

Haslington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023

Attendance: Cllrs. Samantha Green – Chair, Howard Blake, Yvonne Bushill, Connie Davis, Steve Edgar Janet Griffith, Melissa Mews (arrived 7:05 pm, departed 8:15 pm), Anthony Peake, Graham Sawyer, Andrew Stubbs, Mark Trigger, Rob Welch, Stephen Welch

Apologies: Cllrs Mike Blakeman, Martin Deakin

Not in attendance: None

Also in attendance: Cllr Alison Heler (Cheshire East)

Public: 1 member

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

1. Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present. A welcome was given to new members, Cllr Stubbs, Cllr R Welch and Cllr Trigger. The chair reminded members of the importance of raising their hands if they wish to speak during the meeting and to keep to each agenda item when speaking.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Blakeman and Cllr Deakin.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Green declared an interest in item 17 Schedule of payments.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

Cllr Mews joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

5. Public Participation.

A resident who has introduced a map run activity in the Parish provided an update on the progress so far.

A reminder that the objective here is to provide an event that encourages parish residents to explore the network of footpaths and quiet lanes. The majority of this will only be accessible by foot but some can be done by bike.

The event is intended to be available during the summer school holidays and residents can take part as many times as they wish and at times that suit them. It can be done individually or as a small or family group.

Actions to date:

1. Course has been prepared. Comprises 80 checkpoints (controls) across the parish. It is available now to anyone who wishes to have a go.
2. A draft map has been printed.
3. A publicity poster has been prepared and will be posted on social media and other locations.
4. The launch event is scheduled for August 4th at Buttertons Brown Cow Ice Cream Farm. The CEC Well Living team have been invited.

One decision taken is to distribute the maps by hand.

Outstanding questions

1. Public liability insurance
2. Costs – costs will be £2 per participant (£1 for map & £1 Map Run / Ordnance Survey licence fee).

Cllr Green confirmed that holes in hedges to fields previously discussed were man-made and not official, so access is only available by the skatepark.

Cllr Peake asked if anyone else had been approached for funding. The resident confirmed no.

Cllr R Welch asked if the activity stays on the app or does it close after September. The resident confirmed that it stays available on the app, but the activity is being promoted as for the school holidays.

Cllr Trigger asked how many printed maps would £200 cover. The resident confirmed 50 maps.

6. Planning Committee

RESOLVED: Cllr Mews will fill the last seat on the Planning Committee.

Final membership confirmed as; Cllr Blake, Cllr Bushill, Cllr Trigger, Cllr Green, Cllr Mews

7. Asset Register Working Group

RESOLVED: Cllr Blakeman, Cllr Griffith, Cllr Edgar, Cllr S Welch, Cllr Green will form the asset register working group

8. Yoxall Village Hall Management Committee

RESOLVED: Cllr Sawyer will be the Parish Council representative on the Yoxall Village Hall Management Committee.

9. Maprun

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will fund this activity up to £300.

10. Noticeboards

Members reviewed a document which detailed several types of boards and costs.

Cllr Blake queried if the current boards would stay or be removed and asked which is the strongest noticeboard out of those which have been reviewed.

Cllr Bushill asked if a noticeboard could go near the top of Taylors' Lane and Holmshaw Lane.

Cllr Trigger recommended the Parish Noticeboard Company, they are based in Northwich which reduces the carbon footprint. Cllr Trigger has visited the factory.

Cllr R Welch asked if the noticeboards are for the Council notices or public notices. It was confirmed that they are for parish council notices.

Cllr Griffith asked if the public could carry on using the current noticeboards and stated that the new boards can contain information on meeting dates, members, Christmas and village green events.

RESOLVED: To purchase 3 x 2-door A1 displays from the Parish Noticeboard Company at a total value of £3135 (ex VAT).

Funds appropriated via £1000 from the 2023/24 budget and £2135 drawn from reserves.

RESOLVED: The noticeboards will be dark green, dome design. Haslington Parish Council – Council Notices – Council Events.

11. Remembrance Service

It was confirmed that this year's Remembrance service will take place on Sunday 12th November.

Cllr Peake is currently looking into obtaining quotes from traffic management companies.

The Clerk will write to organisations in the village to determine who will be coming to the service.

Cllr Peake will check with a contact about the band and will contact the vicar.

