

ASHBY WOULD'S TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ashby Would's Town Council held at Moira Village Hall on Monday, 8th April 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs L Ordish (in the Chair), D Canner, C Griffin, J Hyde, P McCaffrey, J Perry, P Thomas, E Shephard, T Temple

Officers: A Robinson (Town Clerk)

Also Present: County Cllr R Ashman, 2 representatives of Moira United, 3 members of public

54 APOLOGIES

District Cllr D Cooper, District Cllr A Woodman, PCSO M Fearn.

55 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr E Shephard – Item 10.2 Finance. Grant application from Moira Canal Festival

Cllr C Griffin – Item 15 Moira Youth Club

Cllr J Perry – Item 15 Moira Youth Club

56 PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

Representatives of Moira United reported on the excessive amount of water at the top of the football ground and asked if the ground had been drained properly when the housing development was built. Moira United has at its own cost installed a pipe but continues to struggle with the amount of water. It was agreed to refer the matter to District Cllr Cooper and ask for him to meet with club representatives on site to discuss further.

Residents reported on increased parking issues along Ashby Road made worse by staff and visitors to the expanded residential home and people avoiding the parking charges at Hicks Lodge. Driveways are blocked and residents cannot get in or out. Residents would like to see double yellow lines installed. Cty Cllr Ashman explained the process and advised when this was raised previously, LCC would not agree to double yellow lines but would submit the request again. District Cllr Cooper will be asked to check with the district's planning enforcement team regarding the residential home planning conditions relating to parking provision. It was agreed the parking charges could also be queried with Hicks Lodge. Cty Cllr Ashman reminded residents to call the police on 101 when obstructions occur. Cllr Shephard added the residential home has doubled in size and all residents along Ashby Road are victims. It was noted the double yellow lines around Station Drive opposite the post office are ignored.

A member of public asked why speed bumps could not be installed. Cty Cllr Ashman advised there were no longer very popular for a variety of reasons and are very expensive. A member of public added that most modern cars are wide enough to avoid them. It was noted there may be some road safety money available from government next year and the Mayor asked Cty Cllr Ashman to add Ashby Would's to the list should funding be available for traffic calming in the future.

57 POLICE MATTERS

Inspector Burge has confirmed he will attend the May meeting. Local beat team officers are aware they have not attended for some time due to shifts and rest days but are available to meet with members at a convenient time. The clerk read out the beat priorities for April – June.

Priority 1 ASB Moira Furnace

Priority 2 Drug Dealing Oakthorpe

Priority 3 Theft and attempted theft of vehicles in Moira and Donisthorpe.

58 MINUTES (Appendix A)

Resolved: Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th March were approved and signed as a true record.

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59 CLERK'S REPORT (Appendix B)

The Clerk updated the meeting on ongoing matters.

- Litter picking equipment. Awaiting for NWLDC to launch community fund. AWTC and Ashby Would's Litterheroes will apply once scheme is open for applications.
- Height Barrier MVH. Additional quotes required for consideration.

59.1 The Clerk explained the government's recommendation for all town and parish councils to have gov.uk mail addresses to demonstrate to the public that they are a tier of government. There is a cost but the cabinet office is offering a grant to cover the transfer costs. Office email can be migrated with all historical data free of charge but to migrate councillor history would incur an additional charge of £100 plus vat.

Resolved: Recommendation approved subject to grant funding for transfer costs. Transfer of historical data at a cost of £100 plus vat approved.

60 CORRESPONDENCE (Appendix C)

Correspondence received since the last meeting was summarised and discussed where appropriate.

- Boundary Commission. NWL Boundary Review consultation runs until 27th May 2024.
- Planning Training. Slides and presentation circulated to members.

61 COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr McCaffrey confirmed the next meeting will be held on 18th April. Article included in the Easter edition of the Village Breeze and additional copies given to Fearn's Garage and Mushroom Hall pub in Albert Village.

62 TRANSPORT

Swarco training arranged for end of April. Cty Cllr Ashman will update on the request for dragon's teeth when a response is received.

63 FINANCE (APPENDIX D)

63.1 The Clerk advised end of year accountancy work was underway and a meeting arranged with the host authority to finalise burial accounts information.

63.2 Application for a grant received from Moira Canal Festival towards children's entertainment during the canal festival weekend 18th and 19th May.

Resolved: Grant of £100 approved under section 137 of the Local Government Act.

