

**Minutes of the  
Annual Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held Thursday 12 May 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Eileen Hamilton (Mayor), Councillors S Bower, C Cox, C Emma-Williams, B Gration, C Gration, K Hill, S Hind, T Holmes, P Jones, S Kruczkowski, J Ward, and D Wright.

Also present: Laura West – Town Clerk and four members of the public.

Prior to the meeting Councillor P Jones, on behalf of Charles Hill CIO, handed over a petition to the Town Mayor to be delivered to AVBC requesting AVBC take steps to actively progress the development on Charles Hill Playing Fields.

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**001 To Elect a Mayor**

Councillor Eileen Hamilton (retiring Mayor) opened the meeting by asking for nominations for the position of Town Mayor for the year 2022/2023.

Councillor P Jones nominated Councillor E Hamilton, seconded by Councillor C Cox.

No other nominations were received.

Councillor E Hamilton was duly elected as Mayor and took the chair.

**002 Election of Deputy Mayor**

Nominations were requested for the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2022/2023.

Councillor P Jones nominated Councillor K Hill, seconded by Councillor C Cox.

Councillor S Kruczkowski nominated himself, seconded by Councillor S Hind.

A vote took place with the following results

Councillor K Hill 9 votes

Councillor S Kruczkowski 4 votes

Councillor K Hill was duly elected as Deputy Mayor.

**003 Election of Leader**

Nominations were requested for the position of Leader for the year 2022/2023.

Councillor C Cox nominated Councillor P Jones, seconded by Councillor K Hill.

Councillor P Jones was duly elected as Leader of the Council.

#### **004 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Danvers (work), J Gilbert (prior commitment), S Grainger (prior commitment), S Hart (work), A Longdon (family commitments) and J Stones (family).

**Resolved:** These apologies are noted.

#### **005 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register**

Agenda Item 16 – Charles Hill Playing Fields

Councillor Eileen Hamilton – personal – Member of Charles Hill CIO (remain in the meeting)

Councillor C Emmas-Williams – personal – member of AVBC (leave meeting)

Councillor D Wright – personal – member of AVBC (leave meeting)

#### **006 Dispensations**

**Resolved:** Dispensation was granted for all Councillors to participate in items relating to Precept for this financial year as without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business.

#### **007 Public Speaking**

##### (a) Public Matters

Leonie George – Heanor Vision, thanked the Council for the Christmas light switch on event and dino day – both days drove up footfall in the town and raised awareness of both businesses and traders. The Town Council were asked to discuss the possibility of employing a Town Centre Manager and/or Town Centre Wardens.

A local business owner reported incidents of broken glass and discarded needles and stated that streets are not being swept in Heanor town centre, he also voiced concerns over anti-social behaviour.

A local resident would like to see a strategic plan for the development of Heanor.

It was noted that the Government are currently consulting on an Online Sales Tax which would be levied on goods sold by bigger businesses where the revenue would be used to discount business rates.

**Agreed:** The Town Council contact our MP and ask for his support of the Online Sales Tax.

##### (b) Police Matters

Apologies had been received from Heanor SNT.

#### County Council

No report.

#### Borough Council

No report.

#### Outside Bodies

No report.

## **008 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2022 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the Mayor.

## **009 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held 19 April 2022 were received by members.

## **010 Items to be taken in Exclusion**

**Resolved:** Agenda Item 16 – Charles Hill Playing Fields Development to be taken in exclusion.

## **011 Town Council – Items for Decision**

(a) The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

It was confirmed that the Town Council meets the following conditions relevant to the above:

- i) the total number of members elected to the council is greater than two third of the total number of members of the council.
- ii) the Town Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration
- iii) the Town Clerk has completed Section 7 – General Power of Competence CiLCA 2012.

**Resolved:** Heanor and Loscoe Town Council adopt the General Power of Competence.

(b) Committee Structure

**Resolved:** The Town Council Committee structure for 2022/2023 is: -

### Planning

Councillors: S Bower, C Cox, T Holmes, and J Ward.

Councillor Cox to chair this committee.

### Executive

Councillors: C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, K Hill, P Jones, and S Oakes.

Councillor P Jones to chair this committee.

