

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 16 June 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), C Cox, B Gration, C Gration,  
T Holmes, P Jones, S Kruczkowski, A Longdon, and J Stones.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk), Kerry Greaves (Deputy Clerk) PC Holland, PCSO  
Bremmer and three members of the public.

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**018 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bower (holiday), M Burrell (prior commitment), S Danvers (family commitment) C Emmas-Williams (holiday), J Gilbert (prior commitment), S Grainger (prior commitment), S Hart (work), S Hind (family commitments), J Ward (prior commitment) and D Wright (prior engagement).

**Resolved:** These apologies for absence were noted.

**019 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register**

The following declarations of interests were received:

Agenda Item 13 – Charles Hill Playing Fields Development

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – Trustee of Charles Hill CIO

Councillor J Stones - personal – member of AVBC

**020 Requests for Dispensation**

No request for dispensation received.

**021 Public Speaking**

Public Matters

A member of the public spoke about volume of traffic through the Town centre, the withdrawal of a relief road, the justification for it not progressing and what viable alternatives to a relief road are?

A member of the public asked if the Town Council could make Council meetings more accessible by streaming.

A member of the public asked, 'who owns the former Country Park Tavern site?,' would the public be consulted on the new plans for the former Heanor Grammar site and complained about fly tipping on the site and nuisance off-road motorbikes.

Councillor Kruczkowski asked that the Council debate the questions raised in the public speaking section of last month's Council meeting, namely the appointment of a Town Centre Manager and the creation of a strategic plan.

Councillor Cox asked that the Council contact AVBC to ascertain the process and timeline for the £150 energy bills rebate payment.

Police Matters

The police are aware of the nuisance off road bikes and are consulting with other partners to organise a day to target this issue.

## **022 Public Speaking (cont.)**

### County Council

No report.

### Borough Council

No report.

### Outside Bodies

No report.

### Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

#### Local Plan

Amber Valley Borough Council have put forward the following sites for new houses within the Heanor and Loscoe area:- Aldreds Lane 250 homes, Leafy Lane 50 Homes, Whysall Street 59 homes, a total of 359 extra homes for our area.

This will be on top of the under determined application for the 200 at Furnace Lane, Loscoe and 250 extension at Greenacres, the 70 at the bottom of Fall Road, and the final phases of Gregg Avenue (20) Loscoe Miners Welfare (12) and Old Coppice Side (33). A total of 944 extra houses.

The government expectation was 6392 and ABVC are proposing allowing 7955, an additional 1563

The public consultation will be between July and August 2022. I propose we have it as agenda item on our August meeting for the Town Council to debate and respond accordingly.

Given the local opposition to these proposals we need to ensure that the Town's residents are also aware of what is proposed and how best to object.

#### Memorial Sculpture

We are still having discussions about the required engineering works.

#### Heanor Vision

As the meeting is tonight I am unable to report to members.

#### ASB/ Heanor Collaboration Group

I attended a virtual meeting with Blend, Sporting Communities and Active Derbyshire. A discussion took place around how to access the Government HAF ( Holiday Activities and Food) funding, I am awaiting an analysis of the 'Beat the street' event. People and Places are running events to get girls aged 9-15 more active by swimming or accessing the gym, working with Full Power Fitness around building a boxing club next to it. Looking how to access funding from the Princes' Trust to help people who are classified as NEET i.e.: a young person who is no longer in the education system and who is not working or being trained for work.

Around 20 young people have attended the Town Council sponsored activities on Lockton Avenue provide by Blend/ Derby County Community Trust.

Blend are carrying out detached working on Tuesday's and Fridays for six months.

#### Charles Hill Community Centre Development

I continue to have meetings with officers at Amber Valley and other interested parties to look at alternative ways of moving this on.

#### Nationwide Building Society

I have written to the Nationwide Building Society to ask why they are the only branch in the four towns of Amber Valley who are closed on Saturday morning. I am awaiting a reply.

## Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones (cont.)

### Boundary Commission

As agreed by members I wrote to the boundary commission seeking clarification of their decision about changing the wards for the Town Council and removing some of the Town Council area into Shipley Parish. I am still awaiting a response.

