

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 7th March 2018.
Heath Hayes Library, Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes.

Present:

Cllrs J. Bernard (Chair) D. Baker, A. Bernard, L. Bullock, A. Dean, M. Dean, G. Wiggin.

In Attendance:

C. Woods. R. Pitcher (Residents).
Cannock Councillor M. Sutherland.
Staffordshire County Councillors B. Jones, J. McMahon.
R. Smythe. Clerk.

Chair's Announcements and Public Participation.

County Councillor Jones reported that County Councillor Hewitt would be providing an update about The Poplars operating procedures.

County Councillor McMahon reported that there was an ongoing investigation in the costs and feasibility of a potential one-way system in Coverdale Way, Heath Hayes and a disabled parking bay at the junction with Stafford Street, Heath Hayes.

The Council was aware that PCSOs Megan McAndrew and Claire Reeves were being posted to Cannock Town and would be starting their new duties on 14th March. In their time in the area, Megan and Claire had been very proactive, professional and had been an effective police presence and the Councillors wanted to thank them for their service and to wish them both every success in their future careers.

1. Consideration of acceptance of any apologies received in writing before the start of the meeting.

1.1 The meeting began at 7.40pm with written apologies received from Cllrs V. Baker, J. Cooper, D. Marsden and D. Todd.

1.2 Cllr D. Morris had indicated that he wanted to stand down from being a Councillor. This would be considered further and dealt with at the next meeting.

.....Chair

1.3 County Councillor P. Hewitt, PCSOs M. McAndrew and C. Reeves had also submitted apologies.

1.4 Cllr D. Baker asked to be allowed to stand down from his position as Vice-Chair and on the Planning Committee. This was accepted. Cllr Baker had the best wishes of all present for his upcoming medical treatment.

1.5 It was agreed that Cllr L. Bullock would join the Planning Committee.

1.6 Cllr A. Dean was elected Vice Chair.

RESOLVED:

- **TO NOTE AND ACCEPT THE APOLOGIES.**
- **CLLR L. BULLOCK TO REPLACE CLLR D. BAKER ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.**
- **CLLR A. DEAN ELECTED AS VICE CHAIR.**

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations on Agenda Items.

Item 5.1 Heath Hayes Cabin. Cllrs A. Bernard and M. Dean reported an interest solely by their membership of a user group.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting on 7th February 2018 and any matters arising, not covered on this agenda.

Approval of the minutes was proposed, seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

4. Planning.

4.1 Applications dealt with by the Planning Committee.

- **18/029 – 24 BRAMPTON DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.** Ground floor rear extension.
- **18/033 – McDonalds, HEMLOCK WAY, HEATH HAYES.** Installation of four internally illuminated fascia signs and relocation of non-illuminated banner unit.

.....Chair

- **18/034 – McDonalds, HEMLOCK WAY, HEATH HAYES.** Installation of internally illuminated 24 hour appendage box to existing freestanding sign.
- **18/042 – 65 WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES.** Residential development. Erection of nine houses.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS.

4.2 Decisions reported by Cannock Chase Council.

- **17/466 – TESCO, 9 HAWKS GREEN DISTRICT CENTRE, HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES.** Change of use of nine parking spaces to hand car wash and valeting operation including the installation of a cabin and erection of a canopy.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

5. Consideration of noting and agreeing the Council Reports.

5.1 Heath Hayes Cabin. It was reported that:

- The three user groups had been notified of the planned closure and help had been offered with relocation. Two had already made alternative arrangements.
- Quotes had been requested for the demolition and removal of the Cabin.

5.2 Hayes Green Community Centre. The following points were agreed:

- The Centre would be photographed and examined after the cessation of the Stepping Stones Nursery hire on 21st March. A report would be made to the Council. It was agreed that this was an ideal time to undertake work on the Centre to undertake repairs and changes. Hirers and potential hirers would be made aware of any issues likely to affect them.
- The acquisition of a new boiler would be considered as the existing one was 10 years old and had been heavily used.
- It was agreed to remove the false wall in the Reg Butler Meeting Room and to move towards making this as a suitable room for the Council to meet.
- A burst pipe in the former bar area had been discovered and repaired. There was no apparent damage.
- It was agreed to stop the waste collection service as this was mainly needed for the Nursery. The Caretaker would dispose of any waste and all future hirers would be told that they must remove their own rubbish after every hire.
- The waste bins would be locked when not in use.

5.3 Council.

World War One Commemoration. It was agreed:

- To continue to meet as and when required to discuss and evaluate suggestions.
- To acquire two “There But Not There” WW1 “Tommies” This was a scheme to encourage remembrance and fundraising by using an iconic image nationally.
- To approve fundraising for the acquisition, including the acceptance of donations and applying for grants.
- To compile a list of dates and events in the area.
- To liaise with the schools and churches and other groups about events.
- To place the matter on the next agenda

RESOLVED: TO AGREE THE REPORTS.

