

HEATHER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Heather Parish Council Held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7pm at the David Taylor Memorial Hall

Present: Councillor Phil Harris (Chair), Councillor Alison Wright,
Councillor John Petty

Donna Purday (Parish Clerk).

In Attendance: County Councillor Dan Harrison & Angie Dunn (Leicestershire County
Council County Highways)

Members of the Public: Peter Fell, Virge Richichi.

Apologies: Councillor Steve Pettitt,
Councillor John Clarke,
Councillor Garry Johnson.
District Councillor Guy Rogers

129. Declarations of Interests

- There were no declarations of interest.

130. Minutes

- The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday the 31st of January had been circulated before the meeting it was proposed by Councillor Petty that they were a true and accurate record and seconded by Councillor Wright

131. Matters Arising

- County Councillor Harrison raised the matter of the VAS signs to be located on Pisca Lane and Mill Lane. The Clerk read out the email that Angie Dunn had received at Leicestershire County Council.
- It was confirmed that the lamp post number 7 on Pisca Lane was ok to place a VAS sign on and that there were two locations of columns numbered 13 or 14 on Mill Lane. The Councillors prefer lamp column number 14. The lamp columns will need structural

testing. Angie Dunn also confirmed that a section 178 application is required and that she would email details to the Clerk of companies to contact to obtain quotes for the surveys. A letter of intent requires submission to County Highways to confirm the work required.

County Councillor Dan Harrison and Angie Dunn then left the meeting.

132. Public Question and Answer Session

- A member of the public raised concerns about the planning application on Pisca Lane just above Holyoake drive and stated there has been a road traffic accident there the other day and that if the plans were passed that it may compound problems along that road.
- The bins at the church are still full of wreaths from a burial at Heather Cemetery. The Clerk is to call NWLDC's waste team for a price on a black domestic bin collection at the cemetery.
- Councillor Petty remarked that footpaths around the Church yard and cemetery had lots of dog fouling. Councillor Wright confirmed that it was not the case and that there are a lot of leaves that require sweeping up. She suggested that maybe a working party could tidy up the paths.

133. Community Policing

- The Clerk reported the following incidents in Heather during February, the 13th Normanton Lane a car into a tree, 20th Newton Road Recovery Company in the road, 23rd Pisca Lane Road traffic Collision van and motorbike, 24th Driving with no MOT, 29th Report of bad driving.
- PCSO Ed Fowkes was seen in the village one lunchtime observing traffic and he had remarked that it was calm it was suggested he may need to come back at a busier time.

134. District and County Councillors Comments

- No District and County Councillors Present.

135. Allotment Inspection Dates 06/02, 13/02, 19/02, 26/02, 05/03, & 12/03

- It was confirmed that after the last meeting on the 31st January the allotment co-ordinator has resigned.
- Councillor Wright confirmed that since the last meeting all of the plots have now been taken and that the new holders have been offered their plots free of charge until the 31st of March 2025 due to the level of work required.
- Councillor Wright and the Clerk confirmed that they have met and discussed the record keeping of the allotments, new agreements are to be issued to all holders for up-to-date contact details.

136. Village Issues

- **Play Area Inspection Dates: 06/02, 13/02, 19/02, 26/02, 05/03, & 12/03**
- **Belcher Close** – The Clerk has reported that online playgrounds require the rope removed to replicate. Councillor Johnson will be removing it this weekend.
- **Defibrillators** – The Chair has spoken to Councillor Johnson and he is sourcing the pads for both the village hall and the unit nearest the Crown Pub and will claim expenses when he has purchased them.
- **Activated Vehicle Signs** – Please see matters arising.
- **Community Speed Watch** – The Clerk has confirmed she has contacted the police to confirm that Councillor Clerk, Councillor Pettitt, and Councillor Wright wish to form a team and is awaiting a response.

- **Moles** – The Clerk submitted two quotes to treat the Mole Hills at Heather Recreation Ground and Mill Lane. Another quote is required the Clerk was given another Pest controller contact to call.
- **Community Chest Grants** – The Clerk has contacted Sutcliffes to commence the work.

137. Cemetery

- It was determined that due to it not being a statutory requirement that a Memorial Plot Book should not be purchased.
- Quotes for the Cemetery Extension was discussed and decided, that a quote should be obtained so that we have an idea of funding required. Georgie Fox is to be contacted.
- The Proposal for the Memorial plot for the Late Michael Gray was approved.

