

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 2 March 2023**

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

Also present: L West (Town Clerk), and three members of the public.

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**155 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Gration (prior commitment), and C Gration (prior commitment).

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

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

Agenda item 8 (c) - Charles Hill Playing Fields Update

Councillor E Hamilton – pecuniary – Trustee Charles Hill CIO

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC

Councillor J Stones – personal – member of AVBC

Agenda item 14 – Planning/Environment/Licensing

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

**157 Requests for Dispensation**

No request for dispensation received.

**158 Public Speaking**

Public Matters

No public questions submitted.

Police Matters

The Town Council has experienced episodes of anti-social behaviour and nuisance youth. The police are aware.

The Police held a 'safe drive' initiative locally and identified sixty-three offences, including driving without seatbelts, using mobile phones and illegal number plates.

County Council

No report.

## **158 Public Speaking (cont.)**

### Borough Council

At the full Council meeting held Wednesday 1 March 2023 the following questions were put to Councillor Buttery, Mayor of Amber Valley Borough Council.

Q In the minutes of the last Council meeting you referred to potential legal action against Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, can you inform members on what basis this was based?

A This Council (AVBC) does not intend to spend more officer time to try and enforce payment through the courts. It is stated in writing that in year 2 they would pay 50% of the money (equates to £150K), yet when H&LTC were sent the invoice the Council refused to pay and breached the contract.

Q In your report you referenced that you were asking Heanor and Loscoe Town Council to pay the Borough Council £330,000 over the next three months, in respect of Charles Hill. However, that level of payment is not shown on the payment schedule signed between the Borough and Town Council in the Financial Agreement signed in January 2020. Therefore, on what basis has the Borough Council made a unilateral decision about the payments and in breach of its signed agreement with the Town Council.

A The Financial Agreement could not be completed until the Construction Agreement had been signed and also the form of the Deeds of Variation which H&LTC have refused to sign.

### Outside Bodies

No report.

## **158 Public Speaking**

### Leaders Report submitted by Councillor Paul Jones

#### Amber Valley Borough Council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Since I last reported to members I have been able to read the minutes of this Full Council which has raised a number of issues based on comments made by leading members of the Borough Council. The Town Council are investigating and will be reporting back to members at the next Full Council meeting.

#### Future High Street Fund

I regret to inform members that the Borough Council have cancelled next week's meeting in respect of the above. I am not sure if it is because the Chair does not want to justify his comments about the Town Council he made at their January Full Council meeting or because they continue to refuse to share their financial modelling for the development despite a number of requests. This is despite the fact that, at the Borough Full Council meeting last night they have projected income of £30,000 a year from Café and business use from 2024/25, something they have refused to share with Project Board members.

#### Charles Hill Community Development

I have been approached by the local media to explain why the Town Council continue to make financial provision for paying a PWLB for this development, whilst refusing to pay the Borough Council the Town Council's share of the project fees. This, as you should all be aware, is not true. I have a good idea who contacted them about this issue and had to explain to the reporter that this person does not have a good grasp of local government finance or the basis of the Financial Agreement the Town Council has with AVBC.

Having contacted myself and the Town Clerk, I assume they were satisfied with our explanations as I have not seen a report on the accusations.

## **158 Public Speaking (cont.)**

Leaders Report submitted by Councillor Paul Jones (cont.)

### Local Plan

I attend the regular Charles Hill CIC Coffee morning and was able to reassure those present that the Town Council remains committed to funding its contribution to the development.

### Change in Polling Stations

Members will have received an email about changes to three of the polling stations for the up and coming elections they are as follows

HWC ( former HLC register)

Electors now vote at Heanor Free Church on Midland Road instead of Howitt Primary Community school on Holmes Street.

HEM register

Electors now vote at Wilmot Street Centre instead of Lockton Avenue Playing Fields.

HEB/HEL register

Electors now vote at Church Hall, Breach Road instead of William Gregg VC Leisure Centre.

Electors will be notified of the change to their polling station by the inclusion of a note on their poll card.

If members have any concerns about these changes please let the Clerk know. The deadline for responses is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### Local Plan

A report to last night's Borough Full Council reported that the minimum housing requirement for Heanor and Loscoe Town Council area was 313 additional houses from 2022-2039 in addition to already approved planning approvals.

They have already identified 254 houses to be built as follows:

Aldreds Lane 180

Leafy Lane 15

Whysall Street 59

This leaves a shortfall of 59 additional houses

Aldreds Lane, Heanor Land is identified at Aldreds Lane, Heanor as a Housing Growth Site.

