

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 7 October 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, C Cox,
C Emmas-Williams, J Gilbert, S Hart, K Hill, T Holmes,
P Jones, S Kruczkowski, J Stones, J Ward and D Wright.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk) and one member of the public.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

64 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Danvers (illness), S Hind (family commitments) and S Oakes (work).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

65 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declaration of interest was received:

Agenda Item 9 (a) – Heanor Town Football Club

Councillor P Jones – personal – family member associated with club

Agenda Item 13 Planning

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

66 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

67 Public Speaking

Public Matters

Gary Wain has retired from his role as Community Wildspace Officer at Groundwork Greater Nottingham. Gary has spent many years working on the Town Council's Red River Local Nature Reserve.

Agreed: The Town Council to invite Gary Wain to attend a future Town Council meeting to receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Police Matters

No police present. No matters raised.

County Council

No report.

67 Public Speaking (cont.)

Borough Council

Loscoe Dam Action group met on Saturday 2nd October 2021. Unfortunately, the meeting was very poorly attended. The group are to be known as 'The Friends of Loscoe Dam'.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Members of the Town Council were again reminded of the Town Council's Social Media Policy.

Here is a summary of some of the activities of the Town Council

Organised a Suffragette event to acknowledge the visit to Heanor of Emmeline Pankhurst.
Had a commemorative plaque for the Pentrich rebellion erected supporting the rebellion trail and issued information booklets.

Supported Heanor Vision in several activities.

Commissioned World War 1 commemorative seats for Heanor Memorial Park and Red River Local Nature Reserve.

Commissioned a commemorative sculpture for Heanor Memorial Park.

Commissioned commemorative Mining wheels in recognition of the Town's mining past at Charles Hill in Loscoe and Mansfield Road Heanor.

Financially supported the reintroduction of the William Gregg Cup for local schools' football and awarded commemorative trophies.

Provided Heart defibrillators within the local community.

Continue to improve on the Christmas Lights, which were very well received last year and the envy of several neighbouring Councils and are being extended this year.

Provide an annual Christmas event which includes Fireworks and a Santa Claus.

Financially supported the opening the new bowls club facility at Heanor Town Ground.

Continue supporting CAB advice centre in the Town Hall.

Continue supporting Derbyshire Unemployed Workers advice centre at the Town Hall.

Allow the use of the former Fire Station for Phlebotomy services.

Supported the Urban Youth Club at Wilmot Street.

Supporting Blend and Derby County Community Trust in providing activities for young people on Lockton Avenue and Charles Hill.

Provided Recreation facilities on Hands Road.

Supported the provision of a Multi User Games Area on Lockton Avenue.

This leads me on to update members of more of our activities:

Charles Hill

We have responded to the Borough Council stating that 25 year rent free period is a basis for negotiating a lease with them. However, we have yet to have a formal response. They have informed us they are delaying commissioning the building until they have been able to access an £82000 shortfall, this is disappointing given that they have just transferred £900,000 into their reserves. I would guess they do not see it as a priority. However, the Town Council remain committed with their £330,000 contribution. The largest single commitment of any of the organisations involved.

67 Public Speaking (cont.)

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Futures High Street Fund

We are still awaiting clarification from the Borough Council following their Cabinet meeting on how this will be progressed. I must thank Cllr Kruczkowski for making several sensible suggestions to the Cabinet meeting on how to better engage with the resident of Heanor by tweaking their suggested delivery structure and improving the membership of the Project Board regrettably these were ignored. However, we remain committed to contributing £300,000 to help contribute to the Government shortfall in funding requested by the Borough Council.

European Regional Development Fund (formerly referred to as the Welcome Back Fund)

I must thank the staff and Cllr Kruczkowski for their continued work on this project The community will see the benefit of their hard work and hoop jumping.

Heanor Youth Collaboration Group

We continue to meet, and it was agreed that Sporting Communities would front up the grant application for the Police and Crime Commissioners funding.

CAB and Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Advice

Just to remind members that these two organisations have re-opened their services at the Town Hall and any help publicising them would be appreciated.

Wilmot Street Centre

The investment in improving the centre continues and we have been welcoming back many former customers as well as new ones.

68 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2021 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

69 Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Tuesday 31 August 2021 were received by members.

70 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No agenda items to taken in Exclusion.

71 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor had received an invitation to attend the official opening of Heanor Bowls Club but unfortunately had a prior engagement.

72 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Derbyshire County Council – Heanor Market Place Gates

Derbyshire County Council has acknowledged the concerns of the Town Council in relation to vehicles accessing the Market Place to park via the gates adjacent to the former Go Mobile shop. However, the area of the Market Place in front of the shop's forms part of the adopted highway, essentially being a service strip that connects Godfrey Street and Market Street. DCC are not able to restrict access without some form of legally enforceable Traffic Regulation Order.

Resolved: The Town Council to request that Amber Valley Borough Council include a Traffic Regulation Order in their plans for the Future High Streets Fund.

Risk assessment and control measures for this section of highway to be requested from DCC.

72 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(b) AVBC – Consultation Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles

AVBC provided details of revisions made to the existing Statement of Principles. The consultation for the revised statements will run for a period of 8 weeks between 20 September and 15 November 2021.

Resolved: This document is noted.

(c) Heanor Town Football Club – William Gregg sponsorship

Heanor Town Football Club will be holding their annual Gregg Cup Football Tournament and look to the Town Council for sponsorship of the final match.

