

Minutes of the Meeting of Hawton Parish Council held in the All Saints Church, Hawton on Wednesday, 27th March 2024 at 6.30pm

Present: **Councillor D Adams**
 Councillor Mrs K Adams
 Councillor I Brownhill
 Councillor T Pykett (Chair)
 Councillor K Sutton

Also present District Councillors Allen & Haynes, County Councillor Mrs Saddington and six members of the public

Also Present: Mark Redding (U&C); Johanne Thomas (U&C); Simon Murphy (U&C); Mike Nelson (U&C); Chris Wosman (Breheny); Jamie Appleyard (Breheny)

HPC23-078 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received and accepted from District Councillor Kellas.

HPC23-079 Declarations of Interest

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

HPC23-080 Minutes of the Parish Council held on 24th January 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th January 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

HPC23-081 Public Session

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 6.32pm to allow questions from the public present.

No questions were raised so the meeting was immediately reconvened.

HPC23-082 **To receive a presentation from Urban & Civic regarding the Middlebeck Development and Southern Link Road**

The Chair thanked representatives from U&C for attending the meeting to update the village on work to the Southern Link Road.

The presentation that was made to the meeting would be shared with the Clerk following the meeting.

Breheny confirmed that the road between Bowbridge Lane and Hawton Road had been tarmacked. Earthworks will be continuing through the Spring, with work visible and, at times, noisy.

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The area to the south of the village was still very wet so alternatives were being investigated, with a view to taking earth from another site. This would save up to 8 weeks worth of traffic movements to the south side. Traffic lights will be installed during the removal of earth.

Breheny will be seeking a licence from the Environment Agency to remove water from the River Devon for dust damping.

Work to deconstruct the existing culvert and install a new one will commence in May. Due to their size, culvert pipes will be delivered through the southern end of the village but advance notification will be given. The culvert pipe will have a mammal shelf to help wildlife.

Discussion took place on the support given to All Saints Church and U&C agreed to liaise more extensively with Reverend Murray and ensure communication was clear.

It was noted that maintenance of the hedges had been undertaken, but Councillor Sutton considered that one been missed. U&C agreed to check areas under their ownership.

U&C confirmed that they had no plans to use the land under their ownership. There was no permission attached to it other than for allowing the development of Middlebeck. In response to a question posed by Councillor Mrs Adams regarding use of the paddock behind the Church for community events, U&C advised that, subject to a risk assessment, this could be possible.

The poor condition of the Church car park was noted and, subject to obtaining the relevant permits from the Environment Agency, work would be undertaken to the surface.

District Councillor Haynes referred to the multi-agency meeting held bi-monthly regarding the southern link road. It was understood that the road was on track for 6 months on the road closure. In terms of flooding, as the road will be 2m higher what will that mean for the village and flooding.

Breheny advised that the biggest alleviation will be the large culvert included within the development as it will remove the bottleneck caused by the smaller culvert.

Councillor Sutton asked when the next plots for housing will be released on Middlebeck. U&C confirmed that the next area had just been released.

Councillor Adams asked if it would be possible to investigate the installation of a footpath to the south side of the village.

Councillor Mrs Saddington advised that she continued to lobby for traffic lights on the bridge.

The Chair thanked representatives from U&C for their presentation and reconvened the meeting at 7.24pm.

HPC23-083 County Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting for Councillor Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Councillor Mrs Saddington reminded Members that there will be Mayoral Elections on Thursday, 2nd May 2024.

The Notts Bus on Demand service would be introduced to serve the village from 8th April 2024.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting.

HPC23-084 Nottinghamshire County Council

To note the submission of the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan to the Secretary of State for public examination
Members noted the submission to the Secretary of State.

HPC23-085 District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.26pm to allow the District Councillor report.

The kerbside glass recycling scheme was in the process of being rolled out, with collections starting on 8th April 2024. If residents haven't received their bins yet they should contact the District Council direct.

