

**Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 5 September 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors, A Abernethy, L Brunelleschi, L Cox, M Cresswell, C Emmas-Williams, J Gent, S Goodrum, E Hamilton, M Hibbard, M Howard, A Jones, P Jones, C Neale, A Stevenson and J Ward.

Also present: A Sharpe (Town Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the Meeting the Town Clerk then read out the following statement –

Could I please ask everyone to turn their mobile devices onto silent. Toilets on first floor, no scheduled fire alarm, fire exits etc. This is a Town Council meeting to discuss Town Council business. With the exception of anyone having previously submitted a question to the Council and received permission to speak – the public are here to observe only. No comments are to be made, nor questions asked.

Any member of the public who disrupts the meeting will be given a warning, if they persist the offender will be asked to leave. A continuation of such disruption from the public will result in removal of the public gallery.

034 Apologies

Apologies for absence submitted by Councillors S Bower (Work), M Burrell (Work), C M Cox (Illness), J Edge (Holiday) and Z Parr (Previous commitment).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

035 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Councillors L Cox, E Hamilton, and C Emmas-Williams – Agenda item 15 (Planning applications) – personal – members of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

NOTE - ALL WOULD REMAIN IN THE MEETING BUT NOT CONTRIBUTE OR VOTE.

036 Requests for Dispensation

None, but in addition Council -

Resolved: to approve a 6 month dispensation for non-attendance at Council meetings for Councillors Burrell and Parr.

037 Public Speaking

Public Matters

The Town Clerk raised a question from a member of the public who could not be present asking if the Town Council would like him to lay a wreath at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery in Thailand later in the year. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Town Council Members.

037 Public Speaking (continued)

Borough and County Councillors reports

Council received reports from the County Councillor and Borough Councillor.

Resolved: that the reports be noted.

Police

None.

038 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 8 June 2024, and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30 July 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

039 Executive Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 16 July 2024, were received and it was noted that all decisions had been actioned.

040 Exclusion of Public

Resolved: To confirm that no items would be taken with the public excluded.

041 Town Mayor's announcements

The Town Mayor has attended the following events:

- Amber Valley Borough Council's Mayors Charity Quiz at Charles Hill Community and Sports Centre
- Presented trophies to 21 different teams and a number of individuals over 3 days at the Heanor Town Football Club Awards event A wonderful evens for teams aged under 10s to adults and male and female teams
- Presented trophies to 15 different teams over 2 days at the Heanor Juniors weekend football tournament held on Chales Hill. A nice sunny weekend which was well attended again with teams from under 10s to teenagers.
- I was pleased to be able to present individual at the reinstated Mundy COE School which was a well-attended event despite the early downpour.
- I was honoured to open the first Heanor Carnival event for over 20 years. Again, a very successful and well attended event. It was nice to see people lining the street during the parade prior to the event Great credit must go to the organisers who worked tirelessly to make sure the event took place.
- The mayoress and I attended the Ashfield Care Home Summer Fayre
- We both attended the Florence Shipley Community Care Home Fun Day in support of the facility which is subject to the threat of closure
- I presented a cheque for £1000 from the Mayors Charity to the Charity Salcare in support of their Freedom programme which supports people fleeing domestic violence.
- We attend a 100th birthday party for a resident at Florence Shipley Community Care Home

041 Town Mayor's announcements (continued)

- Finally, we were very pleased to open a book shop in Heanor based in the former Barclay's Bank it is called Bizy Lizy Books. The owner is the Market Manager Lizy Barrow. I am so pleased for her has been working on this for a long time and is committed to working with everyone to improve the Town. Following the opening we visited the newly opened Mustard coffee shop on Ray Street where we talked to the owners who have a sideline is selling scotch eggs to amongst others Harrods. We also had a chat with the owner of Pinxtion Puppets who were performing on the Market Place and he has been performing since 1984.

042 Report of the Town Clerk

(a) Committee Structure

Resolved: To replace Councillor Beswick, with Councillor Howard on the Executive Committee and the other structures be considered by the Executive Committee prior to consideration of the Town Council.

(b) Sponsorship of the Gregg Cup and Heanor Town

Council considered options for the future funding if the Gregg Cup and Heanor Town Football Club.

Resolved: That the following funding arrangements be approved –

- (i) Gregg Cup - £300 per year for the next four years.
- (ii) Heanor Town FC Sponsorship Boards - £200 each for 2 boards, for the next four years.
- (iii) Henry Garnett Fireworks - £2,300 for this year and further discussions take place with the football club about future funding levels from the Town Council.

