

**Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held Thursday 18 May 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors P Jones (Mayor), N Beswick, S Bower, M Burrell, C Cox, L Cox, J Edge, C Emmas-Williams, J Gent, S Goodrum, E Hamilton, V Harvey, M Howard, T Holmes, A Jones, P Jones, C Neale, Z Parr, J Stones, A Stevenson, and J Ward

Also present: L West – Town Clerk, K Greaves – Deputy Clerk and 10 members of the public.

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 2023/2024.

Councillor A Jones nominated Councillor P Jones, seconded by Councillor N Beswick.

No other nominations were received.

Councillor P Jones was duly elected as Mayor and took the chair.

I would like to thank the Council for giving me the honour of being Mayor.

The role of Mayor is as an honest broker between the members of the Council not unlike the speaker of the House of Commons during Council meetings and of course the civic head of the Council .I will carry out both duties to the best of my ability.

I want to thank Councillor E Hamilton for the way she carried out these duties over the last two years, during what has been a trying time for the Council.

I must say that the recent social media campaign against the Council in the election was the worst I have ever seen, full of misinformation, lies and attacks on our staff. I hope we never see that kind of aggressive negative campaigning again. Certainly, the electorate saw it for what it was. The reason I mention it is because of the impact it had on our staff who all work so hard despite being subjected to this kind of barrage. Those of us who stand in elections should expect it, but to question the professionalism and integrity of our staff is not acceptable.

002 Election of Deputy Mayor

Nominations were requested for the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2023/2024.

Councillor C Cox nominated Councillor E Hamilton, seconded by Councillor N Beswick.

Councillor E Hamilton was duly elected as Leader of the Council.

I would like to welcome all the old and new faces to Heanor and Loscoe Town Council. The increased majority for the controlling group endorses our plans for Heanor and Loscoe as set out in the manifesto, which will be going to the first meeting of the Executive Committee. We are also looking forward to working with the newly elected Borough Council and I was pleased to see Councillor C Cox and Councillor P Jones at the ground-breaking event for Charles Hill which the council has a long-standing commitment for.

003 Election of Leader

Nominations were requested for the position of Leader for the year 2023/2024.

Councillor A Jones nominated Councillor E Hamilton, seconded by Councillor C Emma-Williams.

Councillor E Hamilton was duly elected as Leader of the Council.

004 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Brunelleschi (holiday).

Resolved: This apology is noted.

005 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Agenda item 14 – Planning /environment/licensing

Councillor S Bower – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor E Hamilton - personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor T Holmes - personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

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

A Member of the public was invited to ask the question he had previously submitted, which was *“Will the 21 new Town Councillors pledge to work together to create and adopt an effective town centre regeneration plan?”*, he instead took the opportunity to disrupt the meeting and continually spoke over the Mayor. The meeting was suspended for 10 minutes.

007 Public Speaking (continued)

(b) Police Matters

No Police present. No report received.

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

No report.

Outside Bodies

No report.

008 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 April 2023 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the Mayor.

009 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No items to be taken in exclusion.

010 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) To review Committee Terms of Reference

Resolved: The Town Council reviewed and agreed Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Committee Terms of Reference.

(c) Committee Structure

Resolved: The Town Council Committee structure for 2023/2024 is: -

Planning

Councillors: S Bower, C Cox, M Howard, J Stones, J Ward, and J Gent.

Councillor Cox to chair this committee.

Executive

Councillors: N Beswick, C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, A Jones, and P Jones.

Councillor P Jones to chair this committee.

010 Town Council – Items for Decision (continued)

Events

Councillors: S Bower, E Hamilton, A Jones, P Jones, Z Parr, and J Ward.
Councillor Hamilton to chair this committee.

Complaints

Councillors: The Deputy Mayor, C Cox, M Howard, T Holmes, and J Stones.
The Deputy Mayor to chair this committee.

Publications Committee 40th anniversary of Town Council

Councillors: Town Clerk, C Cox, and P Jones.

(d) Town Council meetings for 2023/2024

Resolved: Town Council meeting dates 2022/2023.

Thursday	1 June 2023	No meeting - Councillor Training
Thursday	6 July 2023	
Thursday	3 August 2023	
Thursday	7 September 2023	
Thursday	5 October 2023	
Thursday	2 November 2023	
Thursday	7 December 2023	
Thursday	11 January 2024	
Thursday	1 February 2024	
Thursday	7 March 2024	
Thursday	4 April 2024	
Thursday	9 May 2024	(Annual General Meeting)

(e) 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 C Neale.

Charles Hill CIC - Councillor Eileen Hamilton.

Future High Street Fund Project Board – Councillor P Jones.

