

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 7 March 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors S Bower, L Brunelleschi, C Cox, L Cox, C Emmas-Williams, J Gent, E Hamilton (in the Chair), M Howard, T Holmes, C Neale, J Stones, A Stevenson and J Ward.

Also present: A Sharpe (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and 9 Members of the public.

116 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Beswick (work), M Burrell (other), S Goodrum (work), V Harvey (other), A Jones (holiday) and P Jones (holiday).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

117 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Agenda Item 13 - Planning

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

Councillor T Holmes – personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

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

Agenda Item 8(e) – DALC subscription

Councillor L Cox – personal – DALC board member

ALL WOULD REMAIN IN THE MEETING BUT NOT CONTRIBUTE OR VOTE.

118 Requests for Dispensation

Resolved: Councillor Burrell and Goodrum were granted a dispensation for non-attendance at meetings to last until 6 June 2024.

119 Public Speaking

Public Matters

A Member of the public spoke to ask the Town Councils support in objecting to Planning Application AVA/2024/0067. (Planning applications were considered later in the meeting and recorded at minute no.128).

Police Matters

No report.

Other Reports

The County Councillor reported that the Pensions Review agreed not to switch from investing in fossil fuels to renewable energy and a report was given by a Borough Councillor of the levels of precept increases – Borough 2.99%, PCC 4.88% and DCC 4.99%.

Leaders Report submitted by Councillor E Hamilton

I attended the first session at The Wilmot Street Centre of the Sing along with Ellie. A group funded by the Town Council, for people who are suffering from dementia and their carers. It also welcomes residents who just want to sing their hearts out. It's important to state that you don't have to be a good singer, enthusiasm is the main factor. It was a fun afternoon and I encourage everyone to go along.

Because of this prior engagement I was unable to attend the Charles Hill tour and I hope that those of you who did attend were impressed with both the outside of the building and the high spec finish inside as I was when I went round a few weeks ago.

Members continue to attend the coffee mornings concerning Charles Hill and also Heanor Vision meetings.

Work has started on developing the new website and rebranding the Town Council

The Council have responded to the consultation on the Local Plan and I strongly urge individual members of the council and residents to use this opportunity to respond with any concerns they may have as this is a very important document as it sets out the vision and framework for future development in Amber Valley up to 2040.

The consultation period finishes on 3rd April 2024 at 4.30pm.

I am very pleased to congratulate Heanor Town Football Club who beat Long Eaton 2-0 to reach the final of the Derbyshire Senior Cup Final which will be played on 17th April 2024 at Pride Park Derby. Their opponents will be Buxton.

This is the first time for 45 years that they have done this, and it is something that should be celebrated.

Busloads of supporters will be going to this, and I would like to suggest that we as a council pay for 3 buses for this purpose

I would therefore like to propose that –

The clerk can look into this cost which will be approximately £1750 and report back to council at the next meeting. This was **Resolved** accordingly.

120 Minutes – 1 February 2024

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2024, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

121 Exclusion of Public

Resolved: that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda items 14 and 15.

122 **Mayors Announcements**

The Mayoress and I presented a cheque for £2000 to Infinite Wellbeing to allow them to develop services for our community.

I attended the semi-final of the Derbyshire Senior Cup when Heanor Town deservedly beat Long Eaton to progress to the Final for the first time in 45 years. The Final will be played on April 17th at Pride Park Stadium.

I have been asked to sit as the independent member on the Florence Shipley and Ambervale Amenities Committee and I attended my first meeting last month.

As Mayor I have signed the funding agreement with Amber Valley Borough Council, on behalf of the Town Council, for our £100,000 contribution to Charles Hill Community Sports Hub. This will be paid over before the end of this month.

123 **Town Council Items for Decision/Agreed Action**

(a) Community Bank Hub

Resolved: That consideration of this item be referred to the next Executive Committee Meeting and then be considered further by the Town Council.

(b) Glue Lane Allotment Site - Flooding

Resolved: That consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting so that the Clerk can meet with the Secretary of The Allotment Association and other parties to seek solutions.

(c) Amber Valley Borough Council – Disposal of Parcel of Land at Heanor Grammer School to the National Grid.

Resolved: To note the disposal.

(d) Heanor Vision Cinema Grant

The council considered a request that the grant of £1650.00 previously allocated for a Cinema in the Park event that did not take place, be allowed to be used for further community cinema events at Infinite Wellbeing.

Resolved: To approve the use of the funds for this purpose.

(e) DALC Subscription

Resolved: To approve the enhanced subscription at a cost of £2,031.60 for 2024/25.

(f) Groundwork Nottingham – Tree Work Red River LNR

Resolved: To approve the costs of the necessary tree works at a total of £2490.00 (inclusive of VAT).

(g) St Lawrences Church – Outdoor Lighting of Church

Resolved: To approve the Town Council, meet the costs of the outdoor lighting from dusk until midnight to a total of up to £1846.80.

(h) Electoral Commission Boundary Review

Resolved: To submit the following response from the Town Council –

The Town Council welcomes the proposed recommendations by the Electoral Commission for the Derbyshire County Council Divisions for 2005 as they keep the single member wards , which we feel are more effective in reparenting communities. The recommendations reflect the County Council Divisions covering the Town Council prior to the 2005 changes.

The proposals for Greater Heanor seat to include Aldercar, Codnor, Langley Mill and Loscoe better reflects the community links between these areas along with the good transport links and links with adjacent Town and Parish Council's. It would also almost reflect the old Loscoe Division of Derbyshire County Council which existed prior to 2005 which combined Aldercar, Langley Mill and Loscoe and certainly the historic links when they were all part of the old Heanor Urban District Council

The previous boundary of the Greater Heanor Division post 2005 did not reflect any community or easy transport links

The proposal for Heanor Central covers the existing Borough Councils Ward of Heanor East and Heanor West (prior to the boundary review for the 2024 Elections) This is a better reflection of these communities as they are seen as one whole community within the Town and have excellent transport links. Again, they reflect the boundaries of the old Heanor Urban District Council.