Resolved: The Town Council agree to sponsorship to Heanor Town Football Club for the final of the William Gregg Football Tournament at a cost of £250.00.

(d) Alliance Consulting Solutions Ltd – Commemorative Sculpture Site Investigation

The above company have provided a quotation to carry out necessary site investigation works in relation to the design of the foundation for the Commemorative Sculpture in Heanor Memorial Park. The cost for these works is £2,246.75 (exc vat).

Resolved: The Town Council agree site investigation works at a cost of £2,246.75 (enc vat).

73 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Nomination form for President and Vice President 2021 AGM

Annual Report 20-21

Newsletter September 2021

Resolved: The above document is received.

74 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (August - wages September)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4202.31	00.00	4202.31
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	20.36	1.02	21.38
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	23.51	1.18	24.69
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
Derbyshire UEW	Funding grant	1000.00	00.00	1000.00
All About Jogging	Funding grant	500.00	00.00	500.00
Heanor Musical Theatre	Funding grant	1000.00	00.00	1000.00
Dynamite Fireworks	Display deposit	875.00	00.00	875.00
Pictorial Ltd	Presentation cheque	25.00	5.00	30.00
Petty cash	Miscellaneous	63.42	5.05	68.47
Diamond Windows	PVC fire exit door - WS	1616.67	323.33	1940.00
Tudor Landscapes	Grounds maintenance – WS	596.00	00.00	596.00
Time Assured	Morley clock service	200.00	40.00	240.00
Amber Sound	Christmas event	500.00	100.00	600.00
P K Littlejohn	External audit 2020/2021	600.00	120.00	720.00
WPS Hallam	Insurance – legal exp	39.20	00.00	39.20
Kirk Contracts	Window/shutter cleaning	25.00	5.00	30.00

74 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (August - wages September)

Pictorial Ltd	Sponsor banner	50.00	10.00	60.00
Tudor Landscapes	Grounds maint. – WW	75.00	00.00	75.00
HMRC	PAYE, NI	849.45	00.00	849.45
Ampetronic	Hearing Loop – WS	649.30	129.86	779.16
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	818.80	00.00	818.80
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	386.40	77.26	463.66
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	214.26	42.85	257.11
Total		15566.68	860.55	16427.23

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £16,427.23.

(b) Income for August 2021

Town Hall lettings	515.25
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	1000.00
Wilmot Street Centre	2637.00
Environment/events	00.00
Other	35.82
Total	4521.40

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – August 2021

Resolved: This information is received.

75 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

The Defibrillator, previously sited on Loscoe Baptist Church has been resited on The Old Fire Station.

The Town Council are looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 20 November 2021 for the Town Council's Annual Christmas Light Switch On event. Volunteers are needed from 3pm – 8pm (or part thereof) to assist with road closures, crowd control, public information etc. Please let the Town Council know if you can help.

A Councillor vacancy has occurred in the Heanor East Ward as a result of the failure, throughout a period of six consecutive months to attend any meeting of the Town Council by Councillor Alex Stevenson. No request for an election has been received, the Town Council may now proceed to co-opt for this vacancy.

A Councillor vacancy has occurred in the Loscoe Ward as a result of the failure, throughout a period of six consecutive months to attend any meeting of the Town Council by Councillor Rachel Waldron.

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre are holding free advice sessions every Thursday morning in the Town Hall.

Derbyshire Dales Citizens Advice are now open in the Town Hall four days a week.

75 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

The telephone appointment system for The Old Fire Station will be extended to 30 November 2021. This phonenumber (01332 7892309) will be open for making appointments from 12 noon to 1.00pm for patients that are unable to access the internet and have no support to book blood test appointments via Swiftqueue.

The Town Council provided sponsorship towards the official opening of Heanor Bowls Club. Unfortunately, the Mayor had a prior engagement, however, Councillors Jones, Bower and Cox accepted the invitation from the Bowls Club and were able to attend the event.

After many months of correspondence, Amber Valley Borough Council are to resite the William Gregg Paver in Heanor Memorial Park.

Resolved: This information is received.

Councillor E Hamilton left the meeting at this point. Councillor K Hill took the chair.

76 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2021/0933 – Reflections Barber Shop, 2 High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EX

Variation of condition 2 (plan condition) and amend description to propose a 5 bed HMO in relation to AVA/2021/0449.

Councillor S Kruczkowski has collected 642 names supporting NO residential accommodation at ground floor within Heanor Town Centre. Councillor Kruczkowski (in a personal capacity) will present the petition at a forthcoming full Council meeting of AVBC and to Nigel Mills MP.

Agreed: The Town Council to invite a Borough Council Planning Officer to attend a future meeting to discuss the borough council's policy on HMO;s and how members can comment effectively on planning applications for the same.

AVA/2021/0819 – Craft Shop, 37 Derby Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7QG

Double storey rear extension to form 2 residential flats.

Town Council comment: The Town Council has concerns over the lack of outdoor amenity space on this development.

AVA/2021/0997 – 15 Gillott Street, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LZ

Two storey rear extension and associated works including the construction of a raised patio.

AVA/2021/1044 – 64 Roper Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7DA

Provision of highways drop kerb and hardstanding vehicle area to the property frontage.

Town Council comment: The Town Council welcome the use of permeable material to part of the hardstanding.

Councillor E Hamilton returned to the meeting and the chair.

77. Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 4 November 2021