

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 2 December 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, M Burrell,  
C Cox, S Danvers, C Emmas-Williams, T Holmes,  
S Grainger, S Hart, S Hind, S Kruczkowski, J Stones,  
J Ward and D Wright

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

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**91 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Gilbert (family commitments), K Hill (illness), P Jones (family commitments) and S Oakes (work).

**Resolved:** These apologies for absence were noted.

**92 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register**

The following declarations of interests were received:

Agenda Item 12 (a) – Accounts (payment to PDP Character Hire)

Councillor S Grainger – personal – daughter’s business – remain in the meeting

Agenda Item 15 Planning/Environment/Licencing

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

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**93 Dispensations**

No request for dispensation received.

**94 Public Speaking**

Public Matters

A local business owner addressed members about the poor condition of the buildings along Red Lion Square and the buildings near Tesco Island. He outlined his initiative to work with the business owners to make the shop fronts more appealing. This would in turn make the gateway into the Town more welcoming to visitors, which would create a better first impression of Heanor.

Councillor Kruczkowski raised whether there was an opportunity in the New Year to arrange a meeting with the local business owners to discuss how businesses could pull together to help improve the Town Centre.

Police Matters

No police present. No matters raised.

County Council

No report.

### Borough Council

Councillor D Wright notified members there had been a new appointment on the Charles Hill CIC Board. The person in question is hopeful access to additional funding can be obtained, which will be a very positive step in the right direction towards the development of Charles Hill.

### Outside Bodies

No report.

### Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

#### Gregg Cup

I attended the semi-final of the Gregg Cup at the Heanor Town Ground. Unfortunately, my former school, Howitt, was heavily defeated by the eventual winners, Smalley. I was unable to attend the final for family reasons.

#### Heanor Vision

I attended a meeting with Heanor Vision where the main topic was anti-social behaviour. A PCSO was in attendance, and we should ask if one could attend a Town Council meeting. Other subjects raised were the increasing number of HMOs, festive events, and the Market.

#### Charles Hill

I had a meeting with Amber Valley CVS lottery officer to help in developing a lottery bid to make up the shortfall in funding. I am also aware of other groups looking to help make up the shortfall.

#### Capital Spending

Following a request for projects from members we are developing proposals to put before the Council which include:

Improving the environment around the Town Centre.

Town Centre security.

Christmas/New Year car parking.

Infrastructure issues such as zebra crossings and the empty Barclays Bank and former HSBC buildings be included in the Future High Streets Fund proposals.

Supporting Remembrance Sunday.

Additional events at Red River.

Producing information booklets and Town Guide.

Additional plaque at the Town Hall re suffragettes.

Support a firework festival.

Street lamp banners.

Recognition boards at locations the Town Council have helped to fund ie Hands Road Recreation Ground and Lockton Avenue Recreation Ground.

Wilmot Street Centre improvements.

Electric car charging points.

Extension of Christmas lights.

Vinyl artwork for empty shops.

Work with Heanor Vision to develop a dinosaur event and cinema in the Park.

### **95 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 November 2021 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

## 96 Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2021 were received by members.

## 97 Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Friday 19 November 2021 were received by members.

## 98 Items to be taken in Exclusion

**Resolved:** No agenda items to taken in Exclusion.

## 99 Town Mayors Announcements

The last month has been a busy one for our Town Mayor who has attended:

9<sup>th</sup> November - 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration at Ashfields Care Home.

20<sup>th</sup> November - Heanor's Christmas Lights Switch On Event.

25<sup>th</sup> November - Gregg Cup Tournament Final

The Town Mayor asked to be recorded her thanks to both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for all their hard work in making the Christmas Lights Switch On Event such a huge success.

Councillor Kruczkowski had also received lots of positive feedback from businesses who said moving the event to a Saturday had proved successful. Market traders reported fivefold increases in takings, together with the public houses who had commented how busy they had been on the night with takings up 50 to 60 percent, when compared to a typical Saturday night. The Christmas lighting scheme had lifted the spirits of the community and instilled a sense of pride.

Councillor D Wright commented that Heanor's Christmas Lighting scheme was being viewed as the best in the whole of Amber Valley.

