

**Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held at Charles Hill Community Centre on 4 September 2025**

PRESENT: Councillors A Abernethy, S Bower, L Brunelleschi, C Cox, L Cox, M Cresswell, T Crowley, J Gent, E Hamilton, S Hind, A Jones, P Jones, C Neale, A Stevenson and J Ward.

Also present: A Sharpe (Town Clerk), County Councillor Jack Bradley, 2 Police and 22 members of the public.

038 Apologies

Councillor Edge (Work), C Emmas-Williams (Personal), S Goodrum (Work) and M Howard (Holiday).

039 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Councillor P Jones – Personal – Grant application item 7 (f).

Councillor E Hamilton – Agenda item 7 (c) Personal Trustee of Charles Hill.

Councillors E Hamilton and J Ward – Agenda item 9 (Planning applications) – personal – members of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

Councillor L Cox – Director of DALC (DALC subscription)

040 Requests for Dispensation

None.

041 Public Speaking

A member of the public spoke generally about the Grammar and gave his views on the way it could be run as a CIC. He also asked that draft minutes be published sooner.

Also raised by a member of the public was High Street Regeneration and drew attention to the planning application for 80 homes on Codnor Common.

A member of the public then spoke to give his views on leaving party politics at the door and how he would deal with agenda items.

The Borough Councillor gave assurances that the tarmac used on the Market Place after a repair was temporary and the block paving would be replaced.

The Police gave an overview of their work in the Council area.

The County Councillor updated the Council on discussions being held on the Grammar.

042 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 3 July 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

043 Town Mayor's announcements

Since our last meeting the Mayor had attended the following engagements.

- 1 Inspection of the Grammar
- 2 Cygnet Hospital Opening
- 3 Skate Park event
- 4 Heanor Cadets – Had chosen a Mayor's Cadet.

044 Report of the Town Clerk

(a) Additional Christmas Lighting.

(a) Parish Warden

RESOLVED to approve in principle the recruitment of a Parish Warden and hiring of an electric van. Full costings and details to be submitted to the next Town Council Meeting.

(b) Lighting at the for Church

The Town Council previously agreed to meet the costs of the flood lighting at St Lawrence Church (£1800) in 2024/25.

RESOLVED that Council meet the costs for 2025/26 from balances and consider further funding in the next budget.

(c) Notice of Motion

Motion to Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

Title: Community Asset Transfer of Key Heanor Assets from Amber Valley Borough Council to Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

Proposed by: Cllr Alan Abernethy **Seconded by:** Cllr Alex Stevenson

Council notes:

The Grammar, Heanor Market Place, Heanor Memorial Park and Charles Hill are currently owned and managed by Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC).

With the forthcoming changes in local government structure and the establishment of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), there is a risk that the management and decision-making for these assets could become further removed from the local community.

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council is best placed to manage these assets for the direct benefit of local residents, ensuring accessibility, accountability, and alignment with community priorities.

Council believes:

Local assets should be owned and controlled locally, not managed remotely by larger authorities with competing priorities.

A Community Asset Transfer (CAT) from AVBC to Heanor & Loscoe Town Council would safeguard these facilities for future generations.

The transfer must be completed for a **nominal fee**, ensuring no financial burden is placed on the community to acquire what is already theirs in spirit.

The transfer must include appropriate ongoing funding so that maintenance and operation costs are not unfairly passed onto the Town Council's precept and local taxpayers.

Council resolves to:

1. Formally request that AVBC begin negotiations for the transfer of ownership and management of The Grammar, Heanor Market Place, Heanor Memorial Park, Charles Hill to Heanor & Loscoe Town Council under a Community Asset Transfer arrangement, completed for a nominal fee.
2. Include within this request a clear requirement that the transfer be accompanied by the transfer of adequate funding and/or income streams currently allocated to their maintenance and operation.
3. Authorise the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor, to take all necessary steps to progress this transfer, including engagement with AVBC, EMCCA, and relevant stakeholders.
4. Publicly communicate this position to residents, ensuring the community is informed and engaged throughout the process.

RESOLVED that the motion be approved with the addition of the Leisure Centre and Skatepark.

