

**Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council
Executive Committee meeting
held in the Council Chamber Tuesday 18 October 2022**

Present: Councillors P Jones (Chair), C Cox and C Emmas-Williams.

Also present: L West -Town Clerk

035 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Hamilton (illness) and S Oakes (work).

036 Declaration of Interest

Agenda Item 12 - Future High Street Fund
Councillor C Emmas-Williams – personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council.

037 Dispensations

No request for dispensation was received.

038 Public Speaking

No public present.

039 Exclusion of Public

No agenda item to be taken in Exclusion.

040 Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2022, having been circulated to members, were approved as a true record.

041 Safety of Staff and Councillors

Staff and Councillors had raised concerns over their safety during Council meetings.

Resolved: The layout of the Town Council meeting is reviewed.

042 Additional Staff Workload

In order to meet additional booking requests and the additional work created the existing workforce was discussed.

Resolved: The Deputy Clerk's hours to be increased from 18 to 20 per week with effect from 1 October 2022.

Payment of additional hours to be approved for all staff.

043 Commemorative Sculpture

The artist has come back with a quotation from a contractor to provide a concrete base for the sculpture at a cost of £8070.50 net. The original budget for the sculpture was £10k and £3564 Nov 20 to Andy Mayers £456 Feb 21 Sculpture profiling to Andy Mayers, £2246.75 to Alliance CS Ltd for site report.

Resolved: The Town Clerk to ascertain if the sculpture has been completed. An alternative contractor is sourced to provide a quotation for the concrete base.

044 Complaints Procedure

Members felt the existing Complaints Procedure should be reviewed.

Resolved: A revised complaints procedure is submitted to Town Council for their consideration.

045 Economic and Investment Strategy

It was noted that at the last Town Council meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2022, that the Town Council resolved to continue to try and negotiate a lease for the Charles Hill Playing Fields development with Amber Valley Borough Council, and that we remain committed to the £330k we have already committed, subject to them holding face to face meetings with the Town Council.

046 Future High Street Fund

It was noted that at the last Town Council meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2022, that the Town Council resolved that:

1 The Town Council make no payments to AVBC until a Funding Agreement is in place . The terms of the agreement to be negotiated by the Leader, Mayor and Clerk and brought back to the Full Council for approval.

2 The Town Council have a place on the Strategic Board.

3 The Borough Council hold a face to face meeting with the Clerk, Mayor, and Leader to discuss issues in relation to the working relationship between Councils on the FHSF project.

047 Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at 10am on Tuesday 15 November 2022.