The site is estimated to have potential for 180 dwellings. In addition to the requirements set out in the Housing Growth Sites policy, any development proposals will need to provide compensation for the loss of any habitat within the site, through the enhancement or creation of suitable habitat at one or more suitable alternative locations, as well as securing an appropriate net gain in biodiversity.

The timetable for the new Local Plan will be going to the next Full Council following consultation with Derby City Council

The Sacrifice Sculpture is on schedule to be sited in Heanor Memorial Park. Groundworks will commence towards the end of March with a view to the sculpture being on site early April.

## **159 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 2 February 2023, having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

## **160 Items to be taken in Exclusion.**

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

## **161 Town Mayors Announcements**

No announcements this month.

## 162 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

### (a) Standing Orders

**Resolved:** The Town Council's Standing Orders were reviewed, amended, and approved.

### (b) Complaints Procedure

**Resolved:** The Town Council's Complaints Procedure was reviewed, amended, and approved.

### (c) Charles Hill Playing Fields Update

No update received.

### (d) King Charles III Coronation

Kings Charles III Coronation will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. It was noted that Derbyshire County Council are providing grants towards commemorative events. The Town Council recognised Her Majesty's Jubilee with bunting in the Town Centre and commemorative pin badges to all primary schoolchildren.

**Agreed:** The Town Council recognise King Charles III Coronation with bunting in the Town Centre and commemorative pin badges to all primary schoolchildren.

The Clerk to contact Heanor Vision to ascertain if they have any plans to commemorate the Coronation. Clerk to explore options for an event/activities that would bring footfall into the Town.

## 163 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

February newsletter.

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

## 164 Finance

### (a) Bacs Payments (January - wages February)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	908.18	00.00	908.18
HMRC	Paye, NI	894.46	00.00	894.46
Staff/Mayor	Wages/allowance	4685.64	00.00	4685.64
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning - FS	50.00	10.00	60.00
Moorleys Print	Carol concert books	210.00	00.00	210.00
Lite Ltd	Christmas lights balance	14763.00	2952.60	17715.60
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning – TH & FS	123.08	24.62	147.70
Tudor Landscaping	Fill grit bins	66.75	00.00	66.75
Shirland Band	Christmas performance	250.00	00.00	250.00
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
XLN Telecom	Phone lines and broadband	237.17	47.43	284.60
Namesco	Gov.uk domain name	215.99	43.20	259.19
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	1225.93	245.18	1471.11
SWALEC	Electricity supply - FS	62.88	3.14	66.02
SWALEC	Electricity supply - WS	312.80	15.64	328.44
Waterplus	Water supply - WS	84.56	00.00	84.56
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	160.13	8.01	168.14
Nat West	Bank charges	27.75	00.00	27.75
Drax Energy	Electricity supply – TH	551.69	110.34	662.03
<b>Total</b>		<b>26067.01</b>	<b>3460.16</b>	<b>29527.17</b>

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts is approved at a cost of £29,527.17

**164 Finance (cont.)**

(b) Income for January 2023

Town Hall lettings	1458.00
Town Hall	263.78
Wilmot Street	1376.00
Fire Station	1000.00
Environment	36.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4133.78</b>

**Resolved:** This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – January 2023

**Resolved:** This document is noted.

**165 Items for Information**

(a) Clerk's Report

The pre-election period (commonly known as Purdah) describes the period of time beginning with the publication of a notice of election, During this time specific restrictions on communications activity are in place. In 2023 notices of election for all polls taking place on 4 May will be published on 22 March 2023. All proactive publicity involving any candidates and other politicians involved directly in the election must cease. The Council should avoid proactively publicising any controversial issues or report views, proposals or recommendations in a way that identified them with individual politicians or parties.

Loscoe Ladybirds W.I. have kindly offered to decorate the Town Council's Loscoe Winding Wheel to commemorate King Charles III Coronation.

One of the internal door windows has been smashed by a member of the public. This was captured on CCTV and the police are aware.

(b) For Information

Heanor and Langley Mill SNT Newsletter

Red River LNR – Quarter 4 SLA Report Jan-March 2022.

**Resolved:** This information is received.

Councillor S Grainger left the meeting.

**166 Planning/Environment/Licensing**

**AVA/2023/0094 – Scarsdale House Farm, Loscoe Denby Lane, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7RX**

Conversion of existing former farm buildings to 2 no. dwellings.

**AVA/2023/0049 – 95A Derby Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7QJ**

Change of use from Flat (C3) to Hot food takeaway (Sui Generis). Installation of new shopfront. Erection of food preparation building. Installation of new commercial extraction system to sit on the outside of the rear elevation.

Councillor S Grainger returned to the meeting.

**167 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 6 April 2023.**