(c) Civility and Respect Pledge

The Town Clerk submitted a report regarding the possible adoption of the Civility & Respect Pledge recommended by DALC, NALC and the SLCC.

Resolved: That the Town Council adopt the Civility & Respect pledge with immediate effect.

(d) Events

The Town Clerk updated Members on progress in organising the Remembrance Day Parade and the Christmas Lights Switch on event. A further report would be submitted to the next meeting. Funding of £2,000 was approved for the Heanor Happening event on the Market Place. In addition, the Town Clerk reported that no further information had been received on an outstanding request from a Member in relation to transferring a previously agreed grant to other projects. Therefore, this matter was withdrawn from this meeting.

Resolved: That the report be noted, and the actions approved.

(e) Speed Indicator Signs

The Town Clerk reported that the Council Had in the recent past considered the introduction of Speed Indicator Devices and that one site had now been approved by Derbyshire County Council as appropriate. Council was asked if they wished this scheme to progress at a cost of around £3000.

Resolved: That this matter be deferred for more detailed consideration of the Executive Committee.

42 Report of the Town Clerk (continued)

(f) Bye Elections

The town Council noted that the recent and forthcoming bye-elections would cost in the region of £25000 and these costs would be contained from balances.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

(g) Derbyshire County Council Review of Library Provision

Resolved: That the Town Council note that the consultation on library provision closes on 2 November 2024 and the Town Clerk would submit a response.

(h) Ward Reviews – Derbyshire County Council

The Town Clerk reported the outcome of the recent Ward Reviews.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

(i) Derbyshire County Council Review of Older Person Support and Residential Care Homes

Resolved: That the Town Council note the response sent by the Town Council.

(j) Financial Regulations

Following the appointment of a Town Clerk and separate RFO it was noted that Financial Regulations required updating so that where the Town Clerk/RFO is referred to it should read Town Clerk or RFO.

Resolved: That Financial Regulations be amended so that where the Town Clerk/RFO is referred to it should read Town Clerk/RFO.

043 Conclusion of Audit of Accounts

Resolved: That the conclusion of the Audit of Accounts for 2023/2024 and the report of the External Auditor be noted.

044 Finance

(a) Bacs payments – May 2024 to July 2024

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
DUWC	Funding of advisor	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning	37.40	7.48	44.88
Tudor Landscapes	Winding Wheel Maintenance	63.00	0.00	63.00
Euro Office	Clipboards	28.17	5.63	33.80
D&CS	Water temperature monitoring	240.00	48.00	288.00
Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier charges	323.99	64.80	388.79
Carlin Security	Security services	225.00	0.00	225.00
James Hallam	Insurance cover	11,197.46	0.00	11,197.46
HMRC	Overpaid	0.03	0.00	0.03
HMRC	PAYE, NI	1084.01	0.00	1084.01
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	1,048.44	0.00	1,048.44

044 Finance (continued)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salaries/wages/mayoral allowance	5,380.48	0.00	5,380.48
Les Riley	Boiler service	360.00	72.00	432.00
Cleaver Thompson	Legal services	200.00	40.00	240.00
Cleaver Thompson	Legal services	250.00	50.00	300.00
Tudor Landscapes	Installation of bench	108.48	0.00	108.48
Tudor Landscapes	Ground maintenance	148.55	0.00	148.55
PTSG	Lightning protection inspection	144.00	28.80	172.80
DALC	Councillor Training	308.50	0.00	308.50
PDP Storybook	Character hire	600.00	0.00	600.00
Euro Office	Stationery	49.58	9.92	59.50
Chubb F&S	Fire equipment service	430.90	86.18	517.08
Chubb F&S	Fire equipment service	58.00	11.60	69.60
Chubb F&S	Fire equipment service	478.90	95.78	574.68
Heanor Carnival	Funding	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Tudor Landscapes	Summer planting signs	63.00	0.00	63.00
XLN Telecom	Lines and broadband	250.36	50.07	300.43
Nat West	Bank charges	25.20	0.00	25.20
AVBC	Rates	1,325.00	0.00	1,325.00
Drax	Electricity supply	20.65	4.13	24.78
British Gas	Electricity supply	0.60	0.03	0.63
Waterplus	Upstairs water	394.54	0.00	394.54
Smartest Energy	Gas supply	90.48	4.52	95.00
Smartest Energy	Gas supply	87.05	4.35	91.40
Waterplus	Water supply	147.82	0.00	147.82
Waterplus	Downstairs water	35.47	0.00	35.47
British Gas	Electricity	771.26	154.25	925.51
SSE Energy Solutions	Gas supply	396.96	79.39	476.35
Pride Electrical Services	Remove Christmas lights	75.00	15.00	90.00
Petty Cash	Cleaning materials	69.90	0.00	69.90
Staff	Salary/wages/mayoral allowance	5,469.21	0.00	5,469.21
Derbyshire CC	Supperannuation	1,257.88	0.00	1,257.88
HMRC	PAYE, NI	1,271.36	0.00	1,271.36
HMRC	Overpayment last month	-0.03	0.00	-0.03
Tudor Landscapes	Winding Wheel maintenance	72.00	0.00	72.00
EDF Energy	Gas supply – WS	71.33	3.57	74.90
Waterplus	Water supply	405.27	0.00	405.27
British Gas	Electricity supply	162.97	8.14	171.11
British Gas	Electricity supply	718.19	143.63	861.82
Smartest Energy	Gas supply	50.10	2.50	52.60
Waterplus	Water supply	142.04	0.00	142.04
Nat West	Bank charges	19.25	0.00	19.25
XLN Telecom	Broadband & lines	250.36	50.07	300.43
Tudor Landscapes	Wilmot Street Centre maintenance	90.00	0.00	90.00

