

ASHBY WOULD'S TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Officers: A Robinson (Town Clerk)

Also Present: County Cllr R Ashman, District Cllr D Cooper, District Cllr A Woodman, W May (Principal Economic Development Officer, NWLDC), 1 Member of Public

103 APOLOGIES

Cllr C Griffin, PCSO M Fearn.

104 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr J Perry – Item 15 Moira Youth Club

105 PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

No items.

106 POLICE MATTERS

Monthly newsletter circulated.

107 NWLDC UPDATE

Wendy May updated the meeting on work NWLDC is undertaking at Moira Furnace and in partnership with the National Forest Company. Together with UKFPS money £400k is being invested to complete general maintenance and improvements to enhance visitor experience, improve pathways, signage and interpretation boards. Two short films and a map of the area are being produced to promote the furnace. Work with the NFC started in February 2020 to create a 25-year vision masterplan. Formal launch planned for June will now take place in September. A volunteer hub is being created at the Bath Yard Gatehouse and a project called the Green Web looking at footpath links are all part of the district wide regeneration strategy to be published in the near future. Linking Conkers to Moira Furnace is a priority.

Members asked a number of questions;

Cllr Thomas – What is NWLDC doing about Norris Hill and Moira Replan. It was noted Moira Replan has been served notice to close at the end of the year. Wendy May clarified NWLDC was invited by the replan trustees to a meeting to discuss the future of replan and agreed to resend the notes of that meeting.

Cllr Perry – Crossing Shortheath Road is a big obstacle to people. Wendy May confirmed she was aware of this but the UKFPS money is time limited with a deadline of March 2025.

The Mayor – Could a crossing be considered. Project doesn't include a crossing but the issue is included in the walking and cycling strategy and can be looked at when more money becomes available.

Cllr Thomas – A crossing was identified in the s106 list of priorities but AWTC has received no funding. Cty Cllr Ashman advised a crossing is a highways matter and it is not possible to install a crossing due to the width of the road. Sustrans are looking at ways to improve the cycle network and maybe able to fund something as a long term scheme.

Cllr McCaffrey – Will the volunteer hub be available for use by other groups. Operational requirements not known but groups can make enquiries with the NFC.

The Mayor thanked Wendy May for attending the meeting.

Wendy May left the meeting at 7.25pm.

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108 MINUTES (Appendix A)

Resolved: Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June were approved and signed as a true record.

109 CLERK'S REPORT (Appendix B)

The Clerk updated the meeting on ongoing matters.

- Funding has come through from the Cabinet Office to complete migration to gov.uk emails.
- Website upgraded on 1st July to coincide with office move.
- LCC have paid £50 to replace banner destroyed by mower.
- Future Projects working party first meeting held at 6pm. Next meeting to be arranged once members have put forward proposals for consideration.

110 CORRESPONDENCE (Appendix C)

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

- Wavin Planning Application. Member of public not happy with AWTC response to consultation. Members agreed there was nothing more could be said about the application.
- Briton Lodge/Kingswood Spinney. Request from neighbour to cut back overhanging trees and shrubs. Site will be inspected and assessed.
- Local Plan Consultation. Comments available to view online.

111 COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting held Thursday 4th July 11am. Next article for The Village Breeze discussed and this will include the office move and website upgrade. Jubilee Awards and Nursing Cup presentations will be held later in the year. New noticeboard required for the office and noticeboard at replan may need relocating.

112 TRANSPORT

The Mayor advised he had started to look at the laptop and information.

113 FINANCE (APPENDIX D)

113.1 The Clerk confirmed the 2023/2024 accounts and documents had been submitted to the External Auditor.

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

114 RECREATION GROUNDS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

114.1 Monthly inspection reports presented. Footpath at the rear of Albert Village Recreation Ground is very overgrown. Good feedback received to work completed at Holly Close. Request for signage and renaming of Measham Road to be done.

114.2 Apology and payment received from LCC for damaged to banner at Moira Village Hall.

114.3 **114.3.1** Moira Village Hall – Office Relocation

Office moved on 1st July. Apart from a few IT teething problems move has gone well and office operational. Large cupboard in council chamber at replan to be emptied next week.

114.3.2 Albert Village Clock Memorial.

Lettering redone. Both benches require replacing. Weather resistant vandal proof benches made out of recycled materials agreed to be more durable.

Resolved: Two new benches be installed

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114.3.3 Spring Cottage Recreation Ground

Request from WRFC for a key to the pitch should access for emergency vehicles be necessary. Permission sought to roll pitch and level out goalmouth and for AWTC maintenance to be done.

Resolved: Permission for work and key granted. LCC requested to advise on pitch maintenance.

114.3.4 Moira Village Hall

Proposal to replace thermostat heads and install new room thermostat presented.

Resolved: Approved at a cost of £897.00. Expenditure approved under S19 LGA 1976.

Quotation to replace broken window presented.

Resolved: Approved at a cost of £196 plus vat. Expenditure approved under S19 LGA 1976.

115 PLANNING

115.1 Consultations

24/00213/FUL – 5 Measham Road, Moira

Formation of a vehicular access to provide for off-road parking

Decision: No objection.

24/00696/OUT – Land off Shortheath Road, Moira

Erection of a self-build dwelling including installation of cesspool (outline- all matters reserved)

Decision: Refer case officer to Natural England's advice and objection to cesspits.

116 DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Cllr Cooper updated the meeting on current matters;

- Very busy campaign and Amanda Hackett appointed as MP.
- Moira United Flooding. Note of thanks to The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cllr Temple for the site visit.
- Whitney Park. Taking up concerns raised by Cllr McCaffrey.
- To celebrate 50years of NWLDC ward members can nominate people and groups for awards.

District Cllr Woodman updated the meeting on current matters;

- CCTV Norris Hill. Has spoken to Paul Collett regarding the current situation. Meeting to be arranged to discuss.
- Grass cutting. Complaints received raised with the Head of Housing.
- Empty property. Enquiries being made to get property back in use.

117 COUNTY COUNCIL

Cty Cllr Ashman updated the meeting on current matters;

- Wavin application. To be considered by LCC on 11th July.
- Willesley Woodside. Further photos taken and submitted.
- Sarah's Wood Flooding. Will chase up a response.
- LCC has cut the deficit. Things are still difficult and waiting to see what the budget will be. It should be a three-year plan.

Cllr Perry reported on an overgrown hedge along Occupation Lane.

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Cllr McCaffrey reported roads were marked up but no work carried out and now marks have disappeared.

Cllr Temple reported on drainage at Chestnut Close. STWA contacted as main sewer pipe damaged. The Mayor added that photos of the flooding due to the blocked drains will be passed on.

The Clerk advised residents of Spring Cottage would like an update on the telegraph pole.

118 MOIRA YOUTH CLUB

The Clerk confirmed the council's solicitor has been asked for an update on the lease. Cllr Perry advised a meeting of AWY & CC will be held to progress matters. The Mayor asked members to consider the needs of community groups that may need to relocate should Moira Replan close. It was agreed a list of clubs should be obtained to assess what their needs and storage requirements are.

119 DELEGATED POWERS DURING RECESS

Resolved: That the Town Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor have delegated power during the summer recess.

120 OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATIVES

No items.

121 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 9th September and will commence at 7pm at Moira Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 8.46pm.