

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 5 August 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, M Burrell, C Cox, S Danvers, C Emmas-Williams, S Grainger, S Hind, P Jones, S Kruczkowski, J Stones and J Ward.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk).
Representatives from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, All About Jogging and Heanor Musical Theatre Group were present for the presentation of cheques.

The Town Mayor presented cheques to representatives from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, All About Jogging and Heanor Musical Theatre Group.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

33 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Hill (family commitments), T Holmes (illness), R Waldron (isolating) and D Wright (work).

Resolved: These reasons for absence were noted.

34 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item 13 Planning

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Agenda Item 14 – Charles Hill Playing Fields Development

Councillor P Burrell – prejudicial – member of AVBC

Councillor E Hamilton – prejudicial – member of AVBC

Councillor S Grainger – prejudicial – member of AVBC

Councillor J Stones – prejudicial – member of AVBC

35 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

36 Public Speaking

Public Matters

No public present and no matter raised.

Police Matters

No police present and no matter raised.

36 Public Speaking (cont.)

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

No report.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Future High Street Fund

We are still awaiting information from the Borough Council on how the Fund is to be spent and the role of the Town Council. I understand that the FHSF is an agenda item on the Cabinet meeting scheduled 8 September 2021.

Welcome Back Fund

The officers and members of the Events Committee, ably assisted by Cllr Kruczkowski, are developing a programme which will, hopefully, uplift the Town and show that Heanor is back in business. I look forward to receiving the European Union flag from the Borough Council so that we may display it in appreciation of their funding the scheme.

Heanor Collaboration Group

I continue to have discussions with the group, and they are currently co-ordinating a response to the Police and Crime Commissioner's anti-social behaviour grant scheme. Just to make members aware, if they missed it in last month's Executive minutes, the Town Council is funding additional sessions by Blend and Derby County Community Trust for engagement with young people at Lockton Avenue. We have also had a meeting with Sporting Communities about several issues with engagement with young people which was very positive.

Heanor Methodist Church

I had an informal meeting with the local minister, and it was very positive about the future of the building. I will, hopefully, be able to give members more details later in the year.

37 Minutes

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

38 Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Friday 9 July 2021 were received by members.

39 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: Agenda items 14 - Charles Hill Playing Fields Development, 15 - Cleaver Thompson Transfer of Land, Roper Avenue Heanor and 16 – Cleaver Thompson Sale of 9 Roper Avenue to be taken in exclusion.

40 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor had attended an event in May to celebrate the Royal British Legion Centenary.

41 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

- (a) Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan - Alternative Spatial Strategy
Options for Housing and Economic Growth (Regulation 18 Consultation) (enc)

As part of the preparation of the new Local Plan for Amber Valley, the Borough Council has agreed alternative spatial strategy options for housing and economic growth. Details of the alternative spatial strategy options, how and when representations can be made, are available on the Borough Councils website.

Resolved: This information is received. Individual Councillor comments to be collated by the Town Clerk for submission prior to 30 September 2021.

- (b) Barclays Bank – Closure of Heanor Branch

Barclay's initiatives to mitigate the impact on the community from closure of their branches are centred on educating and helping customers to adopt alternative methods to banking.

Resolved: This information is received.

- (c) Heart Defibrillator – The Old Fire Station

The defibrillator, sited on The Old Fire Station used during an incident in May has not been returned.

Resolved: The defibrillator currently on Loscoe Baptist Church is resited to The Old Fire Station.

- (d) Nigel Mills MP – Planning for the Future

Councillor Jones wrote to Nigel Mills MP in October 2020 with the Town Council's comments on 'Planning for the Future' and requested acknowledgement of the e-mail. Despite two further requests for acknowledgement no response has been received to date.

Councillor Jones proposed the following motion

I propose that the Town Council issue the following press release expressing our disappointment and write to the Borough Council asking what the time frame is for their assessment of having an Article 4 designation for the town.

'Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, at its last Full Council meeting, expressed disappointment that the local MP, Nigel Mills, has failed to respond to any of its correspondence, going back to October 2020, about the proposals in the Government's document 'Planning for the Future'.

Leader of the Town Council, Cllr Paul Jones, commented 'The Town Council has grave concerns about how the proposals in the government document will impact on our community. We are already having many of our commercial buildings converted to Houses of Multiple Occupation which will make the Future High Street Fund proposals harder to deliver. Since 1 August planning permission is not needed to convert vacant shops for residential use and the government proposals will prevent local communities objecting to any development in their area once it has been zoned for development. Our town is in crisis over the current change and government proposals and the local MP has ignored our concerns. It is shameful to say the least.'

The motion was seconded by Councillor C Cox and put to the vote.

8 voted for

4 abstained

Resolved: The motion is approved.

42 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Meeting notes from Zoom enabled meeting 30 June 2021

Newsletter July 2021

Police and Crime Commissioner's Office £100k grant Scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour

Resolved: The above documents are received.

43 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (June - wages July)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4364.86	00.00	4364.86
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	58.20	2.91	61.11
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	205.14	20.47	429.84
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	204.23		
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
Excel Cleaning	Cleaning supplies	13.20	2.62	15.82
Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier rental & copies	64.40	12.88	77.28
L/Mill Flooring Ltd	Uplift/dispose of asbestos tiles	2750.00	550.00	3300.00
L/Mill Flooring Ltd	New flooring – main hall WS	3647.00	729.40	4376.40
Tudor Landscapes	Replace lock caretakers' room	49.19	00.00	49.19
Tudor Landscapes	Relace skirting – WS	495.26	00.00	495.26
L/Mill Flooring Ltd	Entrance matting – WS	119.00	23.80	142.80
L/Mill Flooring Ltd	Store room flooring – WS	529.00	105.80	634.80
Tudor Landscapes	Remove skirting/various - WS	204.25	00.00	204.25
SWALEC	Electricity supply – FS	193.87	9.69	203.56
Excel Cleaning	Floor sweeper	55.12	11.02	66.14
HMRC	Underpayment	-68.80	00.00	-68.80
Tudor Landscapes	Repair damaged grass - WS	307.00	00.00	307.00
HMRC	PAYE, NI	841.05	00.00	841.05
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	818.80	00.00	818.80
Tudor Landscapes	WW – grounds maintenance	88.73	00.00	88.73
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	396.40	79.27	475.67
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	202.76	40.55	243.31
Total		16775.66	1588.41	18364.07

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £18,364.07.

