

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 2 September 2021**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, M Burrell, C Cox, K Hill, S Hind, P Jones, S Oakes, and D Wright.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk).

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

50 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Danvers (work), C Emmas-Williams (holiday), S Grainger (work), S Hart (work), T Holmes (illness), S Kruczkowski (holiday), J Stones (illness) and J Ward (holiday).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

51 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declaration of interest was received:

Agenda Item 13 Planning

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

52 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

53 Public Speaking

Public Matters

Vehicles are accessing the Market Place via gates adjacent to the former Go Mobile shop which are being left unlocked and open. This is jeopardizing the safety of pedestrians.

Agreed: Amber Valley Borough Council are notified and asked to investigate.

Police Matters

No police present. No matters raised.

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

Councillor D Wright notified members that positive discussions had taken place with Amber Valley Borough Council officers with a view to opposing planning applications for HMO's (Homes of Multiple Occupancy) within Heanor Town Centre.

53 Public Speaking (cont.)

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Derbyshire County Council are currently carrying out an assessment with a view to re-opening Florence Shipley Café mid-October.

Derbyshire County Council have begun to dismantle the Social Distancing measures on the bus stops on the Market Place.

Members will have received an email , informing them that due to a national shortage of test-tubes the use of the Phlebotomy services at the Old Fire Station have been suspended until 17 September.

I continue to attend the Heanor Collaboration Group and we have made progress in submitting a joint application to the Police and Crime Commissioners Grants for Anti- social behaviour. The group have also circulated information about several projects including

Free Cricket Course for 'Girls Only'

Community Mental Health Survey for Young people aged 14-25

Made by Sport Grants(Notts & Derby) for young people 5-25 about

- Developing Life Skills
- Building Strong Communities
- Improving Mental Health
- Developing employability Skills
- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour

Welcome Back Fund- we continue to work with the Borough Council to develop this programme.

Charles Hill Playing Fields Development

Following the last Town Council meeting further discussions have taken place with representatives from the Borough Council and it has been suggested that the Borough Council may be prepared to let the Town Council have a lease with a rent-free period of 25 years . This is a basis to continue to negotiate a lease for the Charles Hill development with the Borough Council

Members were reminded of the Town Council's Social Media Policy.

54 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 August 2021 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the Deputy Mayor.

55 Minutes

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held Tuesday 3 August 2021 were received by members.

56 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: Agenda items 14 – Charles Hill Playing Fields Development to be removed from the agenda.

57 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor had attended the Charles Hill Coffee Morning (held at St Luke's Loscoe every second Thursday of the month) and received an invitation to a Macmillan Fundraiser at Sally's Café, Heanor, unfortunately the invitation was sent indirectly and wasn't received in time for the Mayor to attend.

Councillor D Wright invited the Mayor and Leader to attend a meeting of the Loscoe Dam Action Group to be held on Saturday 2 October 2021.

58 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Groundwork – Red River Quarterly SLA Report April-June 2021

Members received the above report.

Resolved: The above report is received.

(b) AVBC – Future High Streets Fund

AVBC has confirmed that a report will be considered at Cabinet on 8 September where it is recommended that a Heanor and Loscoe Town Council member will hold a position on the programme Board with involvement throughout the ongoing development of this project.

Resolved: The Town Council's £300,000 commitment to this fund is for specifically spending on redevelopment of the former Grammar School. We have committed to paying the monies at 50% in year 2 and 50% in year 3.

(c) AVBC – Local Plan

Based on comments received from individual Councillors, a response was agreed.

Resolved: The agreed response is submitted on behalf of the Town Council.

59 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Meeting notes from Zoom enabled meeting 11 August 2021, Newsletter August 2021.

Resolved: The above documents are received.