63.3 Cllr McCaffrey queried the payment to Moira Replan and reminded members a report from the charity had been requested. Cllr Thomas confirmed a report had been submitted to the town council and presented and discussed at a meeting.

It was noted Cllr Shephard and Cllr Canner had taken meter readings for Measham Road to enable accurate bills to be issued.

Resolved: That the payments list for April be approved. A copy will be attached to the official copy of the minutes.

64 RECREATION GROUNDS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

64.1 Monthly inspection reports presented. Cllr McCaffrey requested an update on the bridge work at Sensory Close. The Mayor confirmed he had spoken to the contractor and there had been delays due to the weather and illness but work would resume shortly.

64.2 Photographs of graffiti at Albert Village Recreation Ground circulated. Grounds maintenance contractor will be asked to remove.

64.3 64.3.1 Moira Village Hall – Office Relocation

Work is progressing. External shutters are installed. Office is plastered and second fix electrics to be completed this week.

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64.3.2 Measham Road

64.3.2.1 Request from Delta Hawks to use facilities on Sunday 19th May as part of the canal festival.

Resolved: Permission granted for hire fee agreed.

64.3.2.2 Request from parishioner to fly paramotor.

Resolved: Further enquiries to be made regarding insurance and frequency of use.

64.3.2.3 New litter bin required.

Resolved: Purchase and installation of new litter bin approved.

64.3.3 Kingswood Lawns

In response to complaints from resident's boundary trees inspected. Number of trees require reducing and cutting back. Quotation presented. Cllr McCaffrey queried ownership of areas. The Mayor confirmed the town council is responsible for the open space areas and the district council is responsible for the grass verges. Cllr Griffin suggested consideration be given to transferring larger areas of woodland to the national forest company.

Resolved: Maintenance work approved as quoted.

65 PLANNING

65.1 Consultations

24/00211/FUL – 4 Orchard Close, Moira

Insertion of a dormer window to the rear roof slope of the main dwellinghouse and insertion of a new window to be inserted within the northern (side) elevation of the main dwellinghouse to serve the loft conversion.

Amended Description and Plans.

Decision: No objection

24/00391/AGP – Land to the west of 175 Measham Road, Moira

Prior notification for erection of a new agricultural building.

Decision: Objections on grounds of road safety due to size of vehicles using the site.

65.2 Permissions

23/01488/FUL– Installation of external wall insulation to nos. 58, 60, 62,64,66 and 68 Warren Row at 58-68 Warren Row, Measham Road, Moira

23/01486/FUL – Installation of external wall insulation to nos. 168, 170, 172, 174, 178, 180 and 182 Spring Cottages at 168 – 182 Spring Cottages.

65.3 Withdrawn

24/00011/CLP – Hanging Hill Farm Rawdon Road Moira

Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use for the use of land for a tree nursery as well as 2no. polytunnels, 3no. growing beds, a compost bay, hardstanding turning and delivery area, fencing and a single shipping container for the storage of tools and materials.

65.4 Section 106 Wishlist

List of priorities circulated. To be added to the June agenda for review.

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66 DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Clerk read out a report on behalf of District Cllr Cooper regarding current matters;

- Whitney Park. Owner has signed documents and update has been requested from the case officer. Members agreed a formal response from AWTC should be submitted.
- External Insulation Spring Cottage Road and Warren Row. Work authorised on 11th March but unauthorised activity reported on the 3rd March. Further response requested from the planning and development team manager.

2 members of public leave the meeting at 8pm.

67 COUNTY COUNCIL

Cty Cllr Ashman updated the meeting on current matters and confirmed he would pass on further updates as and when received.

- Dog bins at Sarah's Wood are emptied by the district council.
- Request for dragon's teeth submitted to director for highways.
- Parking issues along Ashby Road will be reported and referred on as appropriate.

Cllr Temple enquired as to progress on drainage issues in Chestnut Close. Cty Cllr Ashman confirmed he would pass on any update received.

Cllr McCaffrey reported again on the obscured road signs. Cty Cllr Ashman advised he will take photos and pass on to support reports previously made.

68 MOIRA YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk informed the meeting that an amended draft heads of terms had been received from the AWY & CC. Cllr Griffin advised a meeting had been held and assistance is being sought from NWLDC Community Focus officer regarding funding. A further meeting of the group is arranged for 10th April.

69 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATIVES

Cllr McCaffrey reported on attending a meeting of the Norris Hill Community Group.

70 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 13th May. This will comprise of the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting and will commence at 6.30pm at Moira Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 8.10pm.