

HEATHER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Heather Parish Council Held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7pm at The David Taylor Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillor Steve Pettitt (Vice Chair) Councillor Alison Wright,
Councillor John Clarke, Councillor John Petty,

In Attendance: Donna Purday (Parish Clerk)
District Councillor Guy Rogers

Members of the Public: Virge Richichi, Peter Fell

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Phil Harris

43. Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

44. Minutes

- The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 11th of June 2024 had been circulated before the meeting they were confirmed as a true and accurate record by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Wright.

45. Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising.

46. Public Question and Answer Session

- The question was asked if any bins for the cemetery had been sourced by the council the clerk confirmed that she still needs to contact Waste Services she confirmed that the initial request had been turned down the first time due to access issues. She confirmed she will contact Waste Services again.

- It was reported that a parking sign has been run into near the school gate which has caused some damage to the bin and that there is also some rubbish piled up at the cemetery, the clerk is to action with Environmental Protection.
- Defibrillator maintenance was discussed, the clerk confirmed that the pads and batteries had been ordered and paid for. It was confirmed that they had been delivered but it was unclear whether they had been replaced. The Clerk confirmed that during the first Aid training that took place the instructor checked the defibrillator at the Village Hall which is working correctly but we are unsure on the one in the village centre. It was confirmed that the replacements need tracing. Councillor Pettitt has been in touch with The Community responder to liaise on maintenance.

The Clerk also advised that the ambulance service have a system to which our defibrillators may be registered so that automatic reminders are sent when batteries/pads need to be replaced. The Clerk is to action.

- Concerns were raised about how overgrown the allotments are on Mill Lane and the Millings Bridal Path. The Clerk Confirmed that she had been in touch with SDI Landscapes and stated that he should be around to trim them in approximately 2 weeks' time. It was also confirmed that the Millings is the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council. The Clerk confirmed she will call SDI for an update. Councillor Wright confirmed that two half plots have been let out for the allotments. The Clerk is to put a post on Face book to advertise that we have some vacant plots with a view to gaining external interest.

47. Community Policing

- The Clerk confirmed she has invited the PCSO's to the meeting & had no response. There were no incidents to report.

48. District and County Councillor Comments

- District Councillor Guy Rogers raised planning application number 24/00418/FUL he stated that he had tried to do everything possible to arrange a meeting to call in this application. He stated that there had been a meeting which he attended, and he had raised the issues with the planning officers. He

apologised for being unable to prevent the application for being passed.

- He then went on to ask if anyone had any more thoughts on the legacy awards for possible nominees, he feels that although he has been asked to nominate, the Parish Council may better placed to suggest a suitable candidate, Councillor Wright is to action.

49. Planning

- District Councillor Rogers asked if Planning issues could be brought forward (see **Minute number 50**)
- The clerk confirmed that she has spoken to Planning Enforcement about application numbers 24/00260/FUL & 24/00261/FUL and they have had another query regarding this they are doing nothing materially to the property.

50. Village Issues

- **Allotment Inspection Dates – 2nd July 2024**

The Clerk confirmed that she has been in touch with SDI and arranged for him to trim the vacant allotment plots and The Millings bridal path which are to be actioned in roughly another week.

- **Play Area Inspection Dates – 18th & 25th June 2nd & 9th July 2024**

- **Logo for the Parish**

The clerk confirmed that the Website does look quite bare Councillor Wright has confirmed that she has suggested some words it was agreed to be looked into further.

51. Cemetery

- The Clerk confirmed that she has been in touch with a couple of ground works companies who are willing to give quotes and will arrange an appointment with them.
- She has also confirmed that she is in touch with the burials officers to review the cemetery rules, regulations and charges to bring forward for review to the Parish Council.

52. Finance – Heather Parish Council

- Councillor Clarke queried that amount of £7,800 budgeted for the Parish wages this year. It was advised that budget figures were based on last years wages due to the additional hours worked while the new clerk was training and the overlap of two Parish Clerks. It was agreed that the hours worked should decrease and it will be better that we come in under budget. It was also confirmed that the Clerk has not had a one-to-one review with the chair yet.
- **Expenses for May 2024**
 - £ 629.64 Parish Wages
 - £ 21.74 Clerks Expenses
 - £ 201.60 CJ Springthorpe
 - £8476.60 Sutcliffe Play
 - £ 255.34 Parish Clerk work charged to Village Hall

The Bank Reconciliation and payments and Receipts and quarterly Summary of payments and receipts list were approved and signed.

53. Planning Applications – Decisions this month and Decisions awaited.

- **23/01510/OUT - Land off Swebstone Road Heather LE67 2R**
Erection of No1 Self Build Dwelling (outline all matters reserved).
- **23/01512/OUT - 111 Swebstone Road Heather LE67 2RF**
2 Self Build Dwellings (Outline all matters reserved)
- **23/01635/OUT - Land off Pisca Lane Heather LE67 2QF**
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)
- **24/00082/OUT - Land adj to 26 Pisca Lane Heather LE67 2QF**
Erection of one self-build dwelling (Outline all matters reserved).
- **22/00377/VCU- 2 Station Terrace Heather**
Amendments to conditions 2, 11, & 12 of 22/01547/FUL

- **24/00261/ADC - 20 Newton Road Heather**
Display of one internally illuminated sign and one externally illuminated sign.
- **24/00260 FUL – 20 Newton Road Heather**
Change of use from solicitors and sub-division into two separate businesses to create a fitness gym and to increase roof height of building to provide first floor area for Gym and works to provide insulation.
- **24/00538/FUL – Hollybush Lodge 115 Swepstone Road Heather**
Roof Alterations, replacement extension and associated landscaping works to The Lodge at Heather Hall
- **24/00539/LBC – Hollybush Lodge 115 Swepstone Road Heather.**
Roof Alterations and Replacement extension (listed Building consent).
- **24/00550/VCUM – Former Station site, Mill Lane Heather**
Amendment to condition 25 of Planning permission **19/00824/FULM** which was for redevelopment of existing site (including demolition) to provide 14 residential dwellings with associated off-Street parking and landscaping to enable the implementation of the access road under archaeological supervision before such time as the archaeological trial trenching is undertaken.
- Please see comments in **Minute number 46**

54. Chairpersons Comments

- Councillor Petty raised the condition of the Millings, as already advised as per **minute no 46** the Clerk will contact SDI again.
- Councillor Clarke raised the matter of Councillor Johnson's resignation from the Council. The Clerk is to contact Electoral Services to advertise the position.

- Councillor Wright has noticed that the gate to the side of the village hall is being left open after the fields have been accessed by Cattows Farm. The Clerk is to action.
- The Cemetery path is also very untidy and requires a litter pick.

55. Next meeting

To confirm the next meeting will be Tuesday the 13th of August 2024 at the David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm see Website for details.

56. Future Meetings

10th September 8th October 12th November, * 10th December 2024. All meetings to be held David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm.

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