

HAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, HAYFIELD

Present:

Cllrs P Easter (in the Chair), K Bevins, M Dean, M Jones, E Lawson, A Ramwell, V Wieteska and J Wilson

In attendance:

4 members of the public, Borough Councillor Ashton, Police Sergeant Booth and K Bradshaw, Parish Clerk

PART 1 NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

262 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Bevins due to illness and from County Councillor B Atkins

263 Variation of Order of Business

There were no variations to the order of business.

264 Declarations of Members Interests

Cllr K Bevin declared personal interests in the Village Hall and the Christmas Lights being a committee member.

Cllr Lawson declared a personal interest in the planning application for Upper House being a close neighbour.

265 Dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no such dispensations requested.

266 Items in part 1 of the Agenda requiring exclusion of the public

There were no items requiring exclusion of the public.

267 Public Speaking

Derbyshire Fire Service - Consultation

Two fire fighters gave a presentation regarding the consultation on the proposed changes to Derbyshire Fire Service. Glossop would lose one fire engine and Hayfield would no longer have a ten minute response time. The station at Furness Vale would be an on call station. Attendance times are likely to be affected. There will be a formal consultation event at Spring Gardens, Buxton on 22nd November and there will be one in Glossop but date and venue have yet to be arranged.

Police:

Sergeant Phil Booth the supervising officer for the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, New Mills, introduced himself and said that there will be "Pop up" shops which will involve community surveys to identify important issues and will be publicised and be accessible for all. One will be planned for Hayfield.

High Peak Borough:

Cllr Ashton reported that the planning application for green waste at Arden Quarry will be heard on Monday 11th November. Representations can still be made even though it is late.

Some gullies on the road between New Mills and Birch Vale are not taking in water.

The Council is still a way off finishing the local plan which has been delayed by almost a year.

There is a Councillors initiative fund which is available for capital receipts and the Parish Council can apply but will need approval of the Borough Councillors.

A member of the public raised concerns about the high number of unofficial signs around the village particularly around the Church which is in a conservation area and was pleased to see that this is an agenda item.

Concerns were raised again regarding the faded road markings at the zebra crossing near St

Johns Road and the speed of vehicles coming off the by-pass.

The Clerk read a passage from a letter from County Councillor Dean Collins, Deputy Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport to Andrew Bingham MP dated 15th October 2013, which said:-

In relation to the zebra crossing, the road markings were refurbished last year.

Following recent correspondence from the Parish Council, a bid for funding is being made from next financial year's capital programme to install LED halos around the belisha beacons to further improve its conspicuity.

There have been no recorded injury related collisions associated with the zebra crossing over the past 10 years.

268 Minutes of Meetings

It was RESOLVED that the minutes for the meetings held on 10th April, 5th June, 3rd July and 8th August 2013 are a true and fair record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2013 were true and fair records and were duly signed by the Chairman

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee held on Thursday 24th October 2013 were a true and fair record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

269 Planning

It was RESOLVED:-

HPK/2013/0538

Mr A Jones, Hazlehurst Farm, Valley Road

Listed building consent for proposed chimney flue – **NO OBJECTION**

HPK/2013/0572

Mr E Munro, Blue Grass Purple Cow, ST Johns Methodist Church, New Mills Road, Hayfield

Proposed works to separate the Old Church Hall from the Church site with a stone wall & Develop the nursery facility within the Building and External works – **NO OBJECTION**

NP/HPK/0813/0714

Upper House, Kinder Road

Response by Emery Planning Partnership - **NOTED**

Highways Act 1980 Section 25 – Proposed Public Footpath Creation Agreement on land to the east of Glossop Road – **NO OBJECTION**

Decision Notices

It was Resolved to note that the following planning applications have been granted:-

Mr & Mrs London, 21 Glossop Road,- Single Storey extension to enclose existing open area. Replacement lean-to roof. - **NOTED**

Mr I Roberts, Carr Meadow Cottages, Glossop Road, Hayfield – Alterations to property and installation of wood pellet boiler and associated flue. Listed Building Consent also granted - **NOTED**

270 Chairman's Announcements:-

The Chairman attended the AGM of the May Queen Committee and would like to thank the retiring committee members for all their hard work.

