

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 November 2023

Present: Councillors: Zena Hawley, Sally Mosley, Roger Truscott (Chair), Tim Walton, Parish Clerk and 0 members of the Public

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 868 Apologies for absence
Council accepted apologies from: Cllr Joe Oldfield
- 869 Variation of Order of Business and clerk's notification of time constrained items
No variations required.
- 870 Declaration of Members Interests
Interests declared in respect of this meeting: none required
- 871 Public Speaking
a) Members of the public – none

b) PCSO Boswell, DDDCllr Mark Wakeman and DCCllr Alasdair Sutton sent apologies.
- 872 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023
Council approved the minutes for signature by the Chair.
- 873 To determine which items if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded- none
- 874 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: -

875 Highways and Footpaths

Tarmac over hydrants – complaint to be made to highways that the recent missed official closure and subsequent un-notified 3 hour closure on the morning of Saturday 30th September covered drains and hydrants with tarmac and in places was not to the edge of the carriageway and no return visit has been seen to rectify the faults with consequent problems for drainage in the storms since. None of the reported potholes were filled in during this visit.

Footpath in Dale erosion of path and river clearance

English Nature are to be contacted to raise the following issues: The recent storms have seen the felled trees across the river cause water pressure issues with rapid erosion and further damage to footpaths and the Dale in general. It is also noted that the dipper

population is being adversely affected by the lack of clear low flight route along the river with the blockages and their nesting sites are endangered by the higher flooding caused.

876 Allotments

No issues – renewals will be sent out in December with the rate raised by £2 for a full plot.

877 Bus Shelter project

Cllrs Hawley and Walton have viewed the shelter and agreed that this be a project for next spring. The deteriorated noticeboards were agreed as a worthwhile cause to apply for a grant from our District Councillors to repair/replace.

878 Active Improvements

Village in Bloom – the bulb drive for the verges is underway with donations received for parishioners towards the costs. Thanks were expressed to all who have donated or planted their own bulbs at the session last weekend which saw hundreds of bulbs placed in the verges. The volunteers who are keen to provide raised bed/trough under the village sign displays will be asked to expand on their ideas and management for these positions.

The Christmas Tree – decorations are suggested in the form of community commemorations that can be hung on the tree. This will be explored further with parishioners asked to drop off in a box at the church to enable uniformity in hanging.

879 DDDC Car Park

DDDCllr Steve Flitter attended a meeting in the car park immediately after the request to view and took comment back to the Car Park's review. He was appraised of the toilet block situation and the Committee reviewing this is aware of our unique circumstance. Council noted that it is illegal for councils to spend car park revenue on other expenses and will query just how the parking fees are spent to justify their high levels that mean most visitors jam up the streets rather than pay and community events use local farm fields leaving an underused facility. Council wishes to see the fee for this car park abolished.

880 EV Charging

Derbyshire County Council are inviting public consultation on the provision and this will be circulated on the village email. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/electric-vehicle-charging-in-your-area.aspx> It was noted that DDDC are yet to install chargers in the car park.

881 Free tree scheme for Parishes

Council had a limited response on the last purchase and it was noted that autumn is a better time as the Woodlands Trust offer packages twice a year. Council will revisit this in the new Council year.

882 Neighbourhood Watch

A £200 DDDC grant has been received on behalf of the group thanks to our District Councillors. The group next meets on 13th December and will finalise the text system.

883 Signposting of Local Amenities

Cllr Truscott raised the idea of signposts at the junction and at the Triangle to highlight the Village Hall, Church and Dale. The idea received support and costs will be brought to the next meeting for a decision on how to fund.

884 Financial Report

Current Account Balance £4322.00 @ 4 November 2023

Savings Account Balance £9178.06 @ 4 November 2023

a. Accounts for Payment

Ubd Payee:- Mr H M Lovell £187.69 for Clerks Salary (Nov)

- DDR Payee: NEST for £13.90 (Nov)
- Ubd Payee:- Mr HM Lovell £21.24 for expenses
- Ubd Payee:- McAfee renewal £79.99 for anti-virus software
- Ubd Payee:- Mr T Walton £146.78 + £29.35 vat for verge bulbs
- Ubd Payee:- Mrs E Lowe £100.00 for 1xwk cleaner (Nov)
- Ubd Payee:- Mr H M Lovell £332.97 for Clerks Salary inc arr (Dec)
- DDR Payee: NEST for £24.64 (Dec)
- Ubd Payee:- Mrs E Lowe £80.00 for 1xwk cleaner (Dec)

b. Income

HB 48.59 Interest £61.91 Bulb donations £100 at the meeting

c. Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Draft year to date accounts were presented

Precept for 2024

Council agreed to raise the Precept by £100.00 to cover for inflationary costs. This amounts to an increase of £0.03 per week per household and takes the Precept to £5600

885 DALC/PDNPA reports and notices

PPPF – Parishes Day 7th October – Cllr Hawley – PPPF committee member attended and noted the workshop discussions on sustainable housing and comments feeding back into the Local Plan.

20s Plenty – no news

Community Heating – survey awaited

Community Speed Watch Scheme – no report

Openreach – no feedback yet.

Wombles – War Memorial and Thurlby Garden – no report

886 Report of Village Hall representative

The Defib is being registered with CHT and will be reported by our Council representative with the Kiosk and resupply ordered by the Parish Council – direction signage is needed and will be ordered when the defib is set up on the system. Council meeting dates for next year need submitting.

887 Date of next meeting.

8th January at 8pm

Dates of meetings- 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September, 11th November

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

888 NALC Pay Award – noted to pay the increase to the Clerk for 2023/24 backdated to 1st April in accordance with his contract.

The meeting ended at 21:40