6. Report of Meetings.

6.1 Cllr L. Bullock reported that the “Times Past” group met fortnightly at Heath Hayes Library. It was reported that a map of the former shops and shopkeepers was being compiled. Attendance was healthy, with an average of 20 attending. Last meeting 5th March. Next due 19th March.

6.2 The Clerk reported that he had attended a Thanksgiving Service for Staffordshire Police at St John’s Church on 11th February. The event had been well attended with representatives from the local schools, police and members of the public. There was a service and then a less formal social meeting.

Subsequently, Rev Glynne Watkin had been invited to meet with the Staffordshire Chief Constable, Gareth Morgan on 5th March and had taken the poems written by the children. The Council was very pleased to hear that this initiative would be rolled out across the county and congratulated Rev. Watkin on his inspirational idea.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

7. Current traffic matters.

Cllr A. Dean reported that the hole in Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes, had been filled and the surface had been made passable and safe.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

8. Cannel Mount. Update on developments.

It was reported that the lease was still awaited.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

9. Council projects. Current position and consideration of future action.

9.1 Defibrillators. See Item 11.

9.2 Request to acquire land in Chapel Street, Heath Hayes. No reply from the County Council.

9.3 Arrangements for APM, AGM. Unchanged. 7.30pm, Wednesday 9th May 2018 at the Hayes Green Community Centre.

9.4 Awards for Citizen, Young Person and Business of the Year.

- **Rev Glynne Watkin** – Citizen of the Year. For his many projects and amazing work.
- **Louis Shelton** – Young Person of the Year. For voluntary work at library, charity collections, participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, fund-raising and for donations to charity.
- **Tasty Bites**, Wimblebury. For community participation, snow clearance, delivery to customers and providing a first-class service to the residents of the area.

9.5 Christmas Lights. Comments or suggestions to be forwarded to Cllr A. Bernard.

9.6 Bus Services in the area. The new Arriva timetable would be printed in due course.

9.7 Heath Hayes Playing Fields.

- Left hand side gate now unlocked for access.
- Consideration of a litter pick when the weather improves.
- Consideration of a Memorial Bench.

9.8 Heath Hayes Library.

- Peter Hawthorne was unable to carry on volunteering at the Library and it was agreed to write to thank him for his service.
- Options for re-starting the “Eagles” Group were being investigated.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

.....Chair

10. Dementia Awareness. Current position.

- Two further training sessions had been arranged at Heath Hayes Library. 10am to midday and 1pm to 3pm.
- It was hoped to hold a fund-raising coffee morning at the Library.
- Cllr L. Bullock said he hoped to organise a fund-raising quiz at the Five Ways Pub.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

11. Defibrillators. Current position.

- Two units had been ordered. One for the Community Life Church on the Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes and another for “Tasty Bites” the chip shop in Wimblebury.
- Arrangements had been made with Paul Dadge form Burntwood CFR to acquire the units, register the codes, combinations and locations with West Midlands Ambulance Service to enter them on the database.
- The would be monitored monthly.

RESOLVED: TO INSTALL THE UNITS.

12. Memorial Bench at Heath Hayes Library. Current position.

It was reported that:

- Payment of £1,000 had been received from Mr R. Pitcher.
- The bench had been ordered. The manufacturer would contact the Clerk when ready for delivery and installation. Expected installation before the end of March.
- A licence for a paved base had been agreed.
- The base would be laid week beginning 12th March.
- It was agreed to participate in a commissioning event.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

13. The future use of the Hayes Green Community Centre.

As a basic premise, Councillors felt that the Centre should be available for community use and not block booked by a nursery. Further options would be considered at the April meeting.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

14. Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.
Consideration of commenting.

There were no specific plans likely to affect the area and therefore the Council had no comment.

RESOLVED: NO COMMENT.

15. To note Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

The list of incoming post and outgoing post, numbered 29 to 68/18 was noted.

RESOLVED: TO NOTE THE POST.

16. Accounts for Payment.

Authorisation of the payments listed at Appendix 1, totalling £2,171.08 was proposed by Cllr A. Dean, seconded by Cllr D. Baker and agreed.

RESOLVED: TO AUTHORISE THE ABOVE PAYMENTS.

17. Items for Information and Future Agendas.

Councillors were invited to forward any items to the Clerk by 26th March. Agenda due out 27th March.

RESOLVED: NOTED.

18. Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 4th April 2018. Cllr J. Bernard thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

RESOLVED: TO NEXT MEET ON 4th APRIL.

.....Chair