.

**15. Grange Rd Consultation**

- Comments were received stating that some residents were disappointed that the consultation was only available for comment via Facebook and should have been more accessible.
- Better wheelchair access is necessary.
- Council have agreed to go ahead with original plans which were agreed in the consultation and approved in the comments.
- NWBC considering improving carparking outside the ground.
- Next step to speak to Evan Ross to get things moving.

**16. Staff**

It was agreed that the Groundsman salary be moved to scale 11 on the NALC 2020 pay scale.

**17. Next meeting to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6.30pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_