### Joint working with Amber Valley in investment

I am still awaiting a response from Amber Valley as to when we can meet to discuss joint schemes such as improved street cleaning, signage, car parking etc

### Strategic Planning for the Town

I have met with the member of the public who raised the issue of strategic planning for the Town, and I think we have the outlines of a way of moving this forward.

### Florence Shipley Cafe

The Council has written to the County Council about whether this facility will re-open. No response has been received to date.

### Skate Park

In March 2021, the Borough Council committed to spending £70,046.26 of unspent 106 monies on a hard surface on Lockton Avenue as the first phase of delivering a Skate Park. At a meeting on 17th March 2022 the same Council withdrew £17,508.76 of funding and are looking to make up the short fall from the capital programme but do not have sufficient funds. The money that remains at £52,542.50 has to be spent by January 2025 or go back to the developer.

PC Holland and PCSO Bremmer left the meeting.

## **023 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2022, having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

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

**Resolved:** Agenda item 13 – Charles Hill Playing Fields Development is taken in Exclusion.

## **025 Town Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor visited local primary schools to attend numerous events and assemblies to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On behalf of the Council the Mayor distributed commemorative pin badges for the children.

The Mayor also opened Amber Valley CVS's Queen's Jubilee Picnic at Charles Hill playing fields and planted a commemorative tree at Ashfields Care Home.

## **026 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action**

### (a) Citizens Advice Derbyshire Districts – Tenancy Agreement

The previous tenancy agreement with Citizens Advice Derbyshire District expired on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

**Resolved:** To renew the tenancy agreement with CADD for a period of three year, with effect from 1 April 2022.

### (b) Groundwork Greater Nottingham – Service Level Agreement for Red River Local Nature Reserve

**Resolved:** The Town Council enter into a Service Level Agreement with Groundwork Greater Nottingham at a cost Of £5,000 per annum for a period of five years.

**027 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

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**Resolved:** The above documents are received.**028 Finance**

(a) Bacs Payments (April - wages May)

| <b>Payee</b>        | <b>Description</b>               | <b>Nett</b>     | <b>Vat</b>     | <b>Gross</b>    |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Derbyshire CC       | Superannuation                   | 883.46          | 00.00          | 883.46          |
| HMRC                | Paye, NI                         | 1053.49         | 00.00          | 1053.49         |
| Staff/Mayor         | Wages/allowance                  | 4096.57         | 00.00          | 4096.57         |
| D M Payroll         | Payroll services                 | 255.00          | 00.00          | 255.00          |
| James Hall Plumbing | Radiator leak - WS               | 70.00           | 00.00          | 70.00           |
| Tudor Landscape     | Clad rear window - FS            | 142.98          | 00.00          | 142.98          |
| James Hall Plumbing | Clear drains/install o/s tap WS  | 240.00          | 00.00          | 240.00          |
| Chubb F & S Ltd     | Fire alarm maintenance - TH      | 405.28          | 81.06          | 486.34          |
| Chubb F & S Ltd     | Emergency Light maintenance      | 106.35          | 21.27          | 127.62          |
| AVBC                | Rates                            | 1242.20         | 00.00          | 1242.20         |
| XLN Telecom         | Phone lines and broadband        | 216.21          | 43.24          | 259.45          |
| Opus Energy         | Gas supply – FS                  | 121.86          | 6.09           | 127.95          |
| Opus Energy         | Gas supply – WS                  | 156.72          | 94.12          | 682.23          |
| Opus Energy         | Gas supply – TH                  | 431.39          |                |                 |
| Morris Vermaport    | Supply and fit guide rollers -TH | 1219.00         | 243.80         | 1462.80         |
| Nat West            | Bank charges                     | 15.05           | 00.00          | 15.05           |
| Microsoft           | E-mail licences                  | 1161.60         | 232.32         | 1393.92         |
| DALC                | Annual subscription              | 1452.20         | 00.00          | 1452.20         |
| Chubb F&S Ltd       | Intruder alarm ann contract      | 769.70          | 153.94         | 923.64          |
| Tudor Landscape     | Grounds maintenance              | 328.00          | 00.00          | 328.00          |
| Petty Cash          | Miscellaneous                    | 89.89           | 00.00          | 89.89           |
| Lite Ltd            | 25% deposit Christmas lights     | 6174.00         | 1234.80        | 7408.80         |
| AVBC                | Refuse contract TH               | 372.93          | 00.00          | 372.93          |
| AVBC                | Refuse contract WS               | 372.93          | 00.00          | 372.93          |
| Keptklean Ltd       | Post event clean up              | 120.00          | 24.00          | 144.00          |
| Cantena Ltd         | Lamp post testing                | 280.00          | 56.00          | 336.00          |
| CBC Computers       | Laptop                           | 619.00          | 123.80         | 742.80          |
| AMP Electrical      | Lighting ICR                     | 240.00          | 48.00          | 288.00          |
| Three Zero One      | Christmas posters                | 260.00          | 00.00          | 260.00          |
| Chubb F & S Ltd     | Fire alarm maintenance – WS      | 75.16           | 15.03          | 90.19           |
| Tudor Landscape     | Fire exit door - FS              | 894.00          | 00.00          | 894.00          |
| Zoom Comms.         | Annual subscriptions             | 59.95           | 11.99          | 71.94           |
| Excel Cleaning      | Cleaning Supplies - WS           | 151.63          | 30.33          | 181.96          |
| P J Lilley          | CADD window repairs - TH         | 339.00          | 67.80          | 406.80          |
| Pride Lighting      | Replace emergency light - FS     | 120.00          | 24.00          | 144.00          |
| <b>Total</b>        |                                  | <b>24535.55</b> | <b>2511.59</b> | <b>27047.14</b> |

