

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 13th March 2023

Present: Councillors: Zena Hawley, Sally Mosley, Steve Pope, Roger Truscott (Chair), Parish Clerk and 2 members of the Public

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 793 To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were accepted from Councillor Penny Aitken
- 794 Variation of Order of Business and clerk's notification of time constrained items
No variations required.
- 795 Declaration of Members Interests
Interests declared in respect of this meeting: none
- 796 Public Speaking
a) Members of the public – none
b) PCSO Morris and DCllr Alasdair Sutton sent apologies. DCllr Mark Wakeman attended and noted the success of the pink bag scheme in this area with 4067 collected to date. An exercise in a litter strewn layby with rubbish in the bin sprayed yellow proved that the one a week emptying is insufficient as most of the rubbish collected later that week was yellow marked and had blown out of the bin.
- 797 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023
Council approved the minutes for signature by the Chair.
- 798 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded- none
- 799 Planning Applications and Reports

Decisions received: None

Applications returned before the meeting: None

Applications: None

Planning issues - none

Report of the Clerk / matters for decision: -

800 Highways and Footpaths

The Bridleway now has signage to stop vehicular access. The non-functioning street light disowned by County Highways has now been acknowledged and replaced with an LED bulb but is on all night so a request to make it limited hours will be sent. More potholes are appearing.

801 Allotments – rat problems

A rat catcher is engaged and has caught several and given advice to hen holders. He will invoice council and the holders contribute to us for the work. One recommendation adopted by Council is that all new sheds must be laid on 6" breeze blocks to discourage

nests.

All allotments renewed and a ¼ plot transferred. Council thanked DCCllr Wakeman for his continued financial support for the communal area.

802 DDDC Lathkill Toilet Block – NE Cleaning

No movement from DDDC. Natural England have agreed to make a lump sum donation to us to assist our cleaning. Council agreed to ring fence this as £1000 per year for five years unless further funding is received before the expiry of this time period.

803 Thurlby Garden – completion and Board

The shorter Path construction price has been received with a promise of works before year end. The board design is being sent for lamination by the Village Hall and a local offer to construct the frame has been welcomed. County Councillor Alasdair Sutton was thanked for his £690 grant which will go towards the disabled friendly path as agreed.

805 Village entrances Improvement project

The February village meeting agreed several ideas although a large scheme on the bend may impeded sight lines but other areas in the village were discussed. Council awaits firmer plans before discussing permission with the landowners (DCC/DDDC)

806 Bus service

This was a major topic for the February meeting which was sadly not attended by the County Councillor and a letter has gone to him with suggested possibilities. A response is awaited.

807 Bus Shelter options

Some repairs are needed to the rear and a group of joinery skilled volunteers is to look at this noting that it is still well used on wet days for the school bus. Ideas for a mural and local advertising sponsors to assist are being investigated.

808 Financial Report

Current Account. Balance: £2129.30 @ 28 February 2023

Savings Account. Balance: £5050.77 @ 28 February 2023

a. Accounts for Payment

Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr H M Lovell £210.28 for Clerks Salary (Mar)

- DDR Payee: NEST for £15.56 (Mar)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr HM Lovell £22.74 for expenses
- Ubdpyt Payee: J Aston website 6m £84.00
- Ubdpyt Payee:- OHVHC £120.00 for annual rent
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mrs E Lowe £100.00 for 1xwk cleaner (Mar)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- DALC £84.88 (Subscription) + £95 optional training sum tbd
- Ubdpyt Payee:- PPPF £12.00 subscription
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mr H M Lovell £187.69 for Clerks Salary (Apr)
- DDR Payee: NEST for £13.90 (Apr)
- Ubdpyt Payee:- Mrs E Lowe £160.00 for 2xwk cleaner (Apr)

b. Income

HB £69.42 Allotments £372.00

c. Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Balances/Mgt Accounts – draft accounts approved for internal audit.

809 DALC/PDNPA reports and notices

PDNPA – the visitor centres are all closing to divert money to other areas despite an extra one off Defra payment to assist.

PPPF – the Planning Policy Framework response is to be circulated.

20s Plenty – DCC consultation needs a direct Council response rather than filling in the questionnaire, Community Heating – no survey. Community Speed Watch Scheme – awaits good weather.

Openreach – no feedback yet. A reminder letter is to be drafted and circulated to send.

Natural England – a national survey on SSSI needs supporting to ensure their retention due to loss of EU protection legislation.

Wombles – await the weather to improve to start and will be happy for Council to send any new requests to add to their growing list of good works. A thank you letter was proposed to be sent to the participants in appreciation of their community good deeds.

810 Report of Village Hall representative

The hall will look into financing the lamination of the board and are sending around the design for any last minute alterations.

Plans for a Coronation Tea Party are underway.

811 Date of next meeting.

Due to the Coronation the first meeting of the new council will be 22nd May 2023 and not the usual 2nd Monday of alternate months in the Village Hall

Thanks were expressed to Councillors Aitken and Pope for their years of service as they are stepping down at this 4th May Election.

Dates of meetings- 10th July, 11th September, 13th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION none

The meeting ended at 21: 09