Cllr Peake will liaise further with the Clerk on the arrangements.

Cllr Davis thanked Cllr Peake for arranging the PA at the service last year as it helped to be able to hear.

Cllr Davis will check with the Cosey Club regarding refreshments.

12. Planning Applications

To consider the following applications and to determine any comments to be submitted to the planning authority. (Next meeting of Haslington Parish Council Planning Committee is on 12th July 2023).

Reference Number: 23/2108N (Deadline for comments 12th July 2023)

Type Of Application: VARIATION OF CONDITION

Location: Land East of the Dingle and South of Clay Lane Haslington

Proposal:

Variation of conditions 2, 3 4 & 25 on approved application 14/0009N - The erection of 34 dwelling houses (between 30% and 35% affordable units), with associated access, internal highways, parking amenity space and landscaping.

planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=23/2108N

Cllr Edgar confirmed what had been passed on previous applications and what could be built by the developer currently and that this application is for a variation on home types. The parking issues were discussed and the impact that they have on the Dingle school.

RESOLVED: To submit comments to the planning authority stating the Council's objection due to the over-development of the site. Increasing bedrooms increases population which would put a further strain on services and parking requirements as well as an increase in traffic.

Reference Number: 23/2259N (Deadline for comments 11th July 2023)

Type Of Application: HOUSEHOLDER

Location: 40, NEWTONS LANE, WINTERLEY, CW11 4TL

Proposal: Proposed detached garage

planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk/applicationdetails.aspx?pr=23/2259N

RESOLVED: To submit that Haslington Parish Council has no comments to make on this application.

13. Cheshire East Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Heler reported.

- FP24 is overgrown and has been reported by many residents. It is on the list for clearing and a request has been made for it to be done urgently.
- Planning application has been refused for the land on Clay Lane.
- Road repair on Bradeley Hall Road has been reported to be substandard.
- A request to cut down a dead tree at Winterley Pool has been made.
- Pool Lane phase 3 development, complaints had been made about the state of the highway and advised to contact the developer. Work has been starting at 6:45 am which is outside of their permitted hours of 8-5. Has been reported to planning enforcement.
- There will be no future applications for the Hazlemere Bovis Estate.

14. Clerks Report

The Clerk summarised their written report highlighting.

- Agar submitted to the external auditor.
- Playground item needing to be repaired has now been progressed with Wicksteed and a quote accepted and should be completed by mid-august.
- Spoke to a resident with regard to a noise complaint on Saturday. The Resident was advised to pursue complaints with Cheshire East.
- A resident has requested that they have a memorial in the village for their late parents. It was agreed that the resident could sponsor a bench and plaque (at the resident's cost) on the Dingle Walk. The clerk will report to the resident to determine if they wish to go ahead.

15. Gutterscroft Management Committee

Cllr Griffith updated members that the committee had a meeting on 22nd June where it was agreed to update the contracts that are issued to users as well as review the hire charges. The committee have a meeting with users on the 6th of July.

Cllr S Welch informed of a boiler and maintenance contract as well as an emergency contact that could be available for callouts on the basis of a monthly charge. Cllr S Welch stated that there is an issue with access to contractors whilst the pre-school is in session.

Cllr Mews departed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Cllr Davis stated that the preschool is very conscientious of the safety of the children, and this is why there can be issues with contractors having access.

Cllr Blake asked if the rent increase covers the increase in energy costs.

Cllr S Welch informed that the use of an online booking system would encourage more users to book this venue.

Cllr Green stated that the hall is in need of decoration as this will help in being able to rent it out more and that picnic benches had been moved into the playing field and that further benches were waiting to be built.

Cllr Trigger advised that St Matthews will be closing down next year for a period so there will be further groups needing to find a venue.

Cllr Blake asked about pushing forward the development of a new building. It was agreed for this to be on the agenda in September for further consideration.

16. To consider the sporting achievement of resident Poppy Wood-Wright and to decide how the Council wishes to acknowledge it

RESOLVED: The Council write to Poppy to congratulate her on her achievements and to inform her that the Council will be offering a recommendation for a road name on the new estate to feature 'Wood-Wright'

17. Authorisation of payments

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments correctly states the invoices presented and that £2952.93 is to be paid. (As detailed on page 61)

RESOLVED: The salaries paid since April 2023 have exceeded the pre-approved limit due to the use of a locum clerk as well as the transition period between the 2 clerks. The amounts paid were noted and approved.

