# **OVER HADDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the meeting of Over Haddon Parish Council held at Over Haddon Village Hall at 8:00 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Present: Councillors Zena Hawley, Sally Mosley, Steve Pope, Roger Truscott (Chair), Parish Clerk and 5 members of the Public

# PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 639 <u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Apologies accepted from Cllr Penny Aitken
- 640 <u>Variation of Order of Business and clerk's notification of time constrained items</u>

  No variations required. Assisting the research for interest in the upgrade of the village to direct fibre was included for discussion.
- 641 Declaration of Members Interests

Interests declared in respect of this meeting: 3 councillors noted their interest as current allotment holders but 1 declared termination of plot prior to implementation of the new rules so the item became quorate – no pecuniary interest arose. Cllr Moseley re-declared an interest in 0667 Elm Tree as having taken no part in that item.

- 642 Public Speaking
  - a) Members of the public a request for a copy of the minutes as the noticeboard is too high was received.
  - b) PCSO Morris and DCllr Mark Wakeman sent apologies. DCllr Alison Hill had no matters to report from DDDC as they have been in recess.
     CCllr Alasdair Sutton noted the photos sent him hadn't arrived re the gennel – see below

A query from the floor on the planning note in the July minutes is clarified below.

- 643 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021
  Council approved the minutes for signature by the Chair subject to noting the tree planting had been done on the previous application, it is the latest that desires it.
- 644 <u>To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded-</u> none
- 645 Planning Applications and Reports

**Decisions received:** NP/DDD/0221/0225 – Lathkill Farm – erection of new farm building – granted

**Applications returned before the meeting:** NP/ DDD/0621/0667 Elm Tree Cottage - Proposed two storey rear extension to provide space for heat pump heating apparatus, power storage batteries and adequate living space

PDNPA has notified Council that this property has affordable house status and the current application as existing would contravene this. Council was unaware of this and noted it's standing policy of support for affordable dwellings and the need to retain this status as a priority on all affordable dwelling improvement applications. It supports this application providing it meets the requirement for the retention of affordable status.

# Applications: NP/DDD/0821/0866 - Twin Dales Barn - conversion to dwelling

Council supports the restoration of this roofless solid barn that fits into its location into the landscape well. The applicant's need for a dwelling to continue 31 years of farming and fit his diversification requirements is well expressed in the internal layout without harming the character of a field barn which the rebuild will maintain. Council welcomes the incorporation of eco-friendly heating and insulation to the conversion.

Other Planning matters: PDNPA has been contacted as the Caravan has an extension not allowed for in current planning consent – this is under investigation. The Barn with skylights has been visited and the owner made aware of it's current consent – it remains on the watch list. PDNPA notes that the unsightly box unit in the field not masked by the ruin is a trailer so could be moved.

## Report of the Clerk / matters for decision: -

## 646 Highways and Footpaths

Potholes – the County Councillor offered to tour the village with councillors this week to compile a list and look at the problems of the no-through gennel.

Litter Picking – a patchwork wombling group is to be established with litter pickers issued to those who wish to do their patch of the village at their own discretion rather than a community day that could be rained off.

Thanks were expressed to DCllr Mark Wakeman for organising the replacement litter bin.

The bridleway awaits the Inspectorate visit for a final decision as to its status.

The Grow not Mow - bank area outside the hall is the only proposed area for consideration as the triangle at Dale Road was reconsidered due to traffic sight lines as were dismissed at other verges in the village.

#### 647 Allotment vacancies and revised agreement decision

The waiting list is at 3. 4 half plot holders have indicated their probable termination at the end of this season and their plots will be shown to potential holders with renewals firmed up at the next meeting. One of the holders is giving up after 60 years working.

The draft agreement was tweaked at a site meeting with allotment holders and council and will be formally adopted at the November meeting.

Council was pleased to hear that the holders are planning an allotment association with a table for free excess and that they would welcome an annual inspection by councillors to ensure all plots are compliant.

#### 648 The Plantation

A group has weeded between the planting. The site meeting is to be organised at the month end when the College returns to install the panels. An access path down to the lower level for maintenance and possible rockery with spare stone are proposed.

Access from the Highways mown triangle needs discussion

Benches – we may apply for a grant to cover this aspect following the meeting.

#### 649 Well / pump Project

The Working Party has cleared weeds inside and outside, wire brushed and painted the pump and replaced the padlock – Cllrs Pope and Truscott have the keys and are keeping a Willow in check. Whilst it would be nice to get the pump working this required a £4500 grant last time so is project for the future. The History Group may look at the provision of information plaques for historic sites in the village.

#### 650 DDDC toilet Block and Car Park

The cleaner situation remains unresolved with more callouts for maintenance via the clerk. Agreed to return to one clean per week from November for winter months. Appreciation was expressed for the cleaner's provision of flower baskets at the loos.

The car park cash machines remain an issue for no alternate payment.

# 651 Fibre Broadband Survey

Fibre to the door is an option using the household and village voucher scheme and this is being explored by a working group. Council supports this initiative and is happy to put its name behind the exploration of interest and if enough vouchers make it viable to bring to council for formal approval.

# 652 Financial Report

Current Account. Balance £3360.09 @ 30 August 2021 Savings Account Balance £5019.49 @ 30 August 2021

#### a. Accounts for Payment

- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mrs E Lowe £180.00 for cleaning of the public toilets (Sep)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr H M Lovell £163.97 for Clerks Salary (Sep)
- DDR Payee: NEST for £12.13 (Sep)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr HM Lovell £16.29 for expenses
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mrs E Lowe £180.00 for cleaning of the public toilets (Oct)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr H M Lovell £163.97 for Clerks Salary (Oct)
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#### b. Income

HB £16.07 July £47.83 September

# c. <u>Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment</u>

Interim Accounts were distributed
Hall hire agreement was agreed for signature

# 653 DALC/PDNPA reports and notices

PDNPA Parishes Day – Cllr Hawley will represent council who is also pleased to back her representation by joining the PPPF committee.

20s Plenty and Community Speed Watch Scheme -

20s Plenty remains stalled although welcoming the limiters for cars that the EU Directive – adopted by the DoT is implanting. Phase 2 training will be carried out shortly

## 654 Report of Village Hall representative

The Hall is open and welcoming former groups and one off hirers but I putting an emphasis on new ideas and changes of day to give fresh impetus to meet post-lockdown needs. A forward planning strategy for the next 3 to 5 years is underway.

#### 655 Date of next meeting.

Monday 8th November 2021 in Over Haddon Village Hall at 8pm

<u>Dates of meetings</u>- 10<sup>th</sup> January '22, 14<sup>th</sup> March '22 with Annual Parish Meeting preceding at 7:30pm; Annual Council meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> May '22

PART II - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

The meeting ended at 21: 23