### Events

Councillors: S Bower, E Hamilton, K Hill, P Jones, and J Ward.

Councillor K Hill to chair this committee.

### Complaints

Councillors: The Deputy Mayor, C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, and J Stones.

The Deputy Mayor to chair this committee.

### Human Resources

Councillors C Cox, K Hill, S Oakes, and J Ward.

Councillor S Oakes to chair this committee.

## **011 Town Council – Items for Decision**

(c) Town Council meetings for 2022/2023

**Resolved:** Town Council meeting dates 2022/2023.

Thursday 16 June 2022  
No meeting in July (Executive committee meeting 7 July 2022)  
Thursday 4 August 2022  
Thursday 1 September 2022  
Thursday 6 October 2022  
Thursday 3 November 2022  
Thursday 1 December 2022  
Thursday 12 January 2023  
Thursday 2 February 2023  
Thursday 2 March 2023  
Thursday 6 April 2023  
Thursday 18 May 2023 (Annual General Meeting)

(d) Town Council representatives to Outside Bodies

**Resolved:** The Town Council is represented on the following outside bodies as below:

Friends of Red River – Councillors C Cox and K Hill.

Charles Hill CIC - Councillor Eileen Hamilton.

Future High Street Fund Project Board – Councillor P Jones.

(e) Account signatories

**Resolved:** Signatories for all Town Council accounts are Councillors Celia Cox, Paul Jones, Kieran Hill, and Eileen Hamilton.

(f) Synergy Martial Arts – Self Defence Programme

Synergy Martial Arts are to hold free Self-Defence classes from The Wilmot Street Centre and are looking to the Town Council to sponsor these events by the provision of free room hire.

**Resolved:** The Town Council will fund classes for a period of six months – further funding may be considered subject to a review on the percentage of attendees who reside within the Heanor and Loscoe Town area .

## **012 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

April 2022 Newsletter

**Resolved:** This information is received.

**013 FINANCE**

(a) Bacs Payments for approval (March - April wages)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/wages/mayoral all	4695.21	00.00	4695.21
DDL Ltd	Pat Testing	90.00	18.00	108.00
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	148.13	7.41	155.54
Tudor Landscape	Grd maintenance	56.87	00.00	56.87
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	489.66	149.47	896.82
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	257.69		
XLN	3 x line rental + calls	216.21	43.24	259.45
Tudor Landscape	Remove rubbish/scrap	32.00	00.00	32.00
AVBC	Event licence	18.00	00.00	18.00
DRAX	Electricity supply - TH	457.26	91.45	548.71
Page Whelan	Letterheads	95.00	19.00	114.00
Viking	Stationery	35.88	7.18	43.06
SWALEC	Electricity supply – FS	195.71	9.78	205.49
SWALEC	Electricity supply – WS	369.88	18.49	388.37
Kirk Contract	Window cleaning	98.08	19.62	117.70
Nat West	Bank charges	21.00	00.00	21.00
Wm Frost Ltd	Car park rental	850.00	00.00	850.00
Pictorial	Posters/noticeboard	233.00	46.60	279.60
CA Joinery	Double fire doors	1874.00	374.80	2248.80
Start Safety	Road safety signs	277.87	55.57	333.44
Special Canvas	Flagpole + flag	455.29	91.06	546.35
Dormakaba	Service/maintenance	622.00	124.40	746.40
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	1019.19	00.0	1019.19
HMRC	Paye, NI	1242.84	00.00	1242.84
Rac3shop	Event vents	151.96	00.00	151.96
Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier rental/copies	81.26	16.25	97.51
Tudor Landscapes	Repair to TH door	40.00	00.00	40.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>14123.99</b>	<b>1092.32</b>	<b>15216.31</b>

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £15,216.31 is approved.

(b) Income for March 2022

Town Hall lettings	1196.25
Town Hall Rents	333.33
Enviro/events	773.07
Wilmot St Centre	1200.25
Other	319.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>3822.08</b>

**Resolved:** This information is received.

### **013 FINANCE**

(c) To receive March 2022 Bank Reconciliation

**Resolved:** This document is received.

(d) To consider Town Council Insurance Cover 2022/23

Members received a copy of the fact finding sheet for insurance cover for 2022/2023.

