

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 4 November 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, M Burrell,
C Cox, S Danvers, C Emmas-Williams, J Gilbert, T Holmes
P Jones, S Kruczkowski, S Oakes, J Stones and D Wright

Also present: K Greaves (Deputy Town Clerk) and one member of the public

There was a minute silence before the start of the meeting in memory of former Mayor of Heanor & Loscoe Town Council Harry Soar.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

78 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Hart (prior engagement), Grainger (work), K Hill (illness), S Hind (family commitments) and J Ward (illness).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

79 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declaration of interest was received:

Agenda Item 12 Planning

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board – leave meeting

Agenda Item 8 - Town Council - Items for Decision/Action (c) - Somercotes Parish Council – No Confidence letter.

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80 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

81 Public Speaking

Public Matters

Councillor C Cox pointed out that the Information Board which Amber Valley Borough Council sited on Heanor Market Place that lists which properties house which shops, has not been updated for some time. It is understood when the Board was installed Heanor Vision would help Amber Valley Borough Council to keep the details updated. In view of the Future High Street funding award could the Town Council ask Amber Valley Borough Council to bring the Information Board up to date.

Agreed: The Town Council to write to Amber Valley Borough Council and ask that they bring the Information Board up to date.

Councillor P Jones spoke about the recent serious anti-social behaviour and assault which took place to the rear of Heanor Town Hall. Concerns were again raised regarding the ongoing problem with the lack of lighting in this area.

There is also no lighting in the Whysall Street pay and display car park. The only lighting in this area is from the loading bay to the rear of Boyes. Councillor P Jones highlighted that even though this is a useable pay and display car park the lack of lighting would not encourage any members of the public to use it and Amber Valley Borough Council should again be reminded of their responsibility to ensure adequate lighting is provided and working.

Agreed: The Town Council to write to Amber Valley Borough Council to remind them of their responsibility to provide lighting and request they fix the lights on the steps at the back of the Town Hall and ensure there is lighting in the Whysall Street pay and display car park.

Councillor Kruczkowski speaking on behalf of the public raised concerns about the lack of working lights in Heanor Memorial Park. There are also bins overflowing and the general lack of tidiness around the Town Centre.

Agreed: The Town Council to write to Amber Valley Borough Council and highlight the ongoing problems and request they ensure street cleaning reaches the expected standards and the lighting is fixed.

Police Matters

No police present. No matters raised.

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

No report.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Future High Street Fund

We are still awaiting the formal response from Amber Valley Borough Council about their decision on the format of the implementation process and the Town Council's involvement. There is some anxiety as the funding must be spent by April 2024. Amber Valley Borough Council are looking to appoint consultants to help design the scheme.

Charles Hill

The semi-finals for the Gregg Cup are on Thursday 18 November with the kick-off times at 6:00pm and 7:15pm. The final will take place on Thursday 25 November at 6:30pm.

Loscoe Dam

I attended a meeting with concerned residents about the danger to wildlife on the Dam caused by discarded fishing equipment at the invitation of Councillor Wright. There is potential for a positive outcome which will benefit both the fishing club and the residents.

82 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 October 2021 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

83 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No agenda items to taken in Exclusion.

84 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor will be attending a 100th Birthday Celebration at Ashfields Care Home on Tuesday 9th November 2021.

The Remembrance Service will be taking place in Heanor on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 10:30am. Volunteers for Road Closures would be greatly welcomed.

The Town Council's Christmas Lights Switch on will take place on Saturday 20th November. Councillors will be sent a schedule detailing the times.

Gregg Cup Final Thursday 25th November 2021, the Town Mayor will be in attendance to present the Gregg Cup and encouraged Councillors to attend.

On Sunday 21st November the Town Mayor will be attending Ripley Town Council's Annual Civic Service.

85 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Clarke-Telecom.com – Proposed upgrade to existing Telecommunications installation
This document identifies Unit 5, Taylor Lane as a proposed site to remove the existing 3 antennas and the associated steelwork, to be replaced with a 6m sub tower, supporting 3 antennas and 1 relocated 03m dish with additional ancillary equipment. Councillor D Wright had shared the document on social media and confirmed there had been an overwhelming positive response from members of the public.

Resolved: This document is noted.

(b) Derbyshire County Council – Heanor Market Place Gates

Following the Town Council's request for a copy of DCC's risk assessment and control measures for this section of highway, a response was received stating that DCC do not carry out a general risk assessment as such as this would not be a practical undertaking when applied to the whole of their network. They monitor safety in terms of reviewing injury accidents and investigating specific concerns.

Resolved: Councillors are encouraged to close the gates if they see them open. They must however not lock the gates just close them.

Councillor E Hamilton (Mayor) left the meeting at this point and Councillor P Jones took the Chair.

(c) Somercotes Parish Council – No Confidence letter

Somercotes PC has declared a vote of no confidence in the Planning Function of Amber Valley Borough Council. The support of the Town Council on this resolution is requested.

Resolved: The Town Council to write a letter in support.

Councillor E Hamilton (Mayor) returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

(d) External flagpole – Town Hall

Following a site visit to the Town Hall. Two options were received – a free standing flagpole at a cost of £1,437.24 and a wall mounted flagpole at a cost of £406.23.

Resolved: The installation of a wall mounted flagpole as agreed at a cost of £406.23.

(e) Synergy – Free Self Defence Classes

Synergy Martial Arts are a hirer of our Wilmot Street Centre on a regular basis. They have held a free workshop for ladies on self defence which proved very popular and as such would like to continue to offer this whilst there is a need.

Resolved: Refer to Executive.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council took the decision several years ago not to lead on any Neighbourhood Plan but is happy to support any community group which wishes to produce one.