The Remembrance Service will be held this Sunday and Councillors are asked to attend. The procession starts at Primrose Court at 10.30am.

The tennis net has been taken down for winter.

The AGM of the Allotments Committee will be a week on Thursday at 7.30pm

Bank Vale field - A meeting between the Solicitor and the Church representatives was held and the outcome was very positive and heads of terms are expected to be issued.

271 Committee and Other Reports

a) Little Hayfield Advisory Group

No meeting held since last Council Meeting

Awaiting news on services

Theresa Hughes, Conservation Officer, will be sending a report on wildlife in the Clough.

The Manhole outside the Lantern Pike has been repaired.

b) Recreation and Leisure Committee

Nothing to report

c) Orchard Project

Nothing to report

d) Allotments

A price for creating hard-standing is to be obtained.

e) Dungeon Brow Working Group

A meeting was held with Ian Turkington regarding the paving. He is happy with the plans and will write with comments and intentions.

272 Clerk's Report

Grit Bins - Salt has been delivered and the grit bins filled.

Hayfield Quarry - An initial meeting of the liaison group was held on 29th October as a precursor to a meeting with A Porter, The Environment Agency and the owners.

Traffic Speeds – A6015 New Mills Road

Cllr Dean Collins has written to Andrew Bingham MP on this subject and stated that in relation to the zebra crossing, the road markings were refurbished last year and that there are warning signs on the approach. Following correspondence from Hayfield Parish Council a bid for funding is being made from next financial year's capital programme to install LED halos around the belisha beacons.

Playground Inspections -These have been completed and report is anticipated w/c 11th November 2013.

Walling – Little Hayfield

To date only one quotation has been received - that is from Mr Mellor whose price is the same as that submitted last year. **It was RESOLVED** that the Clerk "chase up" the others

Dungeon Brow - No reply yet received from Mr Derbyshire re proposed relocation of bins.

Cllr Beth Atkins has informed me that there may be possible funding for Grasscrete for the verges opposite

273 Casual Vacancy

It was RESOLVED to note that no applications for co-option have been received

274 External Auditor's Report

It was RESOLVED the External Auditor's report by Grant Thornton and that the Clerk has queried their comments re unrepresented cheques and that the issues relating to the payroll and asset register have now been resolved.

275 Funding for Play Equipment and direction signs to play areas

Council considered contributing to new play equipment and a possible much larger project with the Big Lottery Heritage Parks for People fund which has grants available between £100,000 and £5 million.

It was RESOLVED to form a Committee with the members of Friends of Hayfield Parks to explore the feasibility of a large project to encompass the whole of the Valley Road recreation areas. The Council's members of this Committee will be Jackie Wilson and Martin Jones with the Chairman being a de facto member

276 Pump Park

It was RESOLVED to hold the planning application so as not to confuse the public as taking a holistic view as the development of the pump park would be part of the previous item.

277 Hanging Baskets

It was RESOLVED that the hanging baskets be filled with winter pansies

278 Unofficial signs around the village

Many complaints have been received regarding unofficial notices around the village particularly along the by-pass.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk look into this with a view as to what can be done by the Council. The regulations laid down by High Peak Borough Council need to be publicised and this could be done in the next newsletter which is likely to be published in the new year. In the

meantime the Clerk will create a list of emails of all organisations in Hayfield for circulation.
It was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Derbyshire County Council concerning the signage alongside the by-pass.

279 Christmas Lights

It was RESOLVED that an extra strip of lights purchased by the Council be loaned to the Christmas Lights Committee to replace a broken strip for the Christmas Tree.

