

# Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council

## Meeting of the Parish Council To be held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Commencing at 6.30pm At Hayes Green Community Centre

**Present:** Cllrs S Thompson (Chair), E Aston, J Bernard, A Fitzgerald, P Haden, P Hewitt, P Jones & J Preece

**In Attendance:**

Parish Clerk: Mrs L Bowman

Members of Public: 2

**03/24/166.0 Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr J Aston, M Buttery, P Theodorou & L Wilson.

**03/24/167.0 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr P Haden

Seconded: Cllr A Fitzgerald

**03/24/168.0 Declarations of Interest Personal and Pecuniary**

Cllr A Fitzgerald	-	Planning
Cllr P Haden and S Thompson	-	Grants - Foodbank
Cllr P Haden	-	Grants - 3rd & 4 <sup>th</sup> Heath Hayes Brownies
Cllr J Bernard	-	Grants - Hayes Green Community Centre
Cllr E Aston	-	Grants - Five Ways School

**03/24/169.0 Public Participation**

None.

**03/24/170.0 Co-option**

As there had been no demand for an election, the Parish Council needs to consider the co-option of a person to fill the vacancies in the New Heath Ward.

Proposed: Cllr A Fitzgerald

Seconded: Cllr J Bernard

Resolved: to appoint Mr Harper as a Parish Councillor

03/24/170.1 Cllr Harper signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**03/24/171.0 Chair's Announcements & County Council's update**

The Chair attended a meeting of the Friends of Heath Hayes Park regarding the Best Kept Village Competition. No County Councillor update.

### 03/24/172.0 Clerks Report

Council to note clerks report & correspondence.

- The UK Government had offered all Town and Parish Council's a free A3 portrait to commemorate the accession of His Majesty King Charles III. The Clerk had requested a portrait, delivery expected in April.
- Council received data from the two new speed indicator signs on Brickworks Road. County Councillors agreed to conduct a speed and volume test in May or June.
- Council agreed to purchase two D-Day Flags, for the Council Flag Poles.

### 03/24/173.0 Police Report

Council noted the Police Report.

06/02/2024 - 10/03/2024

#### Vehicle crime

14/02/2024	-	Boston Close	-	Vehicle stolen from West Midlands and later tracked to Boston Close. Vehicle located. No ongoing enquiries, owner declined forensic assessment.
17/02/2024	-	Carlton Close	-	Overnight, an offender had opened insecure boot of a car and stole a bag of clothing for charity.
17/02/2024	-	Tutbury Close	-	Overnight offender had tried car doors on driveways. Picked up on ring door bell, very poor-quality images of offender, no ID possible.
26/02/2024	-	Nicholls Way	-	Yamaha motorcycle seen riding, seized for no insurance.
08/03/2024	-	Wimblebury Rd	-	A van stolen from Rugeley on the evening of 07/02, was later reported by a member of public as having been abandoned near to EDS Couriers. The vehicle had been involved in a collision on Wimblebury Road with another vehicle, which also made off after the collision, suspected to be another stolen vehicle. Stolen van recovered for forensics.
08/03/2024	-	Tesco carpark	-	Keyless theft of a white Jaguar E-pace. Enquiries ongoing.

#### Anti Social Behaviour (includes community and environmental)

16/02/2024	-	Bank Street	-	Report of electric scooters being ridden causing nuisance.
18/02/2024	-	Boston Close	-	Anonymous report of electric scooters being ridden causing nuisance, suspected address provided. Home visit, parent and children advised. Words of advice at this stage due to lack of evidence. /4 STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE *Public order*
26/02/2024	-	Fiveways Island	-	Multiple reports of youths fighting. Member of public removed a knife from one offender and secured in the boot of a vehicle. No serious injuries reported, defensive wound to hand. Males are known to one another. Two males had been arrested; enquiries ongoing.

#### Burglaries

18/02/2024	-	Stafford Street	-	domestic related burglary where offender had a key to the property and stole money.
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### 03/24/174.0 Income & Payments

03/24/174.1 Council to note the income and payments since the last report that had been authorised by the audit and governance committee and monthly finance report.

Date	Payee	TOTAL
15/02/2024	EE	£22.00
22/02/2024	Administration Expense	£3,409.00
22/02/2024	npower	£62.85
22/02/2024	Gallagher Insurance	£367.36
27/02/2024	Mick Lewis Garden Services	£5,100.00
		£8,961.21

03/24/174.2 Council noted the bank reconciliation.

Reserves Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	£ 93,614.46
Income	£119,305.51
Payments	£105,094.60
Balance as per bank statement: 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	£107,825.37

### 03/24/175.0 Audit & Governance Committee

03/24/175.1 Council noted the draft minutes from the Audit & Governance committee meeting on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and the actions therein.

03/24/175.2 Grant recipients 2023, Council noted the evidence of grant monies spent in 2023.

03/24/175.3 Council to consider Grant Awards 2024 recommended by the Audit & Governance committee.

