

Minutes of Meeting 398 of Hognaston Parish Council held Monday 2nd September 2024 in Hognaston Village Hall.

Councillors present: Cllrs, Dawn Lewis (Chair), Alan Cribbens, George Peach and Annie Webster.

In attendance: Colin Swindell (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

Item		Action by
398/1 Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr John Thornley.	
398/2 Variation of business	Agreed: To bring forward items 398/7 Tree on Village Green and 398/13 Planning to be taken immediately after 398/4 Public Speaking .	
398/3 Interests	None.	
398/4 Public speaking	Members of the public made the following comments: - A request was made for the Clerk to publish a list of planning applications for consideration, prior to the meeting. Agreed: The Clerk will fulfil the above request for future meetings. - Potholes near to Badger Moor Farm were reported by residents to DCC in January 2024, but no action has been taken. Action: The Clerk to chase the above matter with DCC. - Residents of Overtown raised concerns about pending planning application which could have adverse effects on neighbouring properties and the wider community.	
398/5 Approval of minutes	On the motion of Cllr Webster, seconded by Cllr Lewis, it was agreed: The minutes of Meeting 397 held Monday 1st July 2024 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
398/6 Clerk's report	The Clerk gave his report on actions and updates since the last meeting: - Invite to John Whitby MP – An email invite has been sent to the new MP inviting him to join Parish Councillors and residents to discuss local matters. Awaiting a response. - Tree felling (The Green and Play Area) – Both trees have now been felled. The contractor has asked if Council would like him to return to remove the tree stump on the Village Green. This matter has been included in the agenda. - Information board – To be discussed under agenda item 398/9 Information board. - Parish Council noticeboard – Cllr Peach was asked to look at the possibility of moving the noticeboard from inside the bus shelter to the outside wall. Cllr Peach reported that the wall is not level and could be problematic to attach to the outside wall. Councillors questioned if this action was necessary as the bus shelter provided cover from the rain should anybody reading the notices. Agreed: This matter be monitored and deferred to a later date. - Play Area repairs – This matter is to be discussed under agenda item 398/8 - Street name plate at Mills Croft (ref 932548) – This has been chased with DDDC but no response to date.	

