

Approved minutes of Meeting 391 of Hognaston Parish Council held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.30pm in Hognaston Village Hall.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Dawn Lewis, George Peach and Annie Webster.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk), Cllr Dermot Murphy (DCC) and 10 members of the public.

Item		Action by
391/1 Apologies	None	
391/2 Variation of business	Agreed: To bring forward item 391/17 Planning and consider it immediately after item 391/8 Casual vacancies	
391/3 Declaration of interests	i. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - Cllr Lewis declared a Pecuniary Interest in planning application 23/00566/FUL – in case Councillors wish to formulate a response to DDDC. - Cllr Peach declared a Pecuniary Interest in planning application 23/00564/OUT. ii. Declaration of Personal Interests None.	
391/5 Public speaking	i. Public speaking - A member of the public spoke to raise awareness of the Ashbourne and District 50+ Forum health event on Friday 14th July 2023. - A member of the public told the meeting about her research into Quiet Lanes and her support to designate the main road through Hognaston as a Quiet Lane. - A Parishioner spoke expressed disappointment that application 22/01081/FUL had been given approval by the DDDC Planning Committee. - A resident suggested the Parish Council help fund the removal of ash trees from the parish. - Several members of the public spoke against planning application 23/00566/FUL. Reasons for objecting included, increased road safety concerns, large increase in tourists and vehicles coming to the area, overdevelopment of the site, impact on a peaceful countryside setting, harm to the environment, noise and light pollution and the effect on local animals and livestock. ii. Reports from Police Liaison Officer and County and District Councillors - Cllr Murphy (DCC) said he has spoken with highways officers about HPC's request for them to visit Hognaston to look at current parking and road safety matters. Cllr Murphy reported that the officers were reluctant to fulfil this request as they felt that all issues have been addressed and a visit would serve no purpose. He went on to say that bus companies have not made any complaints about access through the village. Cllr Lewis and some residents expressed disagreement and stressed that new problems have arisen which need to be resolved. Cllr Murphy suggested that more people report highways matters to DCC to help build-up a case for action.	

	- Cllr Murphy said he understood the disappointment that application 22/01081/FUL has been approved. He went on to say that he had funds available through the DCC Community Leadership Scheme and encouraged applications from local groups and organisations.	
391/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Peach, seconded by Cllr Webster, it was agreed: The minutes of Meeting 390 held on Monday 15th May 2023 are accepted as true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
391/6 Clerk's Report	The Clerk reported the following: - The relevant Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) forms have been submitted to the External Auditor and the 'Notice of the Exercise of Public Rights' has been published on the notice board and HPC website. - The Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms have been submitted to DCC. - There have been no written applications or expression of interest to the Clerk about the Parish Council vacancies. - The Clerk met with a local resident at the Village Green to address concerns about a blocked gully and an ash tree with suspected ash dieback. A local tree surveyor has confirmed that the tree does have ash dieback and it will cost £631.13 to remove it. Action: Further quotes are to be obtained and considered at future meetings. - The HPC Facebook page is up and running and this has been advertised on the HPC website and through HogNews.	Clerk
391/7 Action points from the last meeting	i. Play area tree survey and actions Agreed: The Clerk to apply for planning permission to remove the ash tree from the play area. ii. Information board Action: The Clerk to explore grant opportunities and approach Severn Trent Water for funding. iii. Village parking This matter was discussed under item 391/4 Public speaking. Despite the negative response from DCC, Cllr Lewis said she will still pursue the matter. iv. Replacement picnic bench at the Play Area The concrete base is now complete and the bench has been permanently fixed into position. Cllr Lewis raised concern about the hard surface causing injury to children who fall off the bench. Action: The Clerk to look at the cost of rubber/sponge matting. v. Jubilee Bench at the entrance to Mills Croft The Clerk continues to chase DCC for a decision on whether HPC can site the bench on the grass verge at the entrance to Mills Coft. There has still been no response. Action: The Clerk to pass on details to Cllr Murphy for assistance. vi. Overgrown hedges at the bridge The verges have yet to be cut back. Action: The Clerk to pass on details to Cllr Murphy for assistance. vii. Change of Bank The Clerk reported that the new Lloyds Bank account is open and online banking services are available. The Clerk is in the process of switching funds and direct debits from the NatWest account to the new one.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