The Town Council has written four times to Nigel Mills MP about the Town Council's concerns about changes to the planning legislation and have yet to receive a response.

Resolved: Refer to Executive for more discussion with the possible attendance of Joanne Bamford (Amber Valley Borough Council) to see how it could have any potential to influence the development of the Town Centre.

86 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Newsletter October 2021

Resolved: The above document is received.

87 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (September - wages October)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4326.70	00.00	4326.70
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	28.08	1.40	29.48
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	23.51	1.18	24.69
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
Kirk Contracts	Cleaning of WW	110.00	22.00	132.00
Morris Vermaport	Lift maintenance	97.50	19.50	117.00
Chubb F&S Ltd	Tamper fault repair	227.78	45.55	273.33
P J Lilley Ltd	Replace/repair windows	4245.00	849.00	5094.00
Lite Ltd	25% deposit Xmas lights	755.75	151.15	906.90
Blend Youth Project	Sport/youth provision	263.50	00.00	263.50
Tudor Landscapes	Grounds maint. – WS/WW	180.00	00.00	180.00
Derby County CT	Sport/youth provision	510.00	00.00	510.00
Amber Valley BC	Road closures	40.00	00.00	40.00
AMP Electrical	Electrical works	225.00	45.00	270.00
AMP Electrical	Hearing Loop	570.00	114.00	684.00
Chubb F&S Ltd	Personal panic alarms	382.92	76.58	459.50
Lite Ltd	Column testing	65.00	13.00	78.00
Initial Ltd	Sanitation unit contract	784.60	156.92	941.52
HMRC	PAYE, NI	874.85	00.00	874.85
Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier rental/copies	72.72	14.54	87.26
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	818.80	00.00	818.80
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	387.61	77.51	465.12
SWALEC	Electricity supply - WS	201.82	10.09	211.91
SWALEC	Electricity supply - FS	230.47	11.52	241.99
PTGS Ltd	Lightening Protection test	129.00	25.80	154.80
Flagmakers Ltd	Site survey	96.25	19.25	115.50
Security Plus Ltd	Keyholding services	272.00	54.40	326.40
James Hall	Replace toilet syphon - WS	115.00	00.00	115.00
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	335.56	67.11	402.67
Total		17606.42	1775.50	19381.92

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £19,381.92.

87 Finance (cont.)

(b) Income for September 2021

Town Hall lettings	525.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
Precept	110825.00
Wilmot Street Centre	1699.10
Environment/events	00.00
Other	82.72
Total	113465.15

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – September 2021

Resolved: This information is received.

88 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

Councillor Vacancies

Heanor East Ward – co-option advertised with a closing date of 12 November.

Loscoe Ward – AVBC confirmed proceed with co-option – advertised with a closing date of 3 December.

Heanor East Ward – Councillor Vacancy due to resignation of Frank Carmichael. Vacancy advertised.

Agreed: A letter of thanks be sent to former Councillor Frank Carmichael following his resignation.

Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Met with Firework provider and Rev Shemilt – fireworks to be fired from two sites – St Lawrence's Church and the King of Prussia car park.

Site meeting with Amber Sound, Heanor Markets, Heanor Vision and Holland Fun Fairs to confirm details. Businesses have been informed and invited to extend their opening hours to join in the festivities. Posters have been distributed.

Remembrance Day

Loscoe

10:00am – Service at St Luke's Church, Loscoe

10:45am – public to gather outside St Luke's Church for the laying of the wreaths

Due to Covid-19 the attendees in Church are limited to 50. Representatives have therefore been asked from each Scout group.

Heanor

10.30am – Parade forms up on Market Place

10.35am – Parade moves to Church

10.45am – Lay Wreaths

11.00am – 2 minutes silence and bugler

11.10am – Parade moves off to Memorial Park

11.20am – Service starts

88 Items for Information (cont.)

(a) Clerk's Report

European Development Fund

This fund has been used for the supply and installation of the bunting on Heanor High Street and Godfrey Street, removal of graffiti on the steps and walkway from Whysall Street car park into the Town Centre and additional attractions for the Christmas Lights Switch On event. Several other projects are being pursued.

Anti-social behaviour

There has been a recent increase in anti-social behaviour around the Town Hall, the glass in the automatic door to the side of the Town Hall has been smashed, business owners have been subject to verbal abuse, threats, and physical violence. The Police and Amber Valley's Community Safety Team are aware. The Town Council are seeking advice on security of the Town Hall and personal safety for staff and members.

Resolved: This information is received. Agreed to look at possible use of the European Development Fund to employ Town Centre Marshalls. There could be the potential to use the COVID Marshalls Amber Valley Borough Council have to help reduce anti-social behaviour.

Councillors E Hamilton left the meeting at this point. Councillor P Jones took the chair.

89 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2021/1090 – 5 Carrock Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7PF

First floor extension over existing garage to form additional bedroom suite.

Town Council comment: The Town Council is disappointed to see the removal of the front garden to accommodate an additional bedroom and asks that semi permeable material is used for the new driveway.

AVA/2021/1061 – 27 Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF

Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension.

AVA/2021/1117 – 16 Garnett Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7AS

Single storey side extension and hip to gable conversion.

Town Council Comment: The first-floor plan is labelled incorrectly as the ground floor plan.

AVA/2021/1111 – Land and building on Claramount Road, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire

Dwellings house.

AVA/2021/1053 – 19 Church Street, Heanor, Derbyshire

Variation of condition 2, 5 and 6 of AVA/2020/1187.

Agreed: The Council objects to this application for the variation of conditions relating to the eaves height as it would be overbearing on neighbouring property.

The Council is also of the opinion that highway work should be carried out in accordance with the permission already granted in the interest of highway safety.

Councillor E Hamilton returned to the meeting and the chair.

90. Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 2 December 2021