

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 29th NOVEMBER 2021 MEETING

Minutes of Hawton Parish Council held at The Elms, Cotham Lane, Hawton on Monday, 20th September 2021 at 6.30pm.

Present: **Councillor T Pykett**
 Councillor D Adams
 Councillor Mrs K Adams
 Councillor K Sutton
 Councillor Mrs H Tyrer

Also present, District Councillor I Walker

HPC21-039 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received and accepted from County Councillor Mrs Saddington.

HPC21-040 Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

HPC21-041 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th July 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th July 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

HPC21-042 Public 10 Minute Session

No members of the public were present.

HPC21-043 County Councillor Session

No report was presented as Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

In terms of items relating to the County Council, the Clerk was asked to log that lamp posts 1 and 2 were not working.

Further, the Chair noted that the mobile library had been in the village recently but no advance notification had been given that it was visiting. The Clerk was asked to liaise with library services to ask if prior notification could be given in future.

HPC21-044 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.36pm to allow Councillor Walker to present his report.

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Councillor Walker advised that the District Council were expanding their offer of electric vehicle charging points, with 8 new points planned in car parks.

A decision was awaited from the Police & Crime Commissioner on the moving of Newark Police Station into Castle House.

The retail extension at Downtown had been permitted by South Kesteven District Council. This could potentially reduce Newark town centre business by 8%.

The Planning Department was aware of and monitoring developments in the village. Councillor Walker noted the application that had come in for Willow Farm and 4 Elbow Cottages

Finally, Councillor Walker advised Members that he would not be standing for re-election in the next round of District Council elections in 2023. The Chair and Members extended their thanks to Councillor Walker for his dedicated service to the village. His expertise and knowledge would be sorely missed.

Back at 6.39pm.

- (a) **Review of Statement of Gambling Principles for the Gambling Act 2005**
Members noted the review being undertaken by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

HPC21-045 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments:

Members considered and AGREED the following accounts for payment:

- Clerk's wages - £184
- PAYE – £46
- Floodlights - £172.80

Members noted that installation costs for the floodlights were awaited and gave authority for the Clerk to pay the account when received.

The Chair referred to work required to trees at Cotham Church he had been advised needed undertaking, at a cost of £800. Members noted that it was not the duty of Hawton Parish Council to accept responsibility for work out of the parish boundary.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk contact Cotham Parish Meeting to offer assistance with claiming the community funds from BP Lightsource.

- (b) To note any receipts:
There were none to note.

- (c) To Note the Council's Financial Position as at 31st August 2021
Members noted the Council's financial position as at 31st August 2021, with a balance of £51,012.04 in the account.

HPC21-046 Parish Council Matters

- (a) Site Visit to Solar Farm
The Clerk confirmed that a request had been made for a site visit, but no response had been received. A reminder had been sent.

Members asked if a request could be made for the visit to now be at a weekend.

- (b) CPRE Rural Transport Survey
Members noted the request from the CPRE. It was AGREED that the Clerk undertake research and respond to the survey. Members confirmed that there were not aware of anyone in the village that used public transport, neither was there a bus stop.

- (c) Village Gathering
Councillor Mrs Adams updated Members on discussions held on the Village Gathering. The event would take place at the Church on Saturday, 13th November 2021, starting at 4pm with a short service of thanksgiving led by Reverend Murray. After discussion, Members AGREED a budget of £350 be set aside for the event, £100 of which had been donated by Councillor Mrs Saddington.

The Clerk to investigate whether a Temporary Events Notice would need to be applied for through the District Council, as it was intended to serve alcohol. Members AGREED with all the suggestions for the event but did not feel fireworks would be appropriate.

A further planning meeting was scheduled for mid-October.

- (d) Uptake on matters relating to the Village Survey
The Clerk updated Members on the items it had been AGREED would be taken forward from the Village Survey.

A number of responses from partner organisations were awaited and, once received, the table would be updated and circulated to Members.

HPC21-047 Planning

- (a) 21/01923/DEM – Former Stables, Willow Farm, Newark Road, Hawton - Demolition of stables building
After consideration it was unanimously AGREED that objection be raised to the demolition of the stables building. Members considered that the loss of traditional buildings at the entrance to the village was of great concern as they were important to the streetscape of the village.

(b) 21/01892/FUL – 4 Elbow Cottages, Newark Road, Hawton - Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form annexe.

Members noted that the annexe was intended for use by an elderly relative. After discussion, it was unanimously AGREED that the application be supported but that it be noted Members would not support it being used for any other alternative use.

(c) Plan Review – Options Report Consultation

The Clerk referred to the completed comments form. After discussion, Members AGREED that the comments be submitted to Planning Policy. A copy of the completed form would be circulated to Members for information.

HPC21-048 Correspondence

(a) **Rural Touring Performances**

Members noted information received from Live & Local Nottinghamshire. It was AGREED that the Clerk request further information.

(b) **Start a Tree Planting Movement**

Members noted correspondence received from The Sherwood Forest Trust seeking to identify areas where trees could be planted. The Clerk to enquire whether the Trust were able to provide tree packs or whether they were just seeking land.

(c) **Outlaw Triathlon**

After the July meeting, the Clerk had contacted the Triathlon organisers to express concern at the amount of litter that had been left after the 2021 event. A copy of the reply to be circulated to Members for information.

HPC21-49 To Receive Items for Notification

The Chair noted that more volunteers were needed to join the bellringing team at the Church.

HPC21-050 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 29th November 2021

The meeting closed at 7.52pm