Name Of Organisation	Amount Suggested
Fireworks	£500.00
St John's Church	£500.00
Friends of Heath Hayes Park's	£500.00
Heath Hayes Art Society	£300.00
Chase Drama Society	£500.00
Community Life Church	£500.00
Cannock and District foodbank	£500.00
Burntwood & District Community First Responders	£500.00
Friends of Heath Hayes Library	£500.00
Cannock Lions Club	£500.00
Chase Grandparents	£300.00
3rd Heath Hayes Brownies	£250.00
4th Heath Hayes Brownies	£250.00
3rd Heath Hayes Rainbows	£250.00
2nd Valley District Rangers	£250.00
3rd Heath Hayes Guides	£250.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Heath Hayes Beavers	£200.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Heath Hayes Scouts	£200.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Heath Hayes Cubs	£200.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Heath Hayes Explorers	£200.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Heath Hayes Squirrels	£200.00
Hednesford Town Supporters Association	£250.00
Hednesford Town Girls Football Club – U17's	£500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,100.00</b>

Proposed: Cllr J Bernard  
 Seconded: Cllr J Harper  
 Resolved: All Councillors agreed with the proposed Grants

Parents Teachers and Friends of Five Ways PTFA	£900.00
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Proposed: Cllr J Bernard  
 Seconded: Cllr J Harper  
 Resolved: All Councillors agreed with the proposed Grant. Cllr E Aston abstained from voting.

Hayes Green Community Centre	£4,000.00
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Proposed: Cllr A Fitzgerald  
 Seconded: Cllr P Haden  
 Resolved: All Councillors agreed to the additional grant to Hayes Green Community Centre. Cllr J Bernard abstained from voting.

### 03/24/176.0 Awards

#### Council to Consider the Awards 2024

##### 03/24/176.1 Citizen of the Year Award

Proposed: Cllr P Jones

Seconded: Cllr P Hewitt

Resolved: Councillors agreed to award Kerry Urquhart Citizen of the Year Award. All other entries would receive a commendation certificate.

##### 03/24/176.2 Young Person Award

Proposed: Cllr A Fitzgerald

Seconded: Cllr J Harper

Resolved: Councillors agreed to award Tilly and Ruby Haden the Young Person Award. All other entries would receive a commendation certificate.

##### 03/24/176.3 Business Award

Proposed: Cllr S Thompson

Seconded: Cllr P Jones

Resolved: Councillors agreed to award Perkins Garage the Business Award.

### 03/24/177.0 Planning Committee

03/24/177.1 Council noted the decisions received from Cannock Chase District Council.

Application Number	Date	Location	Description	Comments
CH/23/0403 01/24/141.0 GRANTED 26-02-2024	01/12/2023	274A Hednesford Road WS12 3DS	Conversion of existing house into 2 x 1 bedroom flats	No Objection
CH/24/009 02/24/153.0 GRANTED 14-02-2024	12/01/2024	1 Millers Vale WS12 3UP	Erection of a two storey side extension and front porch.	No Objection
CH/22/0169 06/22/50.2 GRANTED 01-03-2024	27/04/2022	203 Hednesford Road WS12 3HN	Erection of 1 No. two bedroom bungalow.	Object, over development on a small piece of land.

03/24/177.2 Council noted the planning applications authorised by the planning committee.

CH/24/025	26/01/2024	4 Eden Close WS12 2EB	Application for the lawful proposed development of a conversion of garage to habitable room and single storey front and rear extension	No objection
CH/24/0367	13/02/2024	155 Wimblebury Road WS12 2EW	Erection of a 2-bed dwelling (resubmission of CH/23/0013) - AMENDED PLAN	Object, parking issues.

### 03/24/178.0 Cannock Chase Local Plan Representation Form

Council to consider the Representation Form, various discussion around the local plan took place, Councillors gave positive and negative comments and concerns. It was agreed that as there had been a number of Councillors missing from the meeting, that each Councillor should email the clerk with their comments.

### 03/24/179.0 Facebook

03/24/179.1 Facebook Policy last reviewed October 2023, Minute Reference: 10/23/99.6

Deferred to the next meeting.

03/24/179.2 The Clerk read out the group rules from the admins on the Facebook front page

#### 1. No hate speech or bullying. You will be banned.

Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things such as race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.

#### 2. Be kind and courteous

We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

#### 3. No promotions or spam

Business advertising, job vacancies, buying or selling are not allowed, lost animals, neither are spam and irrelevant links.

#### 4. Respect everyone's privacy

Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group.

#### 5. This is a Parish Council.

This group is to publicise what the Council is doing. It is not a discussion group or vehicle for complaints, reports or non-Parish Council issues. If in doubt, look at our website.

#### 6. Admin & Monitoring

Please note that Facebook posts are only monitored during normal working hours. If comments turn offensive commenting will be turned off.

### 03/24/180.0 Items for Information or Future Agendas

Facebook

### 03/24/181.0 Date of Next Meeting - Annual Parish Assembly 6.30pm, followed by the Council Meeting Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Meeting Ended: 8.15pm

Signed: [REDACTED]

Dated: [REDACTED]