

**AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 6:30 pm at Doe Lea Centre**

Present

A Syrett (Chair)	L Adsetts-Moseley
T Trafford	D Adsetts-Moseley
T Howell	S Poole
J Wright	R Hill-Harmsworth

In attendance:

R Price - Parish Clerk & RFO

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3 members of the public

**520/21 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from P Clough

**521/21 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest

**522/21 Public Forum**

Two residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the line of the proposed bike track through Doe Lea. The planning application referred to a width of 5metres, although the plan indicated that the width of the track as it ran through Willow Walk was 3metres. Members had already given their approval for the track to run through Willow Walk, as opposed to along West Street, although this was the first time that they had had opportunity to see the detail of the proposals. Consideration of the planning application was on the agenda and it was agreed that it be discussed at this point as it was relevant to the matter.

22/00036/FUL	Land to rear of 2-22 West Street, Doe Lea	Creation of 1km of 5m wide cycle path with a sealed surface to connect Mansfield Road, Doe Lea to Mill Lane Stainsby
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In principle the Parish Council were not opposed to the cycle track, but they did have concerns about how the width would impact on Willow Walk, the proposal to remove two trees, and no indication as to whether the trees would be replaced. It was agreed that the planning officer be asked if she could attend a site meeting to discuss the matter in more detail.

**523/21 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved and confirmed as a true record.

**524/21 Police Matters**

There were no police matters to report from the parish council

**525/21 Report of County Councillor**

Councillor Barron was not present

### **526/21 Consultation on Gambling Act – BDC**

Members received information that BDC were consulting on its Gambling Act 2005 Policy (Statement of Licensing Principles).

The policy related to the licensing of betting shops, bingo halls, amusement arcades, etc. In particular, the policy was intended to guide decision makers, applicants, objectors and others regarding the decision making process.

The policy outlined how the Licensing Authority will consider and determine applications under the Gambling Act 2005. It also stated how the Authority would work to promote the three licensing objectives, which were:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling

Members received the information and were in agreement with the stated licensing objectives

### **527/21 Draft Code of Conduct**

The Clerk circulated the the new code of conduct that the Local Government Association had produced and had recommended that all local authorities adopt.

A Parish Council Liaison Committee was to be organised by BDC and the code of conduct would be on the agenda.

The stated purpose of the Code of Conduct was to protect Councillors by modelling the behaviour expected of Councillors, providing a personal check and balance and setting out the type of conduct that could lead to action being taken against Councillors. It was also to protect the public, Councillors, Officers and the reputation of local government.

The changes from the previous code included that the Code of Conduct would apply when someone was acting as a Councillor which may include when :

- He/she misuses his/her position as a Councillor
- His/her actions would give the impression to a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of all the facts that he/she is acting as a Councillor

The Code covers all types of contact including face to face meetings, emails, telephone and social media. The latter is the source of many complaints. With the change in applicability the advice and careful use of social media becomes even more important.

The model places a lot more emphasis on bullying and bringing the Council into disrepute. It also requires Councillors to undertake Code of Conduct training provided by the Council, to cooperate with any investigation and/or determination, not to intimidate witnesses in such and to comply with any sanction imposed at a hearing.

Members agreed that the new Code of Conduct should be considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting of Council and that BDC be asked to present training to all members either on site or by Zoom.

### **528/21 Doe Lea Centre**

The Manager submitted the monthly financial report and session numbers for Doe Lea Centre. He also reported on Holiday Wednesday Activities, Live and Local, Maintenance and Improvements to the Centre, grant applications, new projects and ongoing projects. The report was received.

### **529/21 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk circulated the notes of the neighbourhood Plan meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, and members were reminded that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

### **530/21 Working with BDC Partnership Team**

Members were informed that the BDC Partnership Team had allocated Lucy Sheppard to the Bolsover Town Centre area, including the Parishes of Ault Hucknall, Glapwell, Old Bolsover Town and Scarcliffe.

The aim of the role was to assist in the co-ordination of services to the communities of the district to help build resilience and promote improved health, wealth, economy and employment where possible.

The Officer was looking to gather as much information as possible in order to gain an understanding of any issues/opportunities/partnership working taking place in your parishes.

The information was received and noted.

### **531/21 Lobby Day**

The Clerk circulated information relating to NALC Lobby Day which would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. However lobbying was encouraged at any point around this date. This is a collective effort to bring to the attention of our MP's the work that local councils do, what the key issues are that local councils are facing and how local councils can support the work of their local MP.

To support this initiative, DALC are encouraging members to meet with their MP's on or around March 23<sup>rd</sup> to talk about the work they do as a local council and how that can support the work of MP's and, conversely, how MP's can support local councils.

As an organisation NALC have highlighted their concerns as being remote meetings, climate and sustainability and standards in public life but it was expected that members may bring a broad and varied selection of issues, local and national, to the table.

Members were in agreement that the concerns raised by NALC reflected their concerns and that the local MP be advised that the Parish Council add their voice to the National Association and seek his support in moving these agendas forward.

### **532/21 Parish Projects**

#### **Future Investment in Community Facilities**

It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the new owners of Stainsby School to welcome them to the Parish, invite them to have a conversation with the parish council, and offer their knowledge of the history and structure of the building.