	- Resurfacing at Mills Croft – Cllr Charlotte Cupit has responded to this matter by email and stated the following: <i>“I've spoken to the relevant highways officers about this, and I understand the remedials have now been done. I understand Dawn has stated the road would be resurfaced below, but that isn't what I stated; I stated that remedials would be carried out by the contractor.</i> <i>One of our highways managers visited yesterday and noted he considers the road is of standard, other than some sweeping being required at the junction, which he is organising.</i> <i>I appreciate some residents are unhappy with the micro-asphalting treatment, but I hope this helps to explain that highways have assessed this.”</i> - Quiet Lane status (ref FS-Case-626153871) – DCC has provided the following response: <i>“Locations that are suitable for Quiet Lane status are by their very nature already quiet, rural, lightly trafficked roads. Primarily, these are minor rural roads which are appropriate for shared use by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. A built-up village centre already subject to a 30mph speed limit with footway provision, roadside parking and street lighting would not be an appropriate environment for a Quiet Lane scheme.</i> <i>With regard to speeding concerns, it is appreciated that there will be those motorists who, for whatever reason, will drive in an inconsiderate or dangerous manner. This is a common theme throughout the highway network, and it is very difficult to legislate for the minority of drivers who choose to disobey the law.</i> <i>Having contacted the Police about traffic speeds in Hognaston village, they have provided us with some speed readings using their online speed compliance tool. This uses vehicle speed data from connected vehicles on the network. The results for the whole of the 30mph section through Hognaston were 19.10 mph all day average, 27.10mph 85th%ile (this is the speed at which 85% of drivers are travelling at or below). It would have to be said that these speeds are not indicative of a speeding problem.</i> <i>However, speed enforcement (which includes dangerous driving) is carried out by Derbyshire Police, and if you feel that routine abuse of the speed limit is taking place, I would advise you to contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) using the following methods:</i> • <i>Facebook – send a private message to their Facebook page</i> • <i>X – direct message the Police contact centre via @DerPolContact</i> • <i>Website or use our online contact form</i> • <i>Phone – 101”</i> - ‘Hognaston Only’ sign at the South of the Village - (ref FS-Case-626155638) – DCC has provided the following response: <i>“Additional direction signs would not be provided in advance of the junction. The standard signing provision for a junction of this nature, is the provision of an advanced junction warning sign on the approach. Then a direction finger post arrangement within the mouth junction.</i> <i>As you will appreciate the authority has to be strict on what signage is installed on the highway network and in order to improve road safety and driver information, wherever possible we are actively looking to reduce the amount of signing that creates clutter on our roads.”</i> - Widening of 30MPH speed limit area (ref FS-Case-626156300) – DCC has provided the following response: <i>“30mph speed limits are generally introduced at the start of the village/town development, as this is where the character of the highway environment changes from rural to an urban setting. As you can appreciate, the positioning of a speed limit change is important, so that the motorist has an appreciation</i>	
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	<i>as to why there is a change in the speed limit and a need for a lower speed to be observed.</i> <i>Relocating the speed limit further out away from the development means that the slow down message could be lost on drivers as they would not see the reason to adjust their speed. Those that do slow down may inadvertently speed up again by the time they reach the built-up area. This is always a key consideration when setting speed limits. In this instance, there is already advanced warning of the change in speed limit at the southbound entrance to the village.</i> <i>Bearing this in mind, there are no proposals to amend the speed limit at Hognaston currently. Should any future developments take place that expand the built-up area, the speed limit would be reviewed at that time."</i> Changing priority markings at junction of Gibfield Lane and Turlowfields Lane (ref FS-Case-626152126) - DCC has provided the following response: <i>"Please note that consideration would be given if it could be demonstrated that a change to the layout would help to improve the safety of this junction. Initial thoughts are that it would be problematic to change the priority, as it is likely by doing so would effectively introducing a 90-degree bend on an unlit national speed limit road. It is also noteworthy that any changes to the layout would not prevent those motorists wanting to gain access to Hognaston.</i> <i>The current injury collision records provided by the Police, show that this junction has a good safety record with only one injury collision in the last 3 years (involving a young inexperienced motorcyclist in wet weather).</i> <i>With the above in mind, it would be difficult to justify reconfiguring a junction layout that has a good safety record, especially with the risk of making this record worse."</i>	
398/7 Tree on Village Green	Councillors noted the works carried out by Bentley Treescapes to fell the trees on the Village Green and Play Area. Councillors also considered the suggestion from Bentley Treescapes to grind out the remaining stump on the Village Green which they have quoted at £200.00. On the motion of Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Webster, it was agreed: To accept the quote of £200.00 from Bentley Treescapes for the grinding out of the tree stump on the Village Green. Agreed: Councillors are to consider replanting of a tree on the Village Green at the next meeting.	Clerk
398/8 Play area	Councillors discussed the general state of the play area and steps that need to be taken to bring it up to standard. The Clerk informed the meeting a quote has been provided by Playdale for the replacement cradle swings, chains and bushes. The cost would be £1,388.04 (plus VAT) for supply and installation. Agreed: Councillors resolved the following in relation to the Play Area: - The repairs to the swings be deferred to next year as the repairs/replacement are not urgent. - The Clerk is to seek quotes for pressure washing the MUGA and play equipment. - Cllr Peach, with the assistance of Cllr Thornley, is to replace/repair the gatepost as required. - Cllr Peach, with the assistance of Cllr Thornley, is to make a grass surround to the concrete base where the picnic bench is sited. - The Clerk to attach a sign to the gate providing a contact email for the reporting of faults or issues noted in the Play Area.	Clerk Cllrs Peach & Thornley Cllrs Peach & Thornley Clerk

	- The grounds maintenance contract in 2025 to include mowing, strimming at the edges and monthly sweeping/moss removal of the MUGA. The contract will also include an annual cutting-back of bushes, trees and vegetation - A request for the inclusion of outdoor gym equipment at the play area was considered to be too costly and will add to the ongoing and increasing maintenance expenditure.																						
398/9 Information board	Cllr Cribbens and Cllr Webster gave the following update on steps taken towards the creation of Hognaston information board. - A number of suggestions have been put forward by parishioners as to what should be included on the board. - Several local residents have expressed interest and offers of help in formulating the information board, along with contributions of drawings. - Cllrs Cribbens and Webster are to hold an informal gathering with interested residents to put together a draft of text and graphics. - Residents living close to the Hognastone are to be consulted over proposals to install the information board on the same grass verge. Thanks were expressed for the work put into this project to date	Cllrs Webster & Cribbens																					
398/10 Council documents	None.																						
398/11 Village reports	- Cllr Lewis commented on a recent accident near to the entrance of Mills Croft. It was believed to be a car and truck using the same side of the road to pass parked vehicles.																						
398/12 Finance	i. Approval of payments On the motion of Cllr Peach, seconded by Cllr Cribbens, the following payments were agreed: <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee:</th><th>Item of expenditure:</th><th>Amount:</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Salary (July 2024)</td><td>£ 278.32</td></tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td><td>Salary (August 2024)</td><td>£ 226.96</td></tr> <tr> <td>Andy Boam</td><td>Play area mowing (July 2024)</td><td>£ 90.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bentley Treescapes</td><td>Removal of ash tree and elm tree</td><td>£ 420.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>DM Payroll Ltd</td><td>Payroll services (April - Sept 2024)</td><td>£ 60.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Instantprint</td><td>Newsletter (July 2024)</td><td>£ 34.55</td></tr> </tbody> </table> * Purchased by and to be reimbursed to Cllr Alan Cribbens. ii. Income Received None. iii. Budget and accounts monitoring The budget and bank reconciliation (August 2024) were circulated to members - see Appendix 398/A1. Agreed: The budget and bank reconciliation be noted.	Payee:	Item of expenditure:	Amount:	Clerk	Salary (July 2024)	£ 278.32	Clerk	Salary (August 2024)	£ 226.96	Andy Boam	Play area mowing (July 2024)	£ 90.00	Bentley Treescapes	Removal of ash tree and elm tree	£ 420.00	DM Payroll Ltd	Payroll services (April - Sept 2024)	£ 60.00	Instantprint	Newsletter (July 2024)	£ 34.55	
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398/13 Planning	i. Response to recent planning applications - 24/00443/LBALT - Green Farm Green Lane Hognaston Derbyshire DE6 1PS Proposed replacement extension, demolition of brick outhouse and associated alterations Agreed: No objections - 24/00442/FUL - Green Farm Green Lane Hognaston Derbyshire DE6 1PS Proposed replacement extension, demolition of brick outhouse and associated alterations Agreed: No objections																						

