

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held virtually/on-line, on 1 April 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors K Hill (Mayor), S Bower, R Waldon, F Carmichael, C Cox, S Danvers, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, S Hind, T Holmes, P Jones, S Kruczkowski and J Stones.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

121 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Burrell (work commitments), S Grainger (work commitments), S Oakes (work commitments) and D Wright (work commitments).

Resolved: These reasons for absence were noted.

122 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item 12- Planning/Environment/Licencing

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

Councillor K Hill - personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board

123 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

124 Public Speaking

Public Matters

Graffiti reported on former Heanor College site and Nutbrook Trail.

Future High Street Fund –

AVBC will consult with public and Town Council on how the money is spent.

AVBC have two portable CCTV cameras – these will be deployed into hot spots determined by Police and Crime Commissioner protocol.

Last year 78 complaints were received by the Borough Council in relation to refuse/recycling, with 25 so far this year – not 600 as stated in pre-election leaflets being distributed.

As we see lifting of the pandemic restrictions AVBC are encouraging individuals to plant a sunflower as a symbol of hope.

Pre-election leaflets state that Heanor and Loscoe Town Council have not adopted grit bins, many local Councils have not adopted grit bins. Heanor and Loscoe Town Council feel that the provision and maintenance of grit bins is the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council.

AVBC are to invest in a skate park on Lockton Avenue Playing Fields.

S106 monies are agreed by the Developer and the local Planning Authority.

125 Minutes

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

126 Minutes

The Minutes of the Human Resource Committee meeting held 16 March 2021 having been circulated to members, were received.

127 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No agenda item to be taken in exclusion.

128 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Salary and Job Description Review – Assistant to the Town Clerk

Resolved: The Assistant to the Town Clerk's job title is changed to Deputy Town Clerk/Data Protection Officer. Additional duties are delegated to this post as detailed in the newly created Job Description. Subject to acceptance of the revised title and job description by the Assistant to the Town Clerk an increase from SCP 7 to SCP 11 will become effective from 1 April 2021.

(b) Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Staff Absence Policy

Members received a copy of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Staff Absence Policy.

Resolved: The Town Council receive, approve, and adopt the above policy.

(c) Update on holding of Remote Meetings.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations do not apply to meetings on or after 7 May 2021.

Resolved: This information is noted. The Annual Town Meeting an Annual Town Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 May 2021.

(d) NHS/Keyworkers Bench

A brief discussion took place on the provision of the above. There are a variety of designs available.

Resolved: This agenda item is referred to the Executive Committee.

129 DALC

Meeting notes from Zoom enabled meeting 10 March 2021

Resolved: This information is received.

130 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments for approval

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
February				
Staff (March)	Salary/Wages/mayoral allowance	3583.04	00.00	3583.04
Haven Power	Electricity to Town Hall	394.42	78.88	473.30
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	603.86	180.16	1080.95
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	296.93		
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	136.34	6.82	143.16
Derbyshire CC	WW land licence	10.00	00.00	10.00
Wm Frost	Car Park Rental	850.00	00.00	850.00
Tudor Landscapes	Removal of signage	15.00	00.00	15.00
Mayers Design	Sculpture profiling	576.00	115.20	691.20
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	802.46	00.00	802.46
Tudor Landscape	Grit bin/ FS repairs	109.43	00.00	109.43
Dorma UK Ltd	Shutter door service	261.00	52.20	313.20
Tudor Landscapes	Maintenance/grit bin	1353.55	00.00	1353.55
AVBC	Grit bin refill	192.54	00.00	192.54
XLN	3 line rental/calls/broadband	191.76	38.35	230.11
Inland Revenue	Paye/Ni	753.71	00.00	753.71
O Heap & Son	Fire extinguisher service	601.25	120.25	721.50
Information Comm	Data protection fee	35.00	00.00	35.00
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	102.03	9.41	111.44
Tudor Landscapes	Guttering repair	173.73	00.00	173.73
AMP Electrical	Electrical works	550.00	110.00	660.00
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning	58.85	11.77	70.62
Total		11650.90	723.04	12373.94

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts by BACS at a cost of £12,373.94 is approved.

(b) Income for February 2021

Town Hall lettings	247.50
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	1000.00
Vat Refund	4428.75
Other	174.90
Total	6184.48

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation February 2021

Resolved: This document is received.

131 Clerks Report

AVBC has responded to our complaint relating to bird droppings on the former Nat West property on Heanor High Street. They are aware of this issue and looking into it. Many unused chairs from the Town Hall have been donated to a local Scout Group.

Resolved: This information is received.

Councillor K Hill and E Hamilton left the meeting.

Councillor P Jones took the chair.

132 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2021/0215 – 1 Trinity Way, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7UW

Erection of brick boundary wall to front of property.

Town Council comment:

The Town Council object to this as a retrospective application. The height of the boundary wall restricts visibility.

AVA/2021/0014 – 4 Watkinson Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FX

Two 3 storey semi-detached dwellings.

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’

Councillor K Hill and E Hamilton returned to the meeting. Councillor K Hill returned to the Chair.

133 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – 4 May 2021