It was RESOLVED that the Council purchase a scaffolding License for £148.00 and make a donation to the Jubilee Fund for Christmas Lights of a further £152.00 to give total support of £300.00

The Clerk is to request a copy of the accounts.

280 Trees

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate how many trees would be required to replace those which have been removed.

It was RESOLVED to undertake the works identified in the ACS report and to note that there is £2,000.00 in the budget for these works.

281 DALC Circulars

It was RESOLVED to note the following circulars:-

Circular 19/2013 - Neighbourhood Plans, Derbyshire Sport, Update on Pensions, Sustainable Communities Act, DCLG Guide to Community Rights "YOU'VE GOT THE POWER", National Minimum Wage, Clerk/RFO Vacancies

Circular 20/2013 - Revised Model Standing Orders, Revised Legal Topic Notes, NALC Policy Consultation, Vacancies

282 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

a) Non Ecclesiastical Charities

There will be a meeting on 14th November in the Council Offices

b) Hayfield Educational Charity

Nothing to report

c) Hayfield Community Sports Club

See Chairman's Announcements

d) The Village Hall

Cllr Lawson expressed disappointment in the letter which stated that nothing had been done for 30 years. She and others had put in a lot of effort and had raised £11,000 for projects and refurbishments in the past.

It was RESOLVED that copies of the accounts be provided when a request for funding is submitted and that an update on the current situation be provided.

e) Arden Quarry

The planning application for Green Waste is being heard on Monday as already reported by the Borough Councillor. The Environment Agency noted a 400% increase in incidents (Smells reported). There will be a meeting with the Quarry on 19th November.

283 Items for Information

It was RESOLVED to note these items and that they will be kept on file in the office.

High Peak Borough Council - There may be Grants available for the Dungeon Brow refurbishment.

284 May Queen

The Committee has resigned and there are 14 positions that need to be filled. A newsletter requesting volunteers has been put out by the school. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of November and this could well be the end if no new volunteers come forward. To date five names have been put forward. The clerk will scan the responsibilities papers and circulate them to members of the Council to ask for volunteers.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk's hours could be increased if necessary to help with the administration function. Cllrs Lawson and Wilson abstained.

285 Finance

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments detailed below as recommended by the Finance Committee on 24th October 2013

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
3191	DALC	Good Councillor's Guide	£20.00
3192	Hayfield Village Hall	Room Hire	£15.00
3193	M Markovitz Ltd	Play Bark	£151.20
3194	Chris Wild	Contract Maintenance	£500.00
3195	Communicorp	Local Councils Update	£75.00
3196	Grant Thornton UK LLP	External Audit	£360.00
3197	St Johns Methodist Church	Room Hire – March 13	£20.00
3198	Carham Garden Maintenance	Contract Maintenance	£721.95
3199	Bagshaws LLP	Valuation Fee – Bank Vale	£209.04

It was RESOLVED to approve the payment of:-

Cheque number 3200 and 3201 totalling £1,138.18 for salaries

Cheque number 3202 for £346.92 – PAYE & NIC for October

Cheque number 3203 for £148.00 – DCC for Scaffolding License

Cheque number 3204 for £34.00 – Royal British Legion

It was RESOLVED to note Payments received up 24th October 2013:-

Date	Details	Description	Amount
1 st Oct	Santander	Interest Deposit Account	£6.64
7 th Oct	HMRC	VAT refund	£1,724.78

It was RESOLVED to note the Council's Bank Balances on 31st October stood at:-

Current Account	£35,672.46
Deposit Account	£80,793.52
Total	£116,465.98

It was RESOLVED that:-

- 1) SAGE Instant payroll program be purchased
- 2) The Council will pay for the scaffolding license for the Christmas Lights
- 3) The Council will purchase of a Christmas tree 20 to 30 feet in height
- 4) The Council will pay for the band this Remembrance Sunday

The Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

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Chairman

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Date