391/8 Parish Council vacancies	Two members of the public expressed an interest in joining HPC. On the motion of Cllr Peach, seconded by Cllr Webster, it was agreed: To co-opt Dr Alan Cribbens as a member of HPC. Dr Cribbens signed the 'Acceptance of Office' and was asked to complete a 'Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' form. Dr Cribbens joined the meeting. On the motion of Cllr Webster, seconded by Cllr Peach, it was agreed: To co-opt Mr John Thornley as a member of HPC. Mr Thornely signed the 'Acceptance of Office' and was asked to complete a 'Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' form. Mr Thornley joined the meeting.	
391/9 Annual Parish Meeting 2023	The outcomes from the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed. Agreed: The following items are to be considered and resolved at future meetings: - Facilitate a village-wide ash tree survey. - Determine the location for Platinum Jubilee bench. - Work towards making Hognaston a Quiet Lane.	
391/11 DALC annual subscriptions	On the motion of Cllr Webster, seconded by Cllr Peach, it was agreed: To pay the fee of £136.58 for the Annual DALC subscription (2023/24).	
391/12 Minor Maintenance Agreement	On the motion of Cllr Cribbens, seconded by Cllr Peach, it was agreed: To participate in the DCC Minor Maintenance Agreement for 2023/24.	Clerk
391/12 Grants	Agreed: To defer this item to the next meeting.	
391/13 Electric vehicle charging points	Councillors considered the ongoing consultation by DCC on the public provision of electric vehicle charging points across the county. Agreed: The Clerk to draft a letter to expressing HPC's support for the above initiative, but to highlight the concern that cables being left lying across pavements will pose trip hazards.	Clerk
391/14 Parish Council documents	i. Risk Register Action: Cllr Lewis to update the Risk Register to include the concrete base in the Play Area. ii. Communication and Engagement Strategy The new HPC Facebook page is up and running. Action: The Clerk to update the Communication and Engagement Strategy and formulate a Social Media policy. iii. Reports from outside meetings None. iv. Parish Survey No update. Agreed: To remove this item from future agendas. v. Lessons Learnt No update.	Cllr Lewis Clerk
391/15 Parish council task list	i. Play Area, Green, Bus Shelter and HognaStone inspections No updates. ii. Group representative updates - Neighbour Watch No update.	

	- HogGreen No update. - Speedwatch No update. Action: The Clerk to speak with Chris Stait to ask if he intends to continue with carrying out speed checks in the village. iii. Reports from outside meetings No update. iv. Footpaths Grant No update.	Clerk																														
391/16 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Peach, seconded by Cllr Webster, the following payments were agreed: <table> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of expenditure:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Salary (May 2023)</td><td>£307.36</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Salary (June 2023)</td><td>£209.28</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Expenses (May/June 2023)</td><td>£32.45</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Mileage (May/June 2023)</td><td>£25.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andrew Boam</td><td>Mowing (May 2023)</td><td>£135.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andrew Boam</td><td>Mowing (June 2023)</td><td>£110.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>ICO</td><td>Data protection fee (2023/24)</td><td>£35.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>DALC</td><td>Annual subscription (2023/24)</td><td>£136.58</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Lewis</td><td>Plants</td><td>£38.00</td></tr> </table> ii. Income Received None. iii. 2022/23 Budget and accounts monitoring The budget and banking reconciliation were circulated to members - see Appendix 391/A1. Noted: The budget was accepted as valid and correct.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk	Salary (May 2023)	£307.36	Clerk	Salary (June 2023)	£209.28	Clerk	Expenses (May/June 2023)	£32.45	Clerk	Mileage (May/June 2023)	£25.20	Andrew Boam	Mowing (May 2023)	£135.00	Andrew Boam	Mowing (June 2023)	£110.00	ICO	Data protection fee (2023/24)	£35.00	DALC	Annual subscription (2023/24)	£136.58	Dawn Lewis	Plants	£38.00	Clerk (payments)
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391/17 Planning	i. HPC response to recent planning applications Declaration of interest: Councillor Peach declared a pecuniary interest in the next agenda item and withdrew from the meeting. - 23/00564/OUT - Barn North West of Larkhill, Stoney Lane, Hognaston (Outline application for the erection of agricultural workers dwelling - resubmission of 22/00631/OUT) Agreed: No objections - 23/00660/FUL – Greenacres, Furlong Lane, Hognaston DE6 1PX (Erection of ground mounted solar photovoltaic array - part retrospective) Agreed: No objections ii. Response to tree works applications None. iii. DDDC decisions on recent planning applications - 22/01081/FUL - Land South of Stoney Lane, Hognaston (Change of use of land and erection of 2no. glamping pods, a parking area, package treatment plant with associated development)																															

Decision: Granted with conditions

iv. Discussion of other planning applications or issues

Having listened to representations earlier in the meeting about the planning application at the Knockerdown Inn (, Councillors felt that the plans needed to be considered and a response formulated.

Declaration of interest: Cllr Lewis declared a pecuniary interest and withdrew from the meeting.