044 Finance (continued)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
James Hall Plumbing	Unblocking drains Wilmot Street Centre	170.00	0.00	170.00
Groundwork	50% service level agreement Red River Nature Reserve	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
Tudor Landscapes	Pest control – Wilmot Street Centre	38.99	0.00	38.99
Waterplus	Downstairs water	34.45	0.00	34.45
Smartest Energy	Gas supply	90.48	4.52	95.00
AVBC	Rates	1,325.00	0.00	1,325.00
SSE Energy Solutions	Gas supply	63.32	51.25	114.57
Total		£47,720.35	£1,595.61	£49,315.96

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved at a total of £49,315.96.

(b) Income for May to July 2024

Town Hall lettings	2,246.00
Fire Station	3,000.00
Wilmot Street	4,305.50
Town Hall	185.83
Other	13,979.90
Precept	0.00
Total	£23,717.23

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliations – May 2024 to July 2024

Resolved: The above document was received.

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 was completed, approved and signed.

045 Grant Aid

3rd Loscoe Brownies

Resolved: That a grant of £900.00 be approved.

046 Allotments

The Town Clerk reported on a number of issues relating to the allotment sites in Heanor and Loscoe and he was actively working to resolve issues relating to tree growth and neighbour disputes.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

047 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2024/0307 – Scarsdale House Farm, Loscoe Denby Lane, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7RX

Replacement Dwelling.

AVA/2024/0484 – The Country Park Tavern, Old Coppice Side, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7DJ

Proposed conversion from former public house into 10, 2 bedroom apartments.

047 Planning/Environment/Licensing (continued)

AVA/2024/0485 – Harlite Installations Ltd, Midesco House, Burns Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FY

Proposed residential development of none houses, with access road and parking.

AVA/2024/0487 – 39 Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF

New outbuilding to replace existing garage.

AVA/2024/0530 – Co-operative Society Ltd, Holbrook Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7AY

Advertisement consent for 2 x fascia panel, 1 x window vinyl, 7 x vinyl panels.

AVA/2024/0542 – Land Between 22 & 24 Brook Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Outline application for housing.

AVA/2024/0556 – Land Adjacent to 7 Lake Gardens, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of AVA/2021/0708 to install a 1.8m composite fence around perimeter.

AVA/2024/0526 – Former Heanor Grammar School, Ilkeston Road, Heanor, Derbyshire

Listed building consent to install 2 No. doors into existing openings on the first floor.

AVA/2024/0552 – 20 Julie Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HW

Single storey side extension.

AVA/2024/0559 – 8 Victoria Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7SA

Two storey side and rear extension.

AVA/2024/0577 – 47 Loscoe Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FG

Change of use from dwelling house to a house of multiple occupancy for 8 people including a single storey rear extension.

Resolved: To note the above plannings applications and submit concerns in relation to an under provision of public services and the increasing number of HMOs for applications AVA/2024/0307 and AVA/2024/0577. In addition, concerns to be raised over AVA2024/0485 due to over intensive use of the site.

Councillors E Hamilton, and S Bower, having previously declared a personal interest remained in the meeting whilst the item was discussed but took no part in the debate or vote.

Date of next meeting

Note: The next Meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday 14 November 2024 (Town Hall) at 7pm.