

OVER HADDON PARISH

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held at 7:30pm on Monday 3rd April 2017 at the Village Hall, School Lane, Over Haddon, DE45 1JE

Minutes

Attendance: 13 electors and 2 non-electors

1. Appointment of the Clerk to the meeting

The meeting appointed the Parish Clerk to take the minutes

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from PCSO Boswell and District Councillor Alyson Hill

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 18th April 2016 were approved.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes

The bus shelter, parking, Wellgate Lane junction are all ongoing items either being raised at this meeting or incorporated into a village plan and the parish website is now live.

5. Financial Statement

The clerk reported that the year had seen all items within budget but as council entirely finances the toilet block cleaning, the precept continues to be incrementally raised to ensure we can cover our cleaning commitments without assistance. To help offset this permission has now been given by DDDC for an honesty box to be fixed to the toilet block wall requesting donations and this was installed last week. The accounts will be presented to the next council meeting and then published on the Council website.

6. Chair's Report

This year, your Parish Council has been Penny Aitken, Chair, Kay Staniforth, ViceChair, Zena Hawley, Dick Foxon and Roger Truscott. Matthew Lovell has done sterling work as our clerk. Thanks to him.

We are continuing with registering with the land registry all land managed by the parish council

The PC are funding the cleaning of the public toilets as no external funding has been forthcoming again this year –there has been a donation promised from “the shoot” via Alec Neville. Because of this, we have increased the precept by only £500 and this allows us to ensure that they are kept open year round. This is a continuation of previously agreed increases for this purpose.

We have also arranged an honesty box to be fitted to the toilets to try to raise income to prevent the need for further increases in the years to come. The box is now fitted with an adjoining sign.

The Defibrillator cabinet was connected on 7th September and was confirmed as live on the ambulance site on Monday 12th. The opening ceremony was held on 15th October and the PC would again like to thank Helen Foreman and Bob Osborn for their work in making it happen, both in their initial roles as clerk and a councillor to the PC and subsequently as volunteers after their roles had ended.

An awareness training session was held in the village hall and the PC will make available the code to those who attended the training session stressing that should the code be only used in an emergency if those in need can't get through on 999, and it is the responsibility of the provider to ensure that East Midlands Ambulance Service is contacted on 999 at the earliest point possible.

The PC has now switched to online banking – now using Unity Trust Bank rather than the Royal Bank of Scotland which had made several administrative errors by moving its business accounts management away from the Bakewell branch.

Councillor Foxon has met with Digital Broadband and reported that we were unlikely to see anything before 2020 when the next stage of funding based on a further providers consultation utilising the BT pay back monies and a £2million underspend would be finalised. The false advertising that broadband was live was an error which BT will be circulating an apology for. The Yeld Road fibre box is 1.9 miles distant and consequently useless to supply Over Haddon. It was noted that at the Parishes Day meeting the PDNPA were keen to stress that they are putting no obstacles in the way of the providers (except in one solitary application).

A reminder about the Parish Council website set up last year – all agenda and minutes are posted here along with statutory documents required under Transparency rules.

A whole parish meeting is planned – bringing in the community officer from the PDNPA to lead us through working towards creating a village plan. Our aim is to bring together all village groups and projects to create a document identifying all ideas raised by the parishioners and involving as many of the parish as possible. The date for this will be circulated soon and we are keen that to that the process involves as many people and groups as possible.

7. Report from representatives of County, District, Police, PDNPA attending

County Councillor Judith Twigg noted:

The slow response to street light repairs is due to the programmed replacement of Street lights for leds in NE Derbyshire and High Peak.

Gold card holders are reminded to renew this month.

County now charges for depositing hardcore and building waste at its recycling centres.

The DCC handy-van service which does odd jobs for free for Over 60s including replacing light bulbs, gardening (not allotments), smoke alarms and DIY is there to help. Please make use of it.

Potholes – repairs were acknowledged as adequate within the village but the junction onto the Monyash - Bakewell Road has been poorly repaired twice and needs a long term solution. Shutts Lane to Conksbury junction is in very poor repair especially for edge ruts and several flood points.

Major Efforts are being made to ensure our Community Transport receives funding for this year.

Over Haddon's village plan will be welcomed and all groups in the community need to be involved, if it progresses to a Neighbourhood plan there is money available from local government sources to help finance this.

No other reports received.

8. To consider items already requested for discussion:

a) Car Parking / roads / street lighting

Issues mainly concern the lack of respect by holiday makers at Manor Court for congestion in this area but there are problems throughout the village especially at weekends with cars on the verges, blocking entrances or making turning out near impossible and a blatant disregard for residents needs in general. Wellgate Lane needs markings at each end to give clearance for turning. Councillor Twigg offered to assist the Parish Council to get a Highways Officer out to visit the village and the date will be circulated to get as many interested parties there as are available. The 2 LED replacement lights are welcomed for minimizing light pollution and their focused splay and it is hoped the rest of the village will be altered shortly.

b) Land at junction with Wellgate Lane & Main St

Council has been investigating areas already owned that need confirming with Land Registry and will include this in order to safeguard it for the village and to take responsibility for maintenance of the walls and trees. Ideas for how it should be maintained will become part of the village plan.

c) Ideas for a Village Plan

Adele Metcalfe from the PDNPA will shortly visit the village for a public meeting to explain how the village can put together a plan and all groups will be invited to be a part of this. Once a plan has been put together a decision as to whether to go for a Neighbourhood Plan – which formalises the process and leads to a local referendum is needed.

9. To consider any other Parish matter that may be brought forward by the Council or local government electors

No further matters were raised and the meeting closed at 8:30pm