(b) Income for June 2021

Town Hall lettings	1472.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	00.00
Wilmot Street Centre	357.50
Other	65.80
Total	2228.63

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – June 2021

Resolved: This information is received.

44 Items for Information

(a) General

Derbyshire County Council – Consultation Derbyshire Bus Service Improvement Plan – a short questionnaire to ensure that improvement plan reflects the views of Derbyshire residents is accessible using the following link https://systrald.researchfeedback.net/dcc_bsip_survey

(b) Clerk's Report

This year's Christmas Light Switch On event will take place on Saturday 20 November 2021. The public issues raised at the last Town Council meeting, namely double yellow lines on Red Lion Square and the covid imposed extended bus stops, has been put into the Derbyshire County Council system by County Councillor Iliffe who will contact us on receipt of a response. The police matter raised at the last Town Council meeting, namely public concern over the apparent rise in drug dealing being witnessed around the Town Centre, has been acknowledged by our SNT who cannot emphasise enough the importance of people reporting these issues when they are happening. Heanor SNT will patrol the area as much as they possibly can.

The Councillor Vacancy in Loscoe Ward will be filled by election. The provisional date for the election is Thursday 16 September 2021.

Heanor Splash Pad remains closed due to vandalism.

Resolved: This information is received.

Councillors E Hamilton and S Grainger left the meeting.

Councillor P Jones took the chair.

45 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2021/0715 – 5 Carlton Close, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7YY

Change of use of an attached residential garage into self-contained hair salon.

Town Council comments: The Town Council object to this application due to the lack of parking space for the proposed business in a residential area.

AVA/2021/0721 – 42 Loscoe Denby Lane, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7RX

Two storey extension to rear elevation.

AVA/2021/0738 – 42 Douglas Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FQ

Conversion of internal garage including construction of square bay window.

AVA/2021/0708 – Land Adjacent to 7 Lake Gardens, Lake Gardens, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Change of use of open land to domestic garden land enclosed with a timber fence.

Town Council comments: The Town Council objects to this application as it would be detrimental to visibility for both vehicles and pedestrians at the junction.

AVA/2021/0778 – 198 Loscoe Denby Lane, Denby Village, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 8PP

Part two storey part single storey rear extension.

AVA/2021/0779 – 104 Milward Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FR

Proposed kitchen, dining and sitting room at ground floor level. Bedroom and bathroom extensions at first floor level. Internal alterations and widening of access drive.

45 Planning/Environment/Licensing (cont.)

TRE/2021/0992 – 24G Lockton Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EQ
Fell silver birch.

AVA/2021/0793 – 71 Hands Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HB
Glazed balcony arrangement to create a double fronted garage with gym and home office.

AVA/2021/0308 – Land adjacent 51 Park Street, Heanor, Derbyshire
Proposed two storey detached residential property.
Town Council comment: The Town Council welcomes the provision of car parking spaces within this application and asks that a condition be applied to retain them in perpetuity.

AVA/2021/0816 – 34 England Crescent, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7BE
Single storey rear extension to a detached bungalow.

AVA/2021/0807 – 132 Milward Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FR
Erection of garden building.

TRE/2021/1002 – 68 Trinity Way, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7UW
Lime tree – 20% reduction, 20% thin and crown clean including removal of epicormic growth.
Lift crown to 7 metres without removal of structural branches.

Councillors P Burrell and J Stones 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’

46. Charles Hill Playing Fields Development

There have been discussions and negotiation with Amber Valley Borough Council on the Heads of Terms for the above development. The resolution below was voted for unanimously.

Resolved: The proposed Heads of Terms are not acceptable. The residents of Heanor, through Heanor Urban District Council, purchased part of the original site and the Hill family donated the rest. The residents of Heanor and Loscoe will be funding the repayment (approximately £25k annually) of a 15 year Public Works Loan Board loan to honour the Town Council’s commitment of £300k to the development and therefore will not be taking any further loans and/or increase in precept to meet any shortfall in funds.

The £300k funding to the development and the additional £30K from the sale of allotment land are subject to

1. The completion of the transfer of land adjacent to the Red River site to the Town Council
2. The Town Council will have a representative on any body that has responsibility for the management of the development once completed
3. Should the management of the completed centre not be successful the Town Council be given the first option of managing the development either by itself or through a third party
4. The Town Council to receive a copy of any draft council/cabinet report for comments and approval, no press releases, or other public communications to be made without the prior approval of the Town Council

Councillors P Burrell, E Hamilton, S Grainger, and J Stones returned to the meeting.
Councillor E Hamilton returned to the chair.

47. Cleaver Thompson Ltd Transfer of Land Roper Avenue

Resolved: The Town Council to complete the transfer of the land at Roper Avenue to Amber Valley Borough Council.

48. Cleaver Thompson Ltd Sale of 9 Roper Avenue

The Deed of Covenant on land to this property has been transferred to the new owner.

Resolved: This information is noted.

49. Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 2 September 2021