The District Council element of the council tax bills has increased by 2.99%, primarily to fund the arts. An alternative proposition of 1.94% had been put forward to remove the increase as the Arts had external funding, however it had failed.

The Chair thanked Councillor Haynes for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.30pm.

HPC23-086 **Newark & Sherwood District Council**

(a) Planning Scheme of Delegation to Officers and Protocol for Planning Committee

The Clerk confirmed that she would attend one of the briefings and report back to Members as appropriate.

HPC23-087 **Parish Council Matters**

(a) Update from the Clerk on actions taken since the January meeting

Members noted the actions taken.

- (b) To receive the Stakeholder Briefing on Plans approved for permanent opening hours at Newark Hospital's Urgent Treatment Centre
Members noted the briefing outlining the changes to the opening hours at the Urgent Treatment Centre.
- (c) To consider a change in the Council's email system
After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk progress a move across to the Ionos webmail system and cancel the Roffesoft system as soon as possible.
- (d) To receive an update on the Village Gateway Sign
Members noted the update from the designer. The Clerk would forward any further updates when received.
- (e) To receive feedback on the meeting arranged by Newark Town Council regarding burial provision
The Clerk advised that there had been no definitive outcome from the meeting regarding burial provision. A further meeting would be arranged in due course. The Clerk would keep Members updated.
- (f) To consider correspondence received from the Hedgehogs Highway Project
Members received and noted the correspondence received outlining the Project but did not wish to support it at this time.

HPC23-088 Planning

(a) **Applications**

24/00397/FUL – Land at Newark Road, Hawton - Landscaping scheme associated with Southern Link Road works at Hawton Road South

Members noted the application and the landscaping scheme included with the documentation.

After discussion, it was AGREED that objection be raised to the application. Members considered that the village had lost a substantial amount of established hedgerow and replacement planting should be included to encourage and replace the bio-diversity.

FOR NOTING - 24/00499/DISCON – Solar Farm, The Grange, Cotham Lane - | Request for confirmation of discharge of condition 02 (Landscape and Biodiversity Management Plan) attached to planning permission 23/01525/S73M; Variation to condition 1 and 2 attached to planning permission 22/00732/S73M to amend the approved plans to allow changes to the String Inverters and LV panel, Fencing and Gates, Racking detail and Access Track

Members noted the application as outlined.

(b) **Decision Notice**

There were none to receive.

HPC23-089 Financial Matters

(a) To consider accounts for payments:

Members considered and approved the following accounts for payment:

- Clerk's Wages – Jan to March - £125.38
- HMRC – PAYE Jan to March - £31.34
- NSDC – Election Expenses - £64.52
- John Edlin – Video Footage - £40

(b) To note any receipts:

The following receipts were noted:

- Bank Interest - £265.60

(c) To note the Council's financial position as at 29th February and projected for the year end 31st March 2024

Members noted that the Parish Council's financial position as at 29th February was £7,666.43, with £40,265.60 in the deposit account.

Projected balance as at 31st March 2024 was £7,405.19.

(d) To appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 financial accounts

Members confirmed the appointment of BMB Financial Services Ltd to conduct the Internal Audit of the 2023-24 financial accounts.

(e) To note correspondence received from PKF Littlejohn regarding the External Review

The Clerk confirmed that correspondence had been received from PKF Littlejohn regarding the External Review. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would only have to complete an Exemption Certificate and would not be subject to a full review as it was under the £25,000 threshold.

HPC23-090 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

Member Newsletter – March 2024

Members noted the Newsletter as circulated.

HPC23-091 Correspondence

(a) There was none to receive.

HPC23-092 Items for Notification

Thanks were extended to the Chair for his efforts in securing the removal of the lorry from the Church car park.

The Clerk was asked to extend an invitation to the Beat Manager and PCSO Munro to the May meeting.

HPC23-093 Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 at 6.30pm.

Councillor Brownhill offered his apologies for the meeting as he would be away.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm

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