	ii. Response to tree works applications None. iii. DDDC decisions on recent planning applications None. iv. Discussion of other planning applications or issues None.	
398/14 Correspondence	The following correspondence were considered and noted: - Cllr Charlotte Cupit (DCC, Cabinet Member for Place) – Update on Mills Croft - Sarah Dines (former Derbyshire Dales MP) – Thank you letter - Local Government Boundary Commission – Final recommendations for DDC electoral divisions - Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service – Consultation on review of risk - DDDC – Car park review consultation - DCC – Community News (19.08.2024) - DCC – Invitation to Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum (15th Oct 2024) - DALC – Newsletter (August 2024) - Local resident – Details of funding opportunities through SDCVS - DCC – Temporary road closure notice – Turlowfields Lane (16.10.2024) - Local resident – Request for gym equipment in the play area Action: Cllr Lewis expressed an interest in attending the DALC Day and AGM on Thursday 17th October. The Clerk is to provide further details and register Cllr Lewis' attendance should she wish to go.	Clerk
398/15 Next agenda	Agreed: The next agenda include an update on the information board and the draft budget 2025/26.	
398/16 Next meeting	Agreed: The next Hognaston Parish Council meeting be held on Monday 4 th November 2024 at 7pm in Hognaston Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

DDDC – Derbyshire Dales District Council
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DCC – Derbyshire County Council

Appendix 398/A1

Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Budget 2024/25

31st August 2024

Category of expenditure	Actual	Budget	Variance
Clerk's Salary	£ 1,010.56	£ 3,200	£ 2,189.44
Administration & expenses	£ 41.02	£ 250	£ 208.98
Room hire	£ 164.00	£ 200	£ 36.00
Insurance	£ 491.38	£ 450	-£ 41.38
Payroll	£ 60.00	£ 140	£ 80.00
Internal Audit	£ -	£ 60	£ 60.00
GDPR expenses	£ 35.00	£ 40	£ 5.00
DALC Subscription	£ 148.47	£ 160	£ 11.53
Grounds maintenance	£ 315.00	£ 1,000	£ 685.00
Village planting	£ -	£ 50	£ 50.00
Play Area Inspection	£ 108.00	£ 120	£ 12.00
Annual Church clock maintenance	£ -	£ 210	£ 210.00
Defibrillators	£ -	£ 300	£ 300.00
Contingency/elections	£ -	£ 500	£ 500.00
Tree removal	£ 420.00	£ 1,500	£ 1,080.00
Total expenditure:	£ 2,793.43	£ 8,180.00	£ 5,386.57
Income			
Precept	£ 6,580.00		
Bank interest	£ -		
VAT reclaim (2023/24)	£ 165.31		
Reimbursable expend. (2024/25)	£ -		
Grants	£ 1,100.00		
Total income:	£ 7,845.31		
Balance 2024/25:	£ 5,051.88		

Bank Reconciliation

August 2024

Cash book		Bank	
Balance from 2023/24	£ 8,965.34	Current account balance	£ 14,024.02
Plus receipts	£ 7,845.31	Plus unrepresented receipts	£ -
Less payments	-£ 2,793.43	Less unrepresented payments	-£ 35.00
Less VAT paid	-£ 28.20		£ 13,989.02
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