138. Village Hall

- **The Kitchen Blind** - is now measured the Clerk is to check with Councillor Johnson whether he is ordering it or the Clerk.
- **Boiler Service** – The boiler is now done, and the leaks have now been addressed. The clerk stated that she had received another report from the cleaner saying there is still a leak. The Chair said they have checked, and all appears to be fine and that it will continue to be monitored. The leak on the radiator is also repaired.
- **Ambulance Defibrillator Training Dates** – The Clerk is to email to confirm with the Ambulance Service two dates of either the 22nd April or the 29th April at 7pm.
- **Car Park Lights** – The Clerk is to contact Bartletts on Wednesday the 13th to repair the lights.
- **Table Tennis Tables** – The Clerk commented that she will email some links to the Councillors with alternative suppliers.

- **Water Heater** – The Clerk presented a letter for a request for a new water heater from Heather Craft Club. The letter stated that some of their members are finding the current water heater tricky to fill, they have expressed a desire to purchase a new one that is plumbed into the water supply.
- It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Craft Club confirming that the Village Hall will pay for the water dispenser and look at a model that also dispenses chilled filtered water and that we ask that the Craft Club pay for the installation.

139. Finance

- **Finance Reports Parish Accounts-** The Clerk presented the reports for February to the Parish Council.
- **February Parish Expenses Approved.**
 - £1008.84 - Clerks Salary
 - £ 29.99 - Clerks Expenses
 - £ 135.76 - LRALC audit fees
 - £ 372.00 - Cuttlefish Website Fee
 - £ 245.00 - LRALC Audit Fee (already approved on 31st Jan Cheque did not clear due to bank closure)
- **Parish Income (Outstanding)**
 - £ 55.00 - payment from Co-op funeral Service for interment of Ashes in Burial plot no 3.
- **Village Hall Income**
 - £ 728.00 – Hall Hire Fees
- **Village Hall Expenses Approved**
 - £ 22.50 - Clerks Expenses
 - £386.71 - Gopak Tables ordered via Huddle
 - £ 72.00 - CV Lane Boiler Service
 - £390.00 - Cleaners Salary (approved in December, cheque not cleared)
 - £ 12.76 - Cleaners Expenses (Approved in December, Cheque not cleared)
 - £ 90.00 - Cleaners Salary (Approved in January, Cheque not cleared)
 - £155.00 - Cleaners Salary 11th January to 8th February

£ 14.35 - Cleaners Salary 11th January to 8th February.
 £120.00 - Cleaners' Salary 15th February to 7th March.

- The Cleaner has confirmed in a letter that she wishes to be paid direct to her bank account.

140. Planning Applications

23/01510/OUT	Land off Swebstone Road Heather LE67 2RF	Erection of no. 1 Build dwelling (outline all matters Reserved)
23/01512/OUT	111 Swebstone Road Heather LE67 2RF	2 Self Build Dwellings (Outline all matters Reserved)
23/00082/OUT	Land adj to 26 Pisca Lane Heather LE67 2QF	1 Self build dwelling (Outline all matters reserved).
23/01634/OUT	Land Off Pisca Lane Heather LE67 2QF	2 Self Build dwellings (outline all matters reserved).
23/01635/OUT	Land off Pisca Lane Heather LE67 2QF	1 Self-Build Dwelling (outline all Matters Reserved)
24/00268/LBC	Heather Hall Swebstone Rd Heather LE67 2RF	Replacement of 3 Fireplace Surrounds.
23/00131/NMA	8 Mill Lane Heather	Amendment to Planning permission 23/00131/FUL to allow change to dormer cladding.

141. Chairpersons Comments

- The Chair commented that the slabs outside the village hall need replacing and SDI Gardening services is to be contacted for a quote.

- It was also reported that there is a broken manhole and which needs repairing outside the village hall – Severn Trent is to be contacted.
- The Chair also mentioned that the village hall requires decorating and is to be explored further.
- Councillor Wright reported that a tree on Bridal Way number Q65 the Millings is low and could be a danger to Horse riders County is to be contacted.
- Councillor Wright has requested if the Clerk can advertise a fund-raising event that is to be done by Bright Hope if event can be advertised on the Village Hall Face book page. The Clerk to action.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 9 April 7pm at The David Taylor Memorial Hall.

Future Meetings

14th May, 11th June, 9th July, 13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, & 10th December 2024, all Meetings to be held at The David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm

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