## 100 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Town Council representative on Friends of Red River Group.

Following the resignation of former Councillor Frank Carmichael there is a vacancy for a Town Council representative on the Friends of Red River Group.

**Resolved:** Councillor P Jones is the nominated Town Council representative on the Friends of Red River Group.

(b) Alfreton Town Council – Remembrance Parade 2021

Alfreton Town were concerned over the lack of police support for the Remembrance Parade road closures. They would like to establish if this was the same for Heanor and Loscoe and ask if we would support Alfreton in submitting concerns to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

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

(c) Councillor Vacancy – Heanor East Ward

Members received responses from two individuals on questions in relation to their interest in the above vacancy.

**Resolved:** Mr Brian Gration is co-opted as a member of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council for Heanor East Ward.

(d) AVBC – FHSF Project Board

Amber Valley Borough Council is seeking to work with its partners to deliver the plans for the regeneration of Heanor town centre and the Future High Streets Fund project. The Town Council is invited to nominate a representative to participate in the programme Board.

**Resolved:** Councillor P Jones is the nominated Town Council representative on the Future High Street Fund Programme Board.

**Agreed:** The Clerk send a letter to Amber Valley Borough Council raising the Town Council's concerns over the lack of progress on the Future High Streets Fund project, together with a request for a detailed timeframe/project plan and for a Gantt Chart to be produced.

## 101 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Newsletter November 2021

Newsletter December 2021

Training Update

**Resolved:** The above document is received.

## 102 Finance

### (a) Bacs Payments (October - wages November)

| Payee                   | Description                       | Nett            | Vat           | Gross           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Staff                   | Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow        | 4149.50         | 00.00         | 4149.50         |
| Opus Energy             | Gas supply – TH + WS              | 179.08          | 8.96          | 188.04          |
| Opus Energy             | Gas supply – FS                   | 38.59           | 1.93          | 40.52           |
| AVBC                    | Rates                             | 1237.00         | 00.00         | 1237.00         |
| Tudor Landscapes        | Decorating - WS                   | 1162.50         | 00.00         | 1162.50         |
| Morris Vermaport        | Lift maintenance                  | 57.50           | 11.50         | 69.00           |
| Chubb F&S Ltd           | Annual service contract           | 155.07          | 31.01         | 186.08          |
| Diamond Windows         | Replacement fire door - WS        | 1616.67         | 323.33        | 1940.00         |
| Barriers Direct         | Safety Barriers                   | 121.27          | 24.25         | 145.52          |
| Tudor Landscapes        | Removal floral signs              | 37.50           | 00.00         | 37.50           |
| Tudor Landscapes        | Bulb planting/maint               | 521.14          | 00.00         | 521.14          |
| Morris Vermaport        | Two guide shoes                   | 370.00          | 74.00         | 444.00          |
| Ripley Glass            | Side door glass                   | 355.41          | 71.08         | 426.49          |
| Home Bargains           | Selection boxes                   | 327.92          | 65.58         | 393.50          |
| PDP Character Hire      | Character Hire                    | 365.00          | 00.00         | 365.00          |
| Chubb F&S Ltd           | Emergency light service           | 185.64          | 37.12         | 222.76          |
| Chubb F&S Ltd           | Fire alarm service/battery        | 319.40          | 63.88         | 383.28          |
| Petty Cash              | Reimbursement                     | 88.84           | 9.45          | 98.29           |
| HMRC                    | PAYE, NI                          | 906.05          | 00.00         | 906.05          |
| Cut Price Wholesale     | Christmas Hats                    | 91.59           | 18.32         | 109.91          |
| Derbyshire CC           | Superannuation                    | 818.80          | 00.00         | 818.80          |
| AVBC                    | Licence Fee                       | 180.00          | 00.00         | 180.00          |
| DRAX                    | Electricity supply - TH           | 394.43          | 78.89         | 473.32          |
| Jax 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid | Hi vis vests                      | 28.24           | 5.64          | 33.88           |
| XLN                     | 3 x line rental + calls/broadband | 216.21          | 43.24         | 259.45          |
| <b>Total</b>            |                                   | <b>13923.35</b> | <b>868.18</b> | <b>14791.53</b> |

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £14,791.53.