(d) Henry Garnett Fireworks Sponsorship

RESOLVED to defer consideration of the amount of grant for 2025 to the next meeting and seek further information.

(e) General Maintenance of Buildings

RESOLVED to approve the redecoration and improvements to lighting of the Town Hall reception and front office (including Town Hall front signage), arrangements to be delegated to Town Clerk and costs met from balances/maintenance budget.

(f) Grant Application - Salcare

The votes were announced incorrectly as 8 for and 8 against. When checking notes it was found to be 8-7. However this did not affect the outcome of the resolution.

RESOLVED that no grant be made at this point but to be considered further with other charitable applications.

Actual Vote details –

For the resolution	Against the resolution	Abstain
Councillors Abernethy, Bower, Brunelleschi, Cresswell, Crowley, Gent, Hind, A Stevenson (8)	Councillors C Cox, L Cox, E Hamilton, A Jones, P Jones, C Neale, J Ward (7)	None. (0)

(g) Action Plan

RESOLVED to suspend the existing adopted Action Plan for full review.

(h) The Hut

RESOLVED to agree a charging policy for the Community Hut at Hands Road at £16 per hour but free use be granted to the Scouts until the end of December 2025. Also to join the snow warden scheme and store Grit at the site. Prices to be obtained for further works including gates, ramp and flag poles.

- (i) The Grammar
RESOLVED to approve the following statement.

This Town Council supports the concept of community use of the Grammar and will do all that it can to ensure community use is retained as fully as possible.

The Grammar matters, and the Town Council will campaign for the best outcome, but will do it properly: through the council, with transparency, and with integrity. No bullying. No drama. No toxicity.

- (j) Appointment of Caretaker
RESOLVED at a cost of approximately £8000 per annum, the Town Clerk be authorised to seek a permanent caretaker in charge for up to 10 hours per week.

- (k) HMOs
RESOLVED to ask Amber Valley Borough Council to adopt Article 4 for HMOs.

What is an Article 4 Direction for HMOs?

- An Article 4 direction allows a local authority to withdraw permitted development rights.
- This means that a property that was previously allowed to change from a single dwelling to a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) without needing planning permission may now require a full planning application.

- (l) Remembrance Plans
RESOLVED to approve £500 from Balances for petals from St Lawrence Church Tower and cover insurance costs.

- (m) To adopt the Armed Forces Covenant

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise that together we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, including the bereaved, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy, and society they serve with their lives.

Its two principles are that, recognising the unique obligations of, and sacrifices made by, the Armed Forces:

- Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no [disadvantage](#) compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.
- [Special consideration](#) is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

RESOLVED to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant.

043. Finance
RECOMMENDED to approve the Bank Reconciliations (June/July 2025), Payments (June/July 2025) and Receipts (June/July 2025) as attached as Appendix to these minutes.

- 044 Planning/Environment/Licensing
AVA/2025/0452 – Land off Abbott Street, Abbott Street, Heanor, Derbyshire

Proposed construction of a detached self-build house.

TRE/2025/0703 – 9 High Ridge, Heanor, Derbyshire

Removal of cherry tree.

AVA/2025/0502 – 48 Tudor Falls, Heanor, Derbyshire

Proposed single storey rear extension.

AVA/2025/0480 – Heanor Service UK Ltd, Heanor Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Certificate of Lawful Use for existing 24-hour use of retail unit and vehicle fuel station.

AVA/2025/0542 – 10 Burns Street, Heanor, Derbyshire

Proposed installation of external wall insulation with a mix of “brick” style render finish to front elevation and plain render finish to side and rear elevations.

TRE/2025/0727 – 1 Starthe View, Hands Road, Heanor, Derbyshire

Removal of two Norwegian Maples and two Ash trees.

AVA/2025/0588 – The Park Surgery, 60 Ilkeston Road, Heanor, Derbyshire,

Proposed new entrance and cleaners store extensions.

045 Exclusion of Press and Public

RECOMMENDED – ‘That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw’

046. Councillor and Employee Matters

Council considered Councillor and employee matters.
No formal actions agreed