

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 7 April 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, M Burrell, C Cox, S Danvers, J Gilbert, S Grainger, B Gration, C Gration, S Hart, K Hill, P Jones, T Holmes, S Kruczkowski, and J Ward.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk), Elizabeth Barrows – Heanor Market Manager, PCSO T Shale, PC Holland and two members of the public

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

146 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Emmas-Williams (illness), S Hind (family commitment), A Longdon (family commitment), S Oakes (prior commitment), J Stones (illness) and D Wright (holiday).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

147 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interests were received:

Agenda Item 13 Planning/Environment/Licencing

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board – leave the meeting

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

Agenda Item 14 – Charles Hill Playing Fields Development

Councillor M Burrell – personal – member of AVBC

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of AVBC

148 Requests for Dispensation

No request for dispensation received.

149 Public Speaking

Public Matters

Elizabeth Barrows – Heanor Market Manager, provided members with a report on the impact of projects funded by the European Regional Development with specific reference to Dino Day, Town Centre Wardens and PDP Character visits.

Elizabeth Barrows left the meeting.

A member of the public asked if the café in Florence Shipley Nursing Home will re-open.

Police Matters

PC Holland reported that the increasing problems with anti-social behaviour are to be targeted with additional resources. Members of the public are encouraged to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police.

149 Public Speaking (cont.)

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

No report.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Government Changes to Planning Legislation

I must, once again, inform members that the local MP continues to refuse to respond to the Town Councils concerns about proposed government changes to the planning system. It is now 19 months since we originally raised these concerns with him. This is despite several reminders sent to him and his office.

Future High Street Fund

On behalf of the Town Council, I attended a panel discussion with the two prospective consultants' for developing the Market Place. Hopefully, members will have taken part in the public consultation part of the process. It is safe to say that they appear to have different concepts of what the Market Place needs to look like and this, is I think, very pleasing to have alternatives to consider. I am awaiting to hear from Amber Valley Borough Council about which of the applicants was successful. I must remind members that the proposals do have a deadline to be completed, or at least the governments portion of the funding by 31 March 2024

Capital spends and Town Centre Action Plan

I have reminded both Simon Gladwin and Joanne Bamford of the Town Council wish to engage with the Borough Council about investing in the Town to complement the FHSF bid . As yet, I have not had a date for those discussions to take place.

Memorial Park Sculpture

Discussions continue with Amber Valley Borough Council to deliver of the sculpture the Town Council commissioned. It appears that queries over paperwork are the reason for the delay.

Welcome Back Fund

The bench outside the Town Hall is a lasting reminder of the European Funding provided to support this initiative and we will be relocating it to an appropriate place as soon as possible.

Beat the Street

This initiative is still in full flow until 13th April. To date, I understand there have been 3494 players covering 39000 miles which is very positive.

Charles Hill CIO Coffee Morning

I attended the regular coffee morning run by Charles Hill CIO to discuss how the Town Council can support them and the community in this project.

Heanor Free Church Ukraine support event

I attend an event at the Free Church on Midland Road Heanor in fund raising for humanitarian support for the citizens of Ukraine.

149 Public Speaking (cont.)

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones (cont.)

Sewage Spillage

Last year raw sewage spilled 94 times in the Berle Avenue area for a total of 257 hours. Unfortunately, our MP voted against a ban on sewage discharges. It is due to return to the Commons for another vote later this year. I suggest we write to our MP asking him to vote for the ban this time.

150 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

151 Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2022 were received by members.

152 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: Agenda item 14 – Charles Hill Playing Fields is taken in Exclusion.

153 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor had attended Ripley Town Mayor's Charity Evening which raised over £1000 for local charities.

The Town Mayor recorded thanks to Councillor Kruczkowski, Town Council staff and volunteers who all worked tirelessly to ensure that Dino Day was such a huge success.

A total of £462 was raised on the day for the Red Cross/Ukraine Appeal.

154 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

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(a) Amber Valley Borough Council – Street Cleaning

The following information was provided by AVBC following a question raised by the Town Council. AVBC street cleansing team work seven days a week, covering Heanor and Belper. The Heanor lengthsman works Monday to Friday and covers Heanor Town Centre and parts of the outer Town Centre. The sweeper crew visit the Town Centre every weekend. There is no spare capacity to empty more bins than currently in place. Damaged bins will be replaced. Bins may be moved to areas where they would get most use i.e., Town Centres, shops, parks cemeteries etc.

AVBC have one Community Warden responsible for issues within the Heanor area, this also covered Langley Mill and Aldecar, Smalley, Kilburn, Horsley Woodhouse, Marlpool and Shipley, Denby, Loscoe, Codnor, Waingroves and Woodlinkin. A copy of Amber Valley's Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2023 was circulated to members.

Resolved: The Town Council is disappointed with the lack of detail in the Borough Council's response. The Borough Council is requested to provide the Town Council with details of the schedule and streets covered by their street cleansing team.

(b) Amber Valley Borough Council – Venue Hire and IT usage

AVBC has advised including a clause in the hire agreement for our venues which refers to the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Resolved: This information is received.