(f) Account signatories

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

(g) Amber Valley Borough Council – Charles Hill Project
Amendment of the Funding Agreement.

Withdrawn by Amber Valley Borough Council.

Resolved: This information is received.

011 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

April 2023 Newsletter

May 2023 Newsletter

Resolved: This information is received.

012 Finance

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

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/wages/mayoral all	4742.03	00.00	4742.03
Waterplus	Water supply – WS	76.83	00.00	76.83
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	119.22	5.96	125.18
Hampshire Flag	Coronation bunting	115.09	23.01	138.10
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	1554.38	339.48	2465.89
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	572.03		
XLN	3 x line rental + calls	262.04	52.40	314.44
Viking	Box files	21.87	4.37	26.24
Les Riley Ltd	Radiator call out	60.00	12.00	72.00
DRAX	Electricity supply - TH	523.33	104.66	627.99
Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier copies/rental	133.01	26.60	159.61
Tudor Landscapes	Replace door panel - TH	259.00	00.00	259.00
County Shoe Care	Gas box lock	45.00	00.00	45.00
Nat West	Bank charges	24.82	00.00	24.82
Tudor Landscapes	Window de-cals	16.80	00.00	16.80
James Hall	Drain and toilet repairs	328.50	00.00	328.50
DDL Pat Testing	Pat testing TH	90.00	18.00	108.00
Cleaver Thompson	CHPF advice	350.00	70.00	420.00
Tudor Landscapes	Repair grab rail - WS	39.28	00.00	39.28
Waterplus	Water supply – upstairs	148.40	00.00	148.40
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	909.18	00.00	909.18
HMRC	Paye, NI	884.25	00.00	884.25
Total		11275.06	656.48	11931.54

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £11,931.54 is approved.

(b) Income for March 2023

Town Hall lettings	1136.75
Town Hall Rents	0.00
Enviro/events	190.00
Wilmot St Centre	1780.00
Fire Station	1000.00
Other	34.55
Total	4141.30

Resolved: This information is received.

012 Finance (continued)

(c) To receive March 2023 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: This document is received.

(d) To consider Town Council Insurance Cover 2023/24

The Town Council to agree Town Council insurance cover for 2023/2024 provided by Aviva Insurance Limited at cost of £9,937.66 plus business travel of £572.04 (administered by James Hallam insurance brokers).

Resolved: Members agreed the above invoice.

(e) To receive Income/Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet for financial year ending 31/03/2023

Resolved: Town Council receive, agree, and approve Income/Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet year end 31/03/2023.

(f) To receive Year End Supporting Notes for financial year ending 31/03/2023

Resolved: Town Council receive, agree, and approve supporting notes for year end 31/03/23.

(g) To receive Internal Audit report for Financial Year 2022-2023

Members received a copy of the above report. It was noted that the system of internal control in place for 2022/23 was effective and functioning as expected.

Resolved: The Internal Audit Report for the Financial Year 2022-2023 was received.

(h) To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2022-2023

Resolved: The Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 was completed, approved and the document signed.

(i) To approve the Accounting Statements for 2022-2023

Resolved: The Accounting statements for 2022/2023 were completed, approved and the document signed.

013 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

After many months and numerous setbacks, the 'Fallen' Sculpture is now sited in Heanor Memorial Park. The Events Committee are to look at arranging an official ceremony.

Loscoe WI made a wonderful job of decorating the Winding Wheel to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The Town Council has secured sponsorship for seven summer hanging baskets.

The Town Hall has been subjected to episodes of anti-social behaviour.

Incidents have been reported to the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The telephone appointment system for The Old Fire Station phlebotomy service has been extended. The phonenumber is open for making appointments, Monday – Friday, from 11am to 1.000pm – 01332 789309.

013 Items for Information (continued)

(b) Miscellaneous

Heanor and Langley Mill SNT Newsletter April 2023

Heanor and Langley Mill SNT Newsletter May 2023

Councillors S Bower, T Holmes and E Hamilton left the meeting.

014 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2023/0269 – 11 Corfield Avenue, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE5 7DF

Single storey wrap around extension.

AVA/2023/0268 – Land to rear of 23 Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire

Proposed three bedroom bungalow.

AVA/2023/0292 – 1 Mundys Drive, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7BR

Proposed construction of single detached dwelling..

AVA/2023/0308 – 39B Lockton Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EQ

Proposed first floor rear extension.

AVA/2023/0313 – 14 Brooklands Avenue, Newlands, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7BJ

Timber shed/summerhouse to rear of property.

AVA/2023/0332 – 16 Garnett Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7AS

Proposed front porch.

Councillors S Bower, T Holmes and E Hamilton returned to the meeting.

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’

015 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 6 July 2023