## 102 Finance (cont.)

### (b) Income for October 2021

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Town Hall lettings   | 825.00         |
| Town Hall Rents      | 333.33         |
| Fire Station         | 2000.00        |
| Wilmot Street Centre | 2745.95        |
| Other                | 192.82         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>6097.10</b> |

**Resolved:** This information is received.

### (c) Bank Reconciliation – October 2021

**Resolved:** This information is received.

### (d) Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet 1 April 2021 – 30 September 2021 Recommendation from Executive committee minute reference 041-2021/2022

**Resolved:** The Town Council receive, agree and approve the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet 1 April 2021 – 30 September 2021.

### (e) Precept 2022-2023

Recommendation from Executive committee minute reference 043-2021/2022

**Resolved:** The precept for the 2022-2023 financial year is £228,300 which equates to a 3% increase on last year's precept of £221,650.

### (f) Fees and Charges

Recommendation from Executive committee minute reference 044-2021/2022

**Resolved:** No increase in Fees and Charges for the financial year 2022-2023.

## 103 Funding applications

The following applications for funding had been submitted:

|                          |       |                                   |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Heanor Vision CIC        | £1000 | Room hire charges, events in 2022 |
| Heanor Weenies Playgroup | £800  | Play fencing and soft play        |

**Resolved:** The Council approve the following payments.

Heanor Vision CIC - £1000

Heanor Weenies Playgroup - £800

## 104 Items for Information

No Report due to the Clerk's absence.

**Councillor E Hamilton and Councillor S Grainger left the meeting at this point. Councillor C Emma-Williams took the chair.**

## 105 Planning/Environment/Licensing

**AVA/2021/1071 – 67 Old Coppice Side, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7DJ**

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of extension to rear of property.

**AVA/2021/1139 – Crown Hand Car Wash, High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EX**

Installation of a freestanding digital advertising display unit.

### Town Council Comment

The Council objects to this application. The proposed digital advertising display would distract drivers approaching from Loscoe Road/High Street, which could cause accidents on the roundabout. There is already high-level lighting on the site which is distracting in the dark.

Councillor S Kruczkowski commented:

"The NPPF (2021) promotes "beautiful places" (126) and requires the long, not just the short term to be considered (130a) as well as visual attractiveness (130b). It also states in 136 that "The quality and character of places can suffer when advertisements are poorly sited and designed".

The design of this gateway to the town is important and an area we looked to improve as part of the Welcome Back Fund, however permanent improvements are not permitted under the fund. This gateway is partly poor because of the view to the car wash area and the back of the Red Lion Public House. However, it is also partly poor because we welcome people to the town centre with a fence. This application proposes a bigger fence. Whilst screening these back areas would be beneficial, the close board fencing is not a robust material and will degrade over time. It will not improve a key gateway to the town.

Can we encourage the applicant to work with the Town Council to mount the advertisement panel on a more robust structure, i.e. a brick wall upon which we can work with local young people and artists to not only draw more attention to the advertisement panel but also the Town Centre. Perhaps the Town Council could contribute towards some of the costs of the wall and secure owner consent to paint an artwork similar to those seen along one of the gateways into Beeston Town Centre. At present, I would recommend we object to the current *detailed design* of the proposals though not object to the principle of the board or its size"

### **AVA/2021/1128 – 111 Ilkeston Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LX**

Advertisement consent for illuminated sign to front of shop above window to read "The Truman Clinic".

### **AVA/2021/1070 – 26 Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GQ**

Outline Application with all matters reserved for proposed one bedroom detached dwelling.

### Town Council Comment

The Council objects to this application. It considers it to be an over-intensive development with cramped accommodation and no parking spaces on what is a very busy road. New regulations are due to come into force in 2022 relating to electric charging points for new builds and this should be a condition if permission is to be granted.

### **AVA/2021/1182 – Oasis Gaming Centre, 24 Market Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7NR**

Resubmission of AVA/2020/0498 for change of use to Taxi Booking Office and air conditioning unit to ground floor rear elevation.

**Councillor E Hamilton returned to the meeting and the chair.**

### **106. Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 13 January 2022**