60 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (July - wages August)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4100.40	00.00	4100.40
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	16.04	0.80	16.84
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	22.75	1.14	23.89
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
Lite Ltd	25% Festive light deposit	2492.50	498.50	2991.00
Plantscape	Summer planting scheme	4965.20	993.04	5958.24
L/Mill Flooring	Side entrance matting	198.00	39.60	237.60
Chubb F & S	Annual alarm contract	625.04	125.01	750.05
WPS Hallam	Annual insurance cover	5691.44	00.00	5691.44
WPS Hallam	New Business expenses	50.00	6.00	56.00
Tudor Landscapes	Floral display signs	90.00	00.00	90.00
Tudor Landscapes	Grounds maintenance - TH	45.00	00.00	45.00
Kirk Contracts	Window cleaning – TH	58.85	00.00	58.85
Groundwork GN	Red River annual SLA 2020/21	5000.00	1000.00	6000.00

60 Finance (cont.)

(a) Bacs Payments (July - wages August)

Chubb F & S	Upgrade intruder alarm	1202.96	240.59	1443.55
Wm Frost	6 month car park rental	850.00	00.00	850.00
Protec Plc	Fire panel batteries	155.27	31.05	186.32
Tudor Landscapes	Grounds maintenance - WS	115.24	00.00	115.24
HMRC	PAYE, NI	864.25	00.00	864.25
Excel Cleaning	Cleaning supplies – WS	25.59	5.12	30.71
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	887.60	00.00	887.60
Excel Cleaning	Cleaning supplies – FS	79.89	16.00	95.89
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	370.83	74.16	444.99
Waterplus	Water supply – WS	143.64	00.00	143.64
Waterplus	Water supply – TH	318.70	00.00	318.70
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	214.26	42.85	257.11
Total		29820.45	3073.86	32894.31

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £32,894.31.

(b) Income for July 2021

Town Hall lettings	1452.35
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	1000.00
Wilmot Street Centre	2833.00
Vat Refund	6848.30
Other	61.55
Total	12528.53

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – July 2021

Resolved: This information is received.

(d) AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report and Certificate 2020-2021

The External Auditor's report stated that –

'On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.'

Resolved: The Town Council receive the External Auditor Certificate and Report and Certificate for Accounts year ending 31 March 2021. Thanks were recorded to the Town Clerk for her work towards achieving this report.

61 Items for Information

(a) General

Heanor Community Bowls Association – Thank you for Open Day sponsorship

61 Items for Information (cont.)

(b) Clerk's Report

The Village Green application for Thorpe Hill Drive has been validated and accepted. The County Council currently has 25 applications awaiting determination.

The by-election for Loscoe Ward will be held on Thursday 16 September 2021. The Evergreen Community Centre, previous used as a Polling Station, is unavailable therefore the polling station for HLN will be St Luke's Church. Electors will be notified of the change to their polling place by the inclusion of a note on their poll card.

Resolved: This information is received.

Councillor E Hamilton left the meeting at this point. Councillor K Hill took the chair.

62 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2021/0850 – Miah's Takeaway, 19 Loscoe Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FF
Change of use of rear outbuildings to one 2 bedroom dwelling.

PDR/2021/0044 – Heanor Home Discount, 1 Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GD
Application to determine if prior approval is required for conversion of shop for residential dwelling.

The Town Council concerns are

- no site notice has been visible at any stage during the consultation period.
- Heanor has received millions of government funding to regenerate the town. How will this be possible with continued loss of ground floor space to residential use?
- No robust evidence of letting to non-residential i.e., via external building signage and advertising on Rightmove/Zoopla or equivalent.

The Town Council oppose this application.

- In the absence of an up-to-date local plan, the NPPF 2021 is the basis for decisions. The proposals are not consistent with the following paras of the NPPF 2021: 7, 8b, 8c; 10; 35d; 47; 81; 84d; 86; 92; 93; 126; 128; 130.
- In addition, the proposals are not consistent with the National Design Guide, specifically: C1, C2, I1-3; P1-P3; U1; U3; R1.

As such, the planning balance is tipped towards refusal as opposed to approval (which might be argued by the applicant on housing needs grounds).

Residential use at first floor and above is acceptable in the town centre but cannot be acceptable at ground floor on the basis that it does not comply with the NPPF and National Design Guide.

62 Planning/Environment/Licensing (cont.)

AVA/2021/0870 – 146 Loscoe Denby Lane, Denby Village, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 8PP
Proposed 2 no semi-detached residential units.

AVA/2021/0896 – 43 Ella Bank Road, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HF
Double storey rear extension.

AVA/2021/0932 – 130 High Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LG
Single storey rear extension (kitchen diner).

AVA/2021/0699 – 166 Ilkeston Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LX
Certificate of lawful use of proposed single storey rear extension.

Councillor E Hamilton returned to the meeting and the chair.

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