AULT HUCKNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Doe Lea Resource Centre 15th January 2020

Present

A Syrett T Howell

T Trafford D Adsetts Moseley N Darby L Adsetts Moseley

S Poole T Clough

In attendance:

Councillor C Moesby (DCC) R Price - Parish Clerk & RFO

130/19 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from H Perkins

131/19 Declaration of Interests

T Howell declared an interest in Item 12 on the agenda.

132/19 Public Forum

Lisbeth Adsetts Moseley referred to a number of matters relating to:

The new NHS self-care policy which she considered could be an article for the next Newsletter

A newspaper article on the revitalising of village halls for rural communities. The non enforcement of the 50 mph speed limit on Tibshelf Road

133/19 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th December 2019 were approved and confirmed as a true record

134/19 Police Matters

The police were not present. A member referred to a presentation by the Police and Crime Commissioner where he had asked that communities should inform him what they considered were the priorities for them. It was agreed that an item should be placed on the next parish council agenda to discuss this matter.

135/19 Report of County Councillor

Councillor Moesby submitted the following report:

He had attended the P&CC presentation and it was clear that all councils in the Bolsover District were dissatisfied with the non-attendance at parish council meetings and lack of visibility of the police/PCSO's in their communities.

A great number of priorities had been identified at County Council level, which needed slimming down

He agreed to pick up on the issue of speeding on Tibshelf Road, and on the extremely bad state of the road between Stainsby and Tibshelf Road.

He still had some funding available for community groups

136/19 Report of District Councillor

Councillor Clough reported that Bramley Vale School had sung Christmas Carols at The Arc before Christmas

BDC had had a positive financial audit report for the previous year Dates had been set for surgeries at Doe Lea Centre

137/19 Casual Vacancy

It was agreed that:

- an item be kept on the agenda
- if anyone was aware of anyone interested, to bring the information to the parish council
- the vacancy be filled as soon as there was someone suitable

138/19 Neighbourhood Plan

T Trafford reported that he had attended a meeting of Heath and Holmewood Parish Council to discuss the possibility of working together on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council were very receptive to the idea and would be interested in attending a presentation by the consultant. They had also suggested that it would be useful to set up a joint working party to cooperate on resistance to the proposals for HS2. It was agreed that a presentation date be arranged as soon as possible with the consultant which would be convenient for members from both parish councils.

139/19 Active Communities Programme 2020/2021

The Clerk reported on the invitation from BDC to participate in the Active Communities Programme 2020/2021. For an investment of £1000 by the Parish Council, BDC would provide a further £1500 of funding. It was agreed that the Parish Council participate in the Active Communities programme for 2020/2021.

140/19 Doe Lea Centre

The Manager submitted a report which is appended to the minutes

The Clerk reported that she had received notification from BDC of the expiration of the Community Right to Bid nomination for Doe Lea Miners Welfare. The nomination lasts for 5 years and this had expired in July 2019. The Clerk was asked to explore the regulations with regard to re-application.

141/19 Parish Projects Colliery Memorial

The Chair reported that Dennis Skinner was still unwell and it was agreed to continue to hold over the launch of the memorial stone until he was well enough to attend the ceremony.

Ramped Access

The Clerk reported that she had had been in contact with Matt Connley and he was progressing the applications for easements and licences from DCC to allow the installation of the ramp to go ahead.

Changing Room Refurbishment

The Clerk had not had the opportunity to meet with the groundsman since the last meeting but would schedule this in as soon as possible. She also reported that the Football Club interested in developing the land behind St Johns, had been in contact and had requested another meet as they had some information on funding. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged

Stainsby School

Members considered an email from Dr Hugh Ellis concerning recent decisions by the National Trust in relation to Stainsby School. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the National Trust CEO to express their disappointment that locally, the NT have determined to go down the route of selling off Stainsby School without any prior opportunity for the parish council to work with them to determine a community based use for the building in the future. This was despite continuous expressions of interest by the Parish Council. The Parish Council did have ring fenced funding which they were prepared to invest in the future of the school. The Parish Council intend to start discussions with interested parties and would invite the National Trust to be part of those discussions if they wished. They would also look for a suitable partner with appropriate and sustainable ideas for the use of the school, and would be prepared to raise funding to halt the damage, stabilise the building and make it usable. It was therefore agreed that:

- A letter setting out the above points be sent to the CEO of the National Trust
- Letters be sent to identified community groups to assess the interest in working together to rescue the school for community use
- Research takes place in to available funding pots for work of this nature

Wildlife Site (Glapwell 3)

Currently it was expected that the Countryside Service, who would probably be spun into a separate charity, would be taking over the management of this site. Initially they would be funded by DCC but the expectation would be that they would become self funding. T Trafford would be involved in setting up a meeting of interested parties and the parish council would be represented on that body.

142/19 Allotment Matters

There were no allotment issues

143/19 Applications for Grant Aid

There were no applications for grant aid.

144/19 Financial Matters

(a) Budget and Parish Council Precept 2020/2021

The Clerk circulated accounts detailing the income, expenditure and balances to date together with an estimate of the outturn for the end of the year 2019/2020. A detailed breakdown of expenditure was also provided together with a comparison with the end of year accounts for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

Members considered the effect that several levels of precept would have on Council Tax. There was now no Council Tax Support Grant creating a greater pressure this year on council tax payers.

Following detailed consideration it was therefore Proposed, Seconded and Resolved that a precept of £40,000 be levied for 2020/2021. This represented a £947 increase on the total income from 2019/2020 and would result in an increase from £95.85 To £103.77 per year for a Council Tax Band D payer, a rise of 0.19p per week.

(b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were considered and approved for payment

Ault Hucknall Parish Council					
Vodafone	Mobile phone January	pile phone January £ 50.48			
E R Price	Clerk January	£1035.88			
K Gent	Parish Warden January £467.50				
HMRC	PAYE & NI £433.59				
Shelter Maintenance	Repair to shelter B vale	£889.20			
Ordnance Survey	Licence £65.70				
Doe Lea Centre Account					
Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene Services	£46.02			
AML (Midlands) Ltd	Broadband Service (20422)	£46.80			
	Office 365 & Monthly AVG Cloudcare (20384)	£14.28			
	Monthly MS Office	£38.64			
Uk2 (to T Trafford)	Domain name	£22.78			
Marti Bruno	Payroll fee	£90.00			
Crown Gas Power	Gas	£312.84			
KDJ Plumbing and	Repairs to all pipework	£830.00			
Heating	and new radiator valves				

145/19 Planning Applications

The following applications were considered and no objections were raised

Application	Address	Applicant	Details
20/00017/TCON	Saunders Cottage,	Siobahn Lucas	30% reduction to
	Astwith Lane, Astwith		sycamore tree
20/00015/TCON	Saunders Cottage,	Siobahn Lucas	Removal of Eucalyptus
	Astwith Lane, Astwith		tree

146/19 Date of Meeting

The next meeting of the parish council was confirmed as **Tuesday 11**th **February** at 7:00 p.m.