#### **Sculpture**

The Clerk circulated information received from the Arts Officer of BDC advising that the lighting had now been installed at the sculpture but it was not yet lit. Arrangements were in place for a celebration event with Bramley Vale School with Orchestras Live when it was hoped to involve a link to the sculpture as part of the event. It was expected that the handover to the parish council would be around March – June. The Clerk also reported receipt of a notification from Western Power requiring authority from the Parish Council to take over responsibility for the unmetered supply. Members agreed that this should be authorised.

The Chair asked that the Arts Officer ensure that the Community Group originally responsible for the choice of design for the sculpture be added to the distribution list for all information in relation to future arrangements in relation to the sculpture.

The Arts Officer also advised that he was following up the complaints regarding the excessive cutting regime around the sculpture, which should be managed to take account of the wild flower planting.

### **Ramp**

The Clerk was still awaiting a report from BDC as to whether the survey had been commissioned on the site

### **Recreation Ground**

The Clerk was working with the contractor to put together some proposals and ideas with some costings, for the provision of a 5 a side pitch with car parking, solar floodlighting and seating/covered areas for young people.

### **Queen's Jubilee Event**

The Clerk circulated information received from the Secretary of State relating to ideas for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the availability of funding. Members discussed some ideas, working with Doe Lea Centre, to expand the current Holiday Wednesday activities, to develop arrangements with other organisations in the village, such as the Miners Welfare and/or the Bramley Vale School, to consider putting on a family fun day/afternoon tea. It was agreed that the item be placed again on the next agenda and members were asked to consider bringing further ideas to the next meeting.

It was also agreed that the tree planting, financed by a grant from the Tree Council, should take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, that members of the public be invited to help plant the trees and that the trees be dedicated to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### **533/21 Allotment Matters**

There were no issues to report

### **534/21 Applications for Grant Aid**

There were no applications for grant aid

### **535/21 Financial Matters**

### **Report of Income and Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and Payment of Accounts February 2022**

Members accepted the Clerk's report on income and expenditure to date and the following accounts were approved for payment

## Payments for February 2022

<b>Parish Council</b>		
E R Price	Clerk Salary February	£1054.35
K Gent	Parish Warden Salary February	£544.54
HMRC	PAYE & NI January	£354.93
Eon	Electric changing rooms	£25.70
Shelter maintenance	Cleaning of bus shelters 14097	£44.78
Vodafone	Parish Mobile	£33.24
AML Midlands Ltd	Microsoft 365 Business & Cloudcare 26041	£14.28
Plantscape	Christmas Trees	£906.00
Lees Garden Services	Works to Changing Rooms Invoice 124	£575.00
	Further work to Changing rooms and mower repairs	£393.50
<b>Doe Lea Centre</b>		
AML Midlands Ltd	Office & Avast (25957)	£43.14
	VOIP rental & broadband (26102)	£72.60
	VOIP calls (26066)	£0.49
	Domain name renewal (26090)	£22.20
	VOIP calls (26195)	£0.72
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene services 1395924	£46.02
Drax Electric	Electric January	£237.27
Doe Lea Miners Welfare	Rent	£8.67
Crown Gas and Power	Gas	£348.18
Premier	Windows January	£60.00
Martin Bruno	Payroll fee	£144.00
HSA	Service fire equipment	£114.15
Kudos	Snow clearing equipment	362.36
Live & Local	Performance 22/1/22	£422.40
CRS	Repair to Roller shutter	£120.00
Sharp	Photocopies	£85.08

## Bank Account Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Parish Council Current Account	£7,147.61
Parish Council Doe Lea Centre Account	£7,771.78
Deposit Account	£21,170.42
Hardstoft Current	£10,856.04
Hardstoft Deposit	£1,834.65
BDC Investment Account	£14,196.72

## 536/21 Planning Applications

Members considered the following applications and agreed that the following comments be submitted in relation to the first application 22/00072/LBC Roof works are proposed along with replacement of lead flashing including areas around the gutter and cladding. There has been no bat roosting assessment submitted with this application for a Grade 1 listed building. It is surprising that the National Trust have omitted this as they should have a good understanding of the legislation in relation to bats and routinely

understand the requirements and importance for such an assessment on a building requiring these works.

All species of UK bats and their roosts are listed on the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), making it illegal to deliberately disturb any such animal or damage / destroy a breeding site or roosting place of any such animal. Bats are also afforded full legal protection under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Under this legislation it is illegal to recklessly or intentionally kill, injure or take a species of bat or recklessly or intentionally damage or obstruct access to or destroy any place of shelter or protection or disturb any animal whilst they are occupying such a place of shelter or protection. Some bat species are also Species of Principal Importance under the NERC Act 2006.

It should also be noted that the LPA cannot grant planning permission until further information has been provided as the presence of a bat roost (protected species) is a material consideration in the determination process and as this information is unavailable a decision could not be made.

No comments were raised in relation to the other applications.

22/00072/LBC	Hardwick Hall	External repairs and upgrading of roof to Outwing Visitor WC and various internal alterations
22/00082/TCON	Manor Farm Cottage Astwith	Works to 7 trees
<b>DECISIONS</b>		
21/00741/FUL	Flat 1 Hardwick Hall Retention Change of Use	GRANTED
21/00694?FUL	Locko Lane Farm – Proposed ground based solar panels	GRANTED

### **537/21 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022, at Doe Lea Centre at 6:30 pm.