

HEATHER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Heather Parish Council Held on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7pm at The David Taylor Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillor Phil Harris (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 Steve Pettitt, Councillor Garry Johnson

30. Declarations of Interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

31. Minutes

- The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 14th May had been circulated before the meeting they were confirmed as a true and accurate record by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Petty.

32. Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising.

33. Public Question and Answer Session

- Peter Fell asked if any bins for the cemetery had been sourced by the council the clerk confirmed that she had contacted NWLDC Refuse team and unfortunately our request had been turned down due to accessibility issues for

the collection crews. Peter then went on to say that it is causing problems for the church as their bins were full of waste after a funeral at the cemetery. The clerk confirmed she would contact waste management again to attempt to make a more suitable arrangement. Councillor Rogers has also offered to contact the portfolio holder for waste management if our request is refused again.

- It was reported that the fly-fishing pond at Hanson Heidelberg is now a health hazard and is building up with green slime, and the fences are broken down. The Clerk is to contact Environmental Health at NWLDC and to contact the company.
- It was raised by a member of the public that planning application no 24/00418/FUL is illegal and that the British Horse society should now be contacted.

34. Community Policing

- The Clerk confirmed that she had received a report from the police of two incidents during May on the 12th of May David Taylor Close “a car parked in my place”, and 21st May Newton Road attempted theft of scrap metal.

35. District and County Councillor Comments

- District Councillor Guy Rogers raised the matter of the Retrospective application for Cattows track again he reported that there is to be a team meeting for the planning application calling on the 17th of June he went on to say that if the Parish Council wished to he could make a representation at the meeting on the Parish’s behalf. Councillor Clarke is to liaise with Councillor Rogers with a view to making a representation. Councillor Rogers has confirmed he will keep us informed of the progress.
- The Clerk confirmed to Councillor Rogers that she had received the information from him regarding the grants available and that they had been circulated to the Councillors.

- He then went on to state that NWLDC are celebrating 50 years as an authority and are giving out legacy awards to celebrate members of the community he stated that he would welcome any suggestions of any persons or community groups that may be worthy of him nominating for the award the deadline for nominations is the 31st July.

36. Village Issues

- **Allotment Inspection Dates – 27th May**

The chair raised concerns about the condition of plots number 4 and 5, they are very overgrown. SDI gardening services are to be contacted to request a trim. The Clerk is to action.

- **Play Area Inspection Dates – 13th, 20th, & 27th May 3rd & 11th June**

- Sutcliffe's have now completed the installation of the new swings at Mill Lane the digger and some safety fencing, are still at the play area. The clerk is to contact them to request removal.
- The Village Hall management committee have requested "no dogs" signs be displayed at the Swepstone Road Playground we are already in possession of some signs which will be installed.
- The reports on the play areas by ROSPA were discussed, there are various minor issues with some of the equipment but nothing that requires replacement. The rope at Belcher Close will be monitored.

- **VAS Signs**

The Clerk confirmed that Angie Dunn has authorised the additional funding to enable the Council to instal both the signs and posts on Pisca Lane and Mill Lane. She has also confirmed that Debbie Saville of the Highways team needs to be contacted with a plan of where the signs will be located. The Clerk is to action contacting the favoured company and LCC Highways.

- **Logo for the Parish**

The clerk discussed that it would be a nice idea for the Parish Council to have a logo she has asked the Councillors to come up with some words what the village means to them and will come back with three designs and some slogans for approval to add to the Parish Website.

37. Cemetery

- The Clerk confirmed that she has been in touch with a couple of ground works companies who are willing to give quotes one is not available until w/c the 3rd of July and will arrange an appointment with him when he returns. The Clerk also confirmed she will contact the other company to arrange a visit.
- It was confirmed that the work required is the builders waste needs removing and the site levelling.
- The cemetery rules were discussed, following a request for a funeral to inter a deceased ex- resident who had left the village 50 years ago. It was raised that it was a difficult decision to make due to the wording on our website, it was felt that in light of how long ago the resident had left to turn the request down. The wording is very open to interpretation. It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Parish Councillors and the burials officers at NWLDC for an overall view of the Parish's rules and charging to prevent problems going forward.

38. Finance – Heather Parish Council

- **The Annual internal Audit Report** was discussed it was confirmed that given the circumstances due to the previous Parish Clerk retiring in July and a new clerk taking over the report was quite fair. It was also confirmed that an external audit is required due to the income going over the £25,000 threshold. An external audit for the 2024/2025 year due to the money being spent on the new swings.

- **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023 to 2024**
 1. **The Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2023 to 2024 was signed and received by The Chair and the RFO Officer.**
 2. **The Accounting statements for the financial year 2023 to 2024 were received and signed.**
 3. **The Bank Reconciliation for 2023 to 2024 was considered and signed.**
 4. **The Explanation of Variances were considered and signed.**
 5. **It decided that the Period of Public Rights dates should be the 14th of June to the 2nd of August 2024.**

- **Expenses for May 2024**

£ 866.15 Parish Wages
£ 39.34 Clerks Expenses
£ 558.48 CJ Springthorpe
£5210.60 Sutcliffe Play
£ 187.20 ROSPA Play Safety

The Bank Reconciliation and payments and Receipts list for May 2024 was received and signed.

39. 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
- **24/00418/FUL - Cattows Farm, Normanton Lane Heather**
Retention of surfacing work Existing Track (Retrospective Application)
- **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.

- Councillor Clarke raised application **24/00260FUL** 20 Newton Road he states that work has started on this without planning being passed.
- Planning Application **24/00418** Cattows Farm Heather was discussed again, and Councillor Clarke stated that he will be working with District Councillor Rogers on the meeting call in to speak on the Parish's behalf. He also feels that there should be a condition in there stating that the track is to be used for agricultural vehicles only.

40. Chairpersons Comments

- The chair raised that at the Village Hall management committee had suggested that a mirror possibly needed installing at the exit to the hall. Due to it being something that needs to be raised through LCC Highways it was decided not to pursue it.
- The clerk also confirmed that there are lots of online courses that are for free on NWLDC's Skillgate.
- Councillor Petty mentioned that there are some goalposts need reinstating at Mill Lane Recreation ground.
- Councillor Wright requested that we write to the residents who live near the millennium planter they have been watering and tending to it. The Clerk is to action.

41. Next meeting

To confirm the next meeting will be Tuesday the 9th of July 2024 at the David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm see Website for details.

42. Future Meetings

13th August 10th September 8th October, 12th November, * 10th December 2024. All meetings to be held David Taylor Memorial Hall at 7pm.

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