154 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(c) Derbyshire County Council – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

An application has been received for an Order to be made to modify Footpath No. 84 in the Parish of Heanor and Loscoe.

Resolved: The Town Council welcome this modification order to Footpath No. 84.

(d) Queens Platinum Jubilee

i. Commemorative Tree – Red River LNR

Groundwork have been consulted and would suggest a Common Alder Tree (*Alnus glutinosa*) is planted at the far end of the site quite near to the footbridge but away from the path.

Resolved: The Town Council fund the provision of tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be sited on the Red River LNR.

ii. Keepsake for Primary School children

Resolved: The Town Council fund commemorative pin badges for all primary school children within the Heanor and Loscoe Town Council area.

(e) Blend Youth Project – Provision of Sports and Youth Work sessions

Blend Youth Project, in conjunction with Derby County Community Trust, has been providing weekly youth sessions at William Gregg Leisure Centre. The funding for these sessions has now ended. Blend would like to continue to work with DCCT to provide sports and youth sessions on Lockton Avenue and have approached the Town Council for funding of £2,796 to provide further sessions for a period of six months.

Resolved: The Town Council agree to provide funding for further sports and youth work sessions for a period of six months.

(f) Derbyshire County Council – TVG Application for Land at Thorpe Hill Drive

The application to register the above has been accepted, however the land has not yet been registered as a Village Green. This application has been given a priority level 5, in accordance with the Council's prioritisation scheme and it is not expected to be determined within the next 12 months.

Resolved: This information is received.

(g) Elizabeth Barrow, Heanor Market Manager – Impact of European Regional Development Fund

This item was taken under the Public Speaking section of the meeting.

155 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Newsletter March 2022

Resolved: The above documents are received.

156 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (February - wages March)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	833.90	00.00	833.90
HMRC	Paye, NI	873.89	00.00	873.89
Staff/Mayor	Wages/allowance	5220.42	00.00	5220.42
Derbyshire CC	Land licence – WW	10.00	00.00	10.00
Petty cash	Miscellaneous	91.07	2.03	93.10
Heanor Vision	Funding	1000.00	00.00	1000.00
Pictorial	Signage	55.00	11.00	66.00
Viking	Drinking water	39.98	8.00	47.98
Info. Commissioner	Data Registration	35.00	00.00	35.00
XLN Telecom	Phone lines and broadband	216.21	43.24	259.45
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	329.95	65.99	395.94
Drax Energy	Electricity supply – TH	470.85	94.19	565.04
Morris Vermaport	Lift service – FS	115.00	23.00	138.00
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	582.46	116.49	698.95
Total		9873.73	363.94	10237.67

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £10,237.67.

(b) Income for February 2022

Town Hall lettings	3530.50
Fire Station	1000.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
Environment/events	303.00
Wilmot Street	1756.71
Other	183.58
Total	7107.12

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – February 2022

Resolved: This information is received.

157 Items for Information

Clerk's report.

Citizens Advice unit windows - A glass panel in one of the windows has been broken. An order has been placed to fit a new panel and install sash pull handles.

Telephone appointment system for Phlebotomy Services - The telephone appointment system for The Old Fire Station phlebotomy service has been extended.

The phonenumber is open for making appointments from 12 noon to 1.000pm – 01332 789309.

Loscoe Winding Wheel - Loscoe Ladybirds WI are to decorate Loscoe Winding Wheel in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Increased Fuel Costs - Although this is a concern, most of the supplies to the Town Council were fixed. the ones to expire this budget year are Wilmot Street gas supply (23/10/2022) and the Town Hall gas (30/01/2023).

The Town Centre has again been targeted with graffiti, this was on the retaining wall between the private car park, at the rear of the Town Hall, and Whysall Street car park. This was discovered and reported to Amber Valley Borough Council on 11 March 2022 and removed.

Resolved: This information is received.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Councillors E Hamilton and S Grainger left the meeting at this point.

Councillor K Hill took the chair.

158 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2022/0190 - 24 Springfield Avenue, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LN

Reserved matters application following approval of AVA/2020/0148 for 1 no residential dwelling at land adjacent to 24 Springfield Avenue, Loscoe.

AVA/2022/0225 - 65 Lockton Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7ER

Orangery to rear elevation.

AVA/2022/0244 - Harlite Installations Ltd, Midesco House, Burns Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FY

Change of use from class E offices to two flats Class C3.

AVA/2022/0246 - 17 Purchase Avenue, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GB

Proposed kitchen extension on the rear elevation of existing bungalow.

AVA/2022/0017 - 69 Laceyfields Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HL

Construction of three detached residential bungalows.

Councillor E Hamilton and S Grainger returned to the meeting. Councillor E Hamilton returned to the chair.

PART 11 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

To move the following resolution – ‘That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw’

159 Charles Hill Playing Fields Development

Members were updated on the above project.

Resolved: Councillor Jones, on behalf of the Town Council, continues discussions with Amber Valley Borough Council to progress this development.

160 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 12 May 2022