(f) Amber Valley PSPO Consultation

Resolved: To note and Members and the public may respond via the consultation website if they choose to do so.

124 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils February Newsletter

Resolved: The above document is received.

125 Finance

(a) Bacs payments – January 2024

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Lite Ltd	Removal of xmas lights	5942.00	1188.40	7130.40
Lite Ltd	Removal of xmas lights	2648.25	529.65	3177.90
P J Lilley Ltd	TH Roof repair	1280.00	256.00	1536.00
Security Plus	Alarm response	20.00	4.00	24.00

D M Payroll	Payroll services	240.00	00.00	240.00
Carlin Security	Town Council meeting	150.00	00.00	150.00
Security Plus	Keyholding services	272.00	54.40	326.40
D & CS Ltd	Water temp monitoring	240.00	48.00	288.00
Itseeze Websites	Web design	550.00	110.00	660.00
Chubb F&S Ltd	Emergency lightening service	103.03	20.61	123.64
James Hall Plumbing	Drains & radiator - WS	380.00	00.00	380.00
Viking	Cleaning/stationery	173.02	34.60	207.62
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning	123.08	24.62	147.70
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	14.75	0.74	15.49
Staff/Mayor	Wages/allowance	5720.35	00.00	5720.35
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	999.33	00.00	999.33
HMRC	Paye, NI	1108.57	00.00	1108.57
AA Tree Surgeons	Remove split limb - RR	250.00	50.00	300.00
Chubb F&S Ltd	CCTV contract – WS	214.11	39.22	253.33
Waterplus	TH water supply - upstairs	371.27	00.00	371.27
Waterplus	TH water supply – downstairs	33.22	00.00	33.22
AVBC	Rates	1266.00	00.00	1266.00
Waterplus	Water supply – WS	109.99	00.00	109.99
Smartest Energy	Gas supply – WS	286.96	14.35	301.31
XLN Telecom	Phone lines and broadband	219.42	43.88	263.30
Nat West	Bank charges	16.45	00.00	16.45
EDF energy	Gas supply – WS	117.50	23.50	141.00
Total		22849.30	2441.97	25291.27

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved at a total of £25,291.27.

(b) Income for January 2024

Town Hall lettings	484.00
Fire Station	0.00
Wilmot Street	1253.00
Town Hall	316.47
Vat Refund	9287.62
Total	11341.09

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliations – January 2024

Resolved: The above document was received.

126 Grant Aid

Heanor Happy Café

Resolved: That a grant cannot be made as the organisation does not have a bank account. They are able to reapply if they meet this condition of grant.

127 For Information

ANPR Pilot Scheme

The PCC for Derbyshire was to launch a pilot scheme across the districts, including Amber Valley and sought interest from Town and Parish Council's who may wish to be involved.

Resolved: To let the PCC know the Town Council may be interested in taking part and seek more information.

Notice of Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

It was also **NOTED** that general comments and representations on a current review of parliamentary polling districts, polling places and polling stations. Documents relating to the review could be inspected on Amber Valley Borough Councils website at www.ambervalley.gov.uk or at the Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley.

128 Planning/Environment/Licensing

Councillor Hamilton vacated the Chair for this item and Councillor M Howard acted as Chair.

AVA/2024/0031 – 12 Purchase Avenue, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GB

Remove existing conservatory and replace with larger single storey rear extension.

AVA/2024/0039 – Former car park of Derby Arms, East Nelson Street, Heanor, Derbyshire

Installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and associated electrical enabling equipment. Proposed protective railing, impact protection posts, feeder pillar, delivery company locker, and light and camera column.

AVA/2024/0067 – 2 Kings Close, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7RF

Change of use of dwelling (C3) to a small scale Childrens Care Home (C2).

AVA/2024/0032 – Land Adjacent 13 Heanor Road, Heanor Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Proposed 2 bedroom bungalow.

AVA/2024/0048 – 3 Grammar School, Denby Village, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 8PQ

Loft conversion with flat roof dormer to the rear, window to side and two rooflights to the front elevation.

AVA/2024/0080 – 1A Grace Crescent, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7AP

Proposed single storey rear extension.

AVA/2024/0044 – 2 Starthe View, Hands Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HB

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed change of use of existing dwellinghouse (C3 Use) to a Children's Care Home for up to 3 no children (C2 Use).

PDR/2024/0009 – 24 Joan Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7PL

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed single storey rear extension to extend 6m with a maximum height of 4m and a height of 3 m to the eaves.

AVA/2024/0104 – 41 Sheldon Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LL

First floor side extension and single storey rear extension.

AVA/2024/0097 – Land Adjacent to 16 Nook End Road, Heanor, Derbyshire

Proposed construction of detached bungalow on a site previously approved for a detached bungalow ref: AVA/2023/0501.

Resolved: To note the above planning applications and the Town Council object to AVA/2024/0067 as the town council support the concerns of our residents as per the detailed notes considered tonight.

Councillors E Hamilton, T Holmes, and S Bower, having previously declared a personal interest remained in the meeting whilst the item was discussed but took no part in the debate or vote.

129 Date of next meeting

Resolved: Thursday 4 April 2024.

130 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the likely disclosure of exempt information.

131 Land Adjacent to Roper Avenue Allotment Site

Resolved: That the request to release the restriction on the land be refused.

132 Staffing

Resolved: That Assistant to the Town Clerks contract be extended until 31 March 2025 on the same terms and conditions.