

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 9 March 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, P Jones, S Kruczkowski, A Longdon, J Stones, and J Ward.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk), PCSO 9156 Mosler and PCSO 4422 Dare.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

133 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sara Danvers (work), J Gilbert (prior commitment), S Grainger (work), B Gration (Family commitment), C Gration (family commitment), S Hart (work), T Holmes (illness), S Oakes (work) and D Wright (work).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

134 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interests were received:

Agenda Item 12 Planning/Environment/Licencing

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

Agenda Item 12 Planning/Environment/Licencing – AVA/022/0067

Councillor S Bower – personal – relative of resident – remain in meeting unless discussed

Councillor J Stones – personal – friend of resident – remain in meeting unless discussed

135 Requests for Dispensation

No request for dispensation received.

136 Public Speaking

Public Matters

A member of the public requested that the Town Council contact Amber Valley Borough Council to ask:

The street cleansing service frequency and areas covered within the defined Town Centre, specifically, emptying of litter bins and street sweeping with a weekly/daily works schedule.

The number of hours of officer visits, per month over the last year, with specific relation to dog fouling, public drinking, and littering enforcement within the defined town centre and Heanor Memorial Park.

Amber Valley Borough Council's policy in relation to replacing damaged litter/dog bins and providing new bins for additional sites.

What services do the Community Safety team deliver within the defined town centre of Heanor and Loscoe.

136 Public Speaking (cont.)

Police Matters

PCSO 9156 Mosler and PCSO 4422 Dare were in attendance. They felt that the wardens, funded by the ERDF, had had a positive effect.

Members commented on the lack of street lighting which contributed to a feeling of unease by residents in certain areas of the Town. It was suggested that this may be something that could be addressed under the Future High Streets Fund?.

PCSO Mosler provided an update on a previous problem encountered with motorbikes riding on local footpaths – she informed members that Derbyshire County Council had agreed to install barriers and have a list of the footpaths affected.

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

No report.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Charles Hill

I remain frustrated and exasperated about the lack of support from Amber Valley Borough Council on moving this scheme forward.

We have had no reply to our email of 21st September offering to take a lease with a 25-year rent free period.

The leader of the Council, Cllr Buttery, has not responded to my letter clarifying the Town Council position and correcting a number of false statements he made at their Full Council meeting in February.

I have no response from Amber Valley Borough Council about my offer to meet Sylvia Delahay, their Executive Director (Resources) to discuss the situation.

If this scheme does not go ahead then, I am afraid the Borough Council will be complicit in its failure. The Town Council has always been prepared to push the boundaries to try and get the scheme going and to say I am bitterly disappointed is an understatement

Capital spends and Town Centre Action Plan

I am still awaiting a date to meet Simon Gladwin and Joanne Bamford to discuss areas of joint interest to help improve the Town as I informed last month's meeting.

Government Changes to Planning Legislation

Once again, I regret to inform members that Nigel Mills still fails to respond to our numerous correspondence about concerns in planning changes. It is now 18 months since our original correspondence to him – I will endeavour to invite Nigel to attend a future meeting of the Town Council.

Futures High Street Fund

I have met both consultants, who will be competing to design the revised Market Place, on behalf of the Council and will be sitting on the panel which makes the decision who to appoint before it goes to public consultation. The consultation will, hopefully, be on 24th and 26th March.

136 Public Speaking (cont.)

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones (cont.)

Heanor Vision Public meeting

I attended the meeting on behalf of the Council. Around 60 members of the public attended, and various issues were raised from policing matters, planning etc.. The Police announced that they will be sending monthly newsletters to Town and Parish Councils

Boundary Commission

As agreed at the last meeting I have written to the boundary commission expressing our concerns over the rewording of the Town Council electoral wards and the creation of a one member Ward.

The Beat the Street

The Beat the Street game will take place in Heanor, and the surrounding areas of Langley Mill, Loscoe and Marlpool, from Wednesday, March 16 to Wednesday, April 13, thanks to a National Lottery grant from Sport England.

Beat the Street Heanor is run by Get Out Get Active Amber Valley and Active Derbyshire, funded by Get Out Get Active, Derbyshire Public Health and the National Lottery via Sport England, and managed by Intelligent Health.

The greater Heanor area is the latest area of Derbyshire to take part in the free scheme, after it was previously held in Chesterfield, Clay Cross, and Derby, with more than 30,000 participants involved.

Beat the Street encourages people to get outside and to get active and is open to anyone of any age who would like to take part.

