

OVER HADDON PARISH

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held at 7:30pm on Monday 9th April 2018 at the Village Hall, School Lane, Over Haddon, DE45 1JE

Minutes

Attendance: 4 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

No Apologies were received

3. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 3rd April 2017 were approved.

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes

Thanks were noted to the Shoot for the grant given – the new organization is being approached to assist for the coming financial year. Broadband is no closer to being improved.

5. Financial Statement

The clerk reported that the year had seen all items within the negative budget but as council entirely finances the toilet block cleaning, the precept was raised one final time to a break even this year. The new honesty box has assisted by paying for one month's cleaning. The final accounts will be presented to the next council meeting and then published on the Council website.

6. Chair's Report

Your councillors this year have been myself as Chair, Zena Hawley (Vice Chair), Penny Aitken, Dick Foxon and Roger Truscott. Matthew Lovell has been Clerk to the Council once again this year and we thank him for all his hard work.

Members of the Parish met at a special meeting in June to talk about any interest in a 'community plan'. The meeting was attended by the PDNP Communities Officer, Adele Metcalfe. The main concerns raised by parishioners were parking and other highways issues and the funding of the public toilet block into the future. Both of these items are listed under items for discussion later in the agenda. However the toilet block has been subject to a DDDC review and they have agreed to keep open the toilets on a year round basis and have accepted responsibility for maintenance and on-going utility costs. The cost of cleaning for the forthcoming year however rests with the parish. An honesty box has been installed with a grant from DDC, secured with the help of Judith Twigg and we thank her for her assistance in this. As car park users are already being asked to pay for parking, the honesty box has yielded relatively small returns. In respect of parking, a highways officer visited the village to see what improvements could be made. White lines at junctions have been reinstated, the

hope being that people will not park close to said junctions. A promised white H line on the blind bend at the junction of Main Street and Bakewell Road has still not been implemented and the Clerk is chasing this up with the Highways department.

The meeting has also led to the establishment of a History Group which is now meeting on a regular basis.

The Clerk has been working hard to register Parish land with the Land Registry but has met with some problems as it appears that the fast track registration scheme for parishes has come to an end although information received today may see other titles granted this week. The allotments have now been registered and the War Memorial is also secured under separate legislation.

The precept for the year has been set at £4700 for 2018/19. The increase allows the Parish to fund the cleaning of the toilets for the year and still break even.

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

District Councillor Alyson Hill had no matters to report.

No other reports received. The PCSO had contacted the clerk on 25th March to ask for posters for a half hour visit by the Police Commissioner on 27th March to the Lathkil Hotel to be distributed but holidays had meant this wasn't forwarded and no one present was aware that anyone in the village had been informed in time to meet him.

8. To consider items already requested for discussion:

a) Roads / toilet block

A further review is proposed for the highway once the white H line has been installed and its effectiveness monitored. Cllrs Truscott and Foxon spoke at the DDDC review meeting and whilst pleased to note that our block has been reprieved consider that DDDC should be providing this service as it is for the benefit of visitors not residents. The increase in the car park charges was agreed by all present to require further discussion as offered by DDDC as there is an unfair financial burden on us as the smallest parish contributing by providing the cleaner.

b) Weather

The idea is for a phone list of parishioners willing to be available to give lifts in poor weather or to get to medical appointments. This will be raised at a Parish Council meeting.

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

A community skip – the idea being for several people to share one however it was noted that this often leads to items not being recycled and there is a DCC service you can pay to clear larger items too big to take by car to Rowsley.

No further matters were raised and the meeting closed at 8:20 pm