On the motion of Cllr Peach, seconded by Cllr Thornley, it was agreed:

The following comments be submitted to DDDC Planning Department:

23/00566/FUL - The Knockerdown Inn, Knockerdown, Ashbourne
(Formalisation of the existing overflow car park, formation of an additional parking area, formation of new vehicular access and associated drainage and landscaping works)

HPC **objects** to the above planning application for the following reasons:

Road safety and highways concerns

- The proposed development will significantly increase the number of visitors and vehicles into the area. With plans for 99 parking spaces, there will be a substantial increase in traffic volumes and risks to road safety.
- The plans will leave the site with two entry points onto the main road. The existing one already has poor visibility and the second one will be no better. Furthermore, there are already 8 junctions within 1 kilometres of the site and more will only create further highways safety concerns.
- Speeding along the Dam Road, the B5035, through Hognaston and all nearby villages, is an existing and serious problem. The type of proposals will attract more vehicles and motorbikes and only intensify the hazards local people and pedestrians already face from speeding vehicles.
- We are concerned for pedestrian safety along the B5035 where numerous crossings are used by walkers and cyclist. There have been endless reports of near misses at these crossings and more traffic will only increase the risks to walkers and cyclists.
- Over the years, there have been a number of highways-related fatalities on the B5035 and nearby roads. Rising numbers of speeding cars and motorbikes will only increase the dangers on our local roads.
- The fact that some footpaths in the parish are only accessible and connect by walking along roads is a further concern if traffic volumes go up.
- The site lies within an agricultural area that has large agricultural vehicles and horse riders using the roads. Traffic, therefore, needs to be kept to a minimum.

Objections to development of the site

- The Parish Council notes that the applicant applied for planning permission on this site several months ago, but for a much larger commercial development. This was refused by the Planning Committee. The Parish Council is concerned that the applicant is still intent on developing this site beyond the car park and as previously planned. The applicant is attempting to get planning approval using a piecemeal approach.
- The proposals raise concern about the creeping urbanisation and development of the open countryside around Hognaston and Carsington. The area is already losing its identity as a tranquil, rural setting and place to live.

	• The increase in car parking will lead to further commercial pressure on an area of natural beauty and the countryside. With limited services and facilities, any increase in visitors and traffic will have a profound and detrimental impact on local infrastructure and the highway network. • Development of the site will increase noise and light pollution in the open countryside. Residents living in nearby villages are already subjected to this and the proposals will only exacerbate the existing problem. • There will be a loss of soak-away ground if it is replaced with a hardstanding surface. This could lead to localised flooding on nearby roads, as well as agricultural and camping fields.	
391/18 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and received: - DDDC – Local Projects Fund (2023/24) - DCC - Public Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement (2023/24) - DALC – Newsletter (June 2023) - Derbyshire PCC – Newsletter (June 2023) - DDDC – Annual electoral canvass - PCSO Elaine Porter – Ashbourne SNT newsletter (June 2023) - DCC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum (Sept 2023) - Sarah Dines MP – Parish Council litter picking	
391/19 Next agenda	<u>Agreed:</u> The following items be considered as items for the next agenda: - Facilitate a village-wide ash tree survey. - Determine the location for Platinum Jubilee bench. - Work towards making Hognaston a Quiet Lane. - Grants.	
391/20 Next meeting	<u>Agreed:</u> The next meeting of Hognaston Parish Meeting be held on Monday 4th September at 7.30pm in Hognaston Village Hall	

DDDC – Derbyshire Dales District Council
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
PCC – Police and Crime Commissioner

DCC – Derbyshire County Council
PCSO – Police Community Support Officer
ICO – Information Commissioner’s Office

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Appendix 391/A1

Budget and Banking Reconciliation

Budget 2023/24

(including payments for invoices received prior to the meeting)

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Clerk's Salary	£ 928.48	£ 2,850.00	£ 1,921.52
Administration and expenses	£ 23.80	£ 200.00	£ 176.20
Mileage	£ 89.15	£ 200.00	£ 110.85
Room hire	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Payroll	£ -	£ 120.00	£ 120.00
Insurance	£ 411.97	£ 450.00	£ 38.03
Internal Audit	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
External Audit/Commission Fee	£ -	£ -	£ -
DALC Subscription	£ -	£ 140.00	£ 140.00
Training	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Play Area mowing	£ 335.00	£ 800.00	£ 465.00
Play Area Inspection	£ -	£ 105.00	£ 105.00
Village planting	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Annual Church clock maintenance	£ -	£ 185.00	£ 185.00
Defibrillators	£ -	£ 270.00	£ 270.00
Maintenance and contingency	£ 50.00	£ 500.00	£ 450.00
Election expenses	£ -	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Donations	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
GDPR expenses	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	£ -
Laptop purchase	£ -	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
Total expenditure:	£ 1,873.40	£ 7,555.00	£ 5,681.60
Income			
Precept	£ 4,700.00		
Bank interest	£ 20.76		
Total income:	£ 4,720.76		
Balance 2022/23:	£ 2,847.36		

Banking Reconciliation - May 2023

Banking Reconciliation - May 2023			
Completed: 28/06/2023			
Cash book		Bank	
Balance from 2022/23	£ 10,011.70	Current account balance	£ 6,738.32
Plus receipts	£ 4,720.76	Reserve Account balance	£ 7,994.14
Less payments	-£ 1,873.40	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
Less VAT paid	-£ 4.16	Less unrepresented cheques	-£ 1,877.56
	£ 12,854.90		£ 12,854.90