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £27,047.14.

## 028 Finance (cont.)

### (b) Income for April 2022

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Town Hall lettings | 5305.50          |
| Fire Station       | 1000.00          |
| Town Hall Rents    | 4000.04          |
| Environment/events | 480.52           |
| Wilmot Street      | 2576.50          |
| Precept            | 114150.00        |
| Other              | 524.90           |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>128037.46</b> |

**Resolved:** This information is received.

### (c) Bank Reconciliation – April 2022

**Resolved:** This information is received.

(d) To consider renewal quotation for annual Town Council insurance cover  
Members received an invoice amounting to £9,632.79 for insurance cover for 2022/2023.

**Resolved:** Members agreed the above invoice.

### (e) To receive Internal Audit report for Financial Year 2021-2022

Members received a copy of the above report. It was noted that the system of internal control in place for 2020/21 was effective and functioning as expected.

**Resolved:** The Internal Audit Report for the Financial Year 2021-2022 was received.

### (f) To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2021-2022

**Resolved:** The Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 was completed, approved and the document signed.

### (g) To approve the Accounting Statements for 2021-2022

**Resolved:** The Accounting statements for 2021/2022 were completed, approved and the document signed.

## 029 Items for Information

### (a) Clerks Report

The Town Council has successfully funded the supply and installation of lighting to St. Lawrence's Church Tower.

Additional security lighting has been installed on the Town Hall.

Loscoe Ladybirds WI have decorated the Winding Wheel at Loscoe to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### (b) For Information

Citizens Advice Derbyshire Dales – Annual Impact Report

Heanor Safer Neighbourhood Team – May 2022 Newsletter

Amber Valley Borough Local Plan – report can be viewed on

<https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/council/committees-and-meetings/>

Road Closure Burnthouse Road can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=129037148>

Road closure and temporary suspension of the one way Order for Gillott Street can be viewed on <https://one.network/?tm=129054226>

**Resolved:** This information is received.

**030 Planning/Environment/Licensing**

**AVA/2022/0304 – Eclipse Inn, 40 High Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LE**

Timber frame function room.

**AVA/2022/0415 – 3A Hill Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GP**

Two storey front extension to provide an additional bedroom and garage to existing bungalow.

Councillor J Stones left the meeting.

Members of the public left 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’

**031 Charles Hill Playing Fields Development**

Members discussed a letter from Amber Valley about the proposed development of the Community centre on Charles Hill. Members, clearly, stated their on-going commitment to the project and agreed to continue negotiations with the Borough Council in an attempt to make progress but any such meeting should be without pre conditions.

**Resolved:** The Leader of the Council to write to Amber Valley requesting a face to face meeting

**032 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 4 August 2022**