The game works by turning the town into a real-life game and residents will soon start to see special sensors called Beat Boxes appearing on lampposts around the area.

Prior to the game, primary school pupils from participating schools will be provided with fobs and maps, while parents and teachers will also receive a fob from the school so they can accompany children.

The wider community can pick up a free contactless fob and a map from William Gregg VC Leisure Centre, Heanor Library or Blend Youth Project in Heanor from Monday, March 7.

Players can join a school or community team or set up their own with a minimum of six players. Individual players then walk, run, cycle or scoot between any of the 36 Beat Boxes which are each spaced half a mile apart – hovering their fob as they go. The further players travel, the more points they score for their team.

If players visit two Beat Boxes within an hour they collect 10 points for each Beat Box, and then for every subsequent box they visit they score another 10 points, if no more than an hour passes between each box.

Teams will compete on online leader boards during the four-week game, to be in with a chance of winning a range of prizes.

Amazon vouchers will be awarded for individual, school, community, and charity leader boards along with spot prizes throughout the game.

Welcome Back Fund

I met the Town Centre Wardens and had a good talk with them. Also, a photograph with them and the local PCSO which was not published for several reasons. The major event in support of this will be 'Dino Day' on Saturday 19th March.

Heanor Collaboration Group

I attended a virtual meeting at which we looked at ways of helping the wider Heanor community both public and third sector worked more closely together

137 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 February 2022 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

138 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No agenda items to taken in Exclusion.

139 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor, on behalf on the Council, sent a condolence card to a former member.

140 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) European Regional Development Fund

Councillor Kruczkowski provided members with an update on the use of the above funds, the obstacles encountered in drawing down of the funds and the successful utilisation of the grant.

Resolved: This update is received.

141 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Newsletter February 2022, Newsletter February (2) 2022

Resolved: The above documents are received.

142 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (January - wages February)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4256.25	00.00	4256.25
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH + WS	981.91	196.38	1178.29
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	117.97	5.90	123.87
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
AVBC	Replacement bin	20.00	00.00	20.00
Morris Vermaport	Lift service – TH	57.50	11.50	69.00
Ricoh Uk	Photocopier rental/copies	108.63	21.73	130.36
DRAX	Electricity supply – TH	462.48	92.49	554.97
Page Whelan	Certificates	65.00	13.00	78.00
Pictorial	Xmas banner	50.00	10.00	60.00
SJAB	First aid cover	327.00	65.40	392.40
AMP Electrical	Outside Lights – WS	315.00	63.00	378.00
Tudor Landscapes	Decorating – WS	925.00	00.00	925.00
R Mullard	Update Mayor's Board	45.00	00.00	45.00
Pictorial	Door sign	25.00	5.00	30.00
Tudor Landscapes	Decorating – WS	485.00	00.00	485.00
Excel	Hand sanitiser	39.90	7.98	47.88
Petty Cash	Various	87.66	10.60	98.26
Viking	Postage/stationery	202.37	14.37	216.74
Pictorial	Noticeboard repairs	75.00	15.00	90.00
HMRC	PAYE, NI	1020.44	00.00	1020.44
Page Whelan	Christmas cards	138.00	27.60	165.60
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	923.14	00.00	923.14
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	216.21	43.24	259.45
Total		12181.46	603.19	12784.65

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £12,784.65.

142 Finance (cont.)**(b) Income for January 2022**

Town Hall lettings	1497.00
Fire Station	1000.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
Environment/events	95.00
Wilmot Street	1098.50
Vat Refund	10136.81
Total	14160.64

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – January 2022

Resolved: This information is received.

143 Items for Information

No information provided.

Councillor E Hamilton left the meeting at this point.

Councillor P Jones took the chair.

144 Planning/Environment/Licensing**AVA/2022/0067 – Land off Claxton Street, Heanor, Derbyshire**

Outline application for erection of 5 dwellings.

Town Council comment:

The Council objects to this application.

This site has been the subject of several planning applications and was refused on highways grounds in 2006 but permission was granted on appeal.

In 2016 DCC Highways commented on the application AVA/2016/0311 recommending conditions but this Council believes that this latest application should be refused as traffic in the Area has increased substantially since the original application.

The Council also has concerns in relation to the contours of the site and the disturbance to wildlife.

AVA/2022/0076 – 48 Roper Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7DA

Adaption of front garden for provision of wheelchair platform lift.

AVA/2022/0095 – 126 Loscoe Denby Lane, Denby Village, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 8PP

Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new single storey rear extension.

Councillor E Hamilton returned to the meeting and the chair.

145 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 7 April 2022