**Resolved:** This information is received and agreed.

(e) To receive Income/Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet for financial year ending 31/03/2022

**Resolved:** Town Council receive, agree, and approve Income/Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet year end 31/03/2022.

(e) To receive Year End Supporting Notes for financial year ending 31/03/2022

**Resolved:** Town Council receive, agree, and approve supporting notes for year end 31/03/22.

### **014 Items for Information**

(a) Clerk's Report

Town Centre Street Cleansing Areas and Frequency

The street cleansing team start each morning 7 days a week litter picking, opening the toilets, and bin emptying on Heanor market and Market Street before moving on to other areas around Heanor and Belper.

Obviously, the street cleansing teams are a very reactive force and often get called upon to remove fly tipping, used needles, clean up RTC's, graffiti etc, as well as carrying out seasonal work such as leaf clearing, gritting, spraying, and waste removal from all types of events.

Saturday and Sunday the sweeper crews also join the area teams and sweep the four major town centres. The teams then come back into the town centres in the afternoon to empty bins, litter pick and conduct gate locking duties.

The Heanor Lengthsman then works Monday to Friday cleaning and bin emptying in the town centre and parts of the outer town centre i.e. High Street, Derby Road, Ilkeston Road, and Mansfield Road.

**Agreed :** The Borough Councillor to obtain AVBC's maintenance schedule for Heanor Town Centre and surrounding streets.

(b) Miscellaneous

Heanor Safer Neighbourhood Team- April Newsletter

Charles Hill CIO – Championing Charles Hill Playing Fields

Councillor P Jones reported the following:

Funding of youth activity on Lockton Avenue

The work by Blend and Derby County Community Trust funded by the Town Council started tonight from 4-6pm.

Heanor Vision meeting

I was unable to attend the above meeting but sent a report of the Council's activities to be shared at the meeting.

## **014 Items for Information**

(b) Miscellaneous

### 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 with the proposed development on Charles Hill Playing Fields. I will report to members in the confidential section my recent communication with Amber Valley.

### 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 20 months since we originally raised these concerns with him. This is despite several reminders sent to him and his office. According to the details of the Queens' speech on Tuesday most of the proposals which we objected to have been dropped by the Government. However, this still does not get away from the fact that he has not been willing to engage with the Town Council about our concerns and we would obviously, wish to discuss with him the new proposals once they have been published in detail. For that reason, we will continue to try and engage with him on this matter

### Future High Street Fund

On behalf of the Town Council, I attended a meeting with the preferred designers on Tuesday.

They are committed to public consultation about the revised design, once that is available. Although things may go quiet for the next few months they are looking to have a finalised proposal and an application for planning by the end of the year. Any proposal will be complimentary to potential development of the former Grammar School site where possible.

The former Grammar School site has now officially been purchased by the Borough Council.

### Capital Spend and Town Centre Action Plan

I have reminded Joanne Bamford of the Town Council wish to engage with the Borough Council about investing in the Town to complement the FHSF bid at a meeting I attended on Tuesday. She did promise to get back to me.

### Welcome Back Fund

The bench outside the Town Hall has been relocated outside the former Grammar School site on the junction of Mundy Street and Ilkeston Road.

### Far Right Activity in Heanor

Members may not be aware of a Channel 4 Dispatchers documentary this week on the activities of the UK's biggest racist organisation Patriotic Alternative. I regret to say that they have been active in the Heanor area delivering leaflets etc. If you have received any leaflets from them please inform the police. I know I have.

**Resolved:** This information is noted.

**015 PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT/LICENSING**

**AVA/2022/0303 – Roper Wines Food and News, 113 Roper Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7DA**

Single storey outbuilding extension for storage.

**AVA/2022/0301 – 59 Lockton Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7ER**

Erection of a green oak porch to the front and main entrance of the property.

**AVA/2022/0342 – 21 Coppice Drive, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7BW**

Single storey rear extension and relocation and extension of garage to side/rear.

**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’

Councillors C Emmas-Williams and D Wright left the meeting.

**016 Charles Hill Playing Fields Development**

This project is included in AVBC’s capital programme for 2022/23, however, there is currently an unfunded cost and until the funding gap can be resolved the project cannot be commissioned.

**017 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 16 June 2022**