18. To receive and note the latest bank reconciliation and budget review

The bank reconciliation up to 12th June 2023 was checked against the bank statements and signed as correct by the chair.

The budget review document up to 27th June was received and noted by members.

19. Winterley Ward

Cllr Blake asked about the Speed indicator devices, the Clerk advised that this was something to be progressed and was dependent on setting up a meeting with the highways officer.

Cllr Peake advised that keep left traffic bollards need replacing.

Cllr Edgar informed of a PCC meeting last week where the average speed detector trial period was due to end and average speed detectors could be proposed to be situated in appropriate locations.

Cllr Blake stressed the importance of any average speed detectors being placed on the bypass.

20. Oakhanger Ward

Cllr Bushill has reported that cannabis remnants have been found dumped.

Cllr Bushill reported that the issue with a culvert in the road on Taylor's Lane remains and will be a bigger job as the issue is spreading into the field and underground.

21. Haslington Ward

Cllr Peake stated that the footpaths around the village were overgrown and that the sinkhole on Primrose Ave has not yet been repaired. Cllr Peake also highlighted that white lines and give way road markings were in need of being renewed.

Cllr Peake informed of a resident who has complained about bus services and the current survey and how they want to be sure that the money allocated is spent on bus services.

Cllr Griffith informed of the steps on Shelburne Drive and Asquith Close were deemed unsafe but are still in use whilst waiting for repair from Cheshire East. Cllr Griffith stated that they should not be in use, Cllr Edgar agreed to look into it further.

Cllr Davis reported a resident asking why the WC is not open and available. It was clarified that they are open during the trading hours of the bakery.

Cllr Stubbs informed members that the land behind Shelburne Drive is due to have drainage fitted by Cheshire East.

Cllr Green reported that the wooden fencing at Orchard Court will be removed but not replaced as no funding. The old yellow bins on the village green need removing and the new ones fitted. The area at the bottom of Primrose Avenue on the easy access trail is a mess, ANSA have missed a lot of weeds, and the nature board sign on the trail has come away from its posts and needs fixing by ANSA.

Cllr Green also reported that many street signs need repainting.

Cllr Griffith asked about fruit trees being planted on the Gutterscroft.

Cllr Davis informed members that they were planning to draft a letter to residents of Chatham Way with regards to locating 2 picnic benches and trees. Cllr Sawyer inquired if this would impact the grass cutting. It was confirmed that a ride-on mower is not used in this area and that the benches would not pose an issue.

Cllr Griffith proposed that the Council write a letter of congratulations to Butterton's Ice Cream Farm on winning an award.

RESOLVED: To send said letter of congratulations.

Meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

Haslington Parish Council
Schedule of Payments
3rd July 2023

Date of Debit	Recipient	Purpose	£	£	Power of expenditure
03/07/2023	Gill Ayres	Printer Paper	8.99	39.48	LGA 1972 S111
		Ink Cartridge	30.49		
03/07/2023	Cllr Sam Green	Printing - Best Kept Garden Certificates	157.45		LGA 1972 S111
03/07/2023	Dans Garden Maintenance Services	Gutterscroft - Tree Stump removal	160.00		LGA 1972 S133
03/07/2023	Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society	Annual Subscription	8.00		LGA 1972 S111
03/07/2023	John Greenall	Payroll Services (annual) Over pre-approved amount	210.00		LGA 1972 S112 (1)
03/07/2023	W-Heat	Gutterscroft - Boiler Service	108.00		LGA 1972 S133
03/07/2023	JD Services	Grasscutting/Weeding/Litterbins (June)	596.00		Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10
03/07/2023	JD Services	Watering (June)	1045.00		
03/07/2023	JD Services	Grasscutting/Weeding/Litterbins (July)	629.00		
Total			2952.93		

Resolved to be paid at the meeting held on
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Salary is pre-approved up to £1000 per month

02.06.2023	£872.64
13.06.2023	£239.08
13.06.2023	£805.70
02.05.2023	£992.40
04.04.2023	£995.10

Salary	Wayne Salisbury (Wayne Salisbury)
Salary	HMRC
Salary	Gillian Ayres (Clerk 1)
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