

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 6 October 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors E Hamilton (Mayor), S Bower, C Emmas-Williams, J Gilbert, S Grainger, B Gration, C Gration, K Hill, S Hind, T Holmes, P Jones, S Kruczkowski, S Oakes, and J Ward.

Also present: L West (Town Clerk), K Greaves (Deputy Clerk)
3 representatives from Heanor Weenies Playgroup,
2 representatives from Stepping Stones and 1 member of the public.

The Town Mayor presented a cheque to Wendi Dyer-Freeman of Heanor Weenies Playgroup.

The Mayor's chosen Charity last year was Stepping Stones, Heanor. Donations to the Mayor's charity totalled £200 and a cheque for this amount was presented to Eileen Cheeseman – Manager of Stepping Stones.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

066 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Burrell (work), C Cox (illness), S Danvers (work), S Hart (work), J Stones (family commitment) and D Wright (work).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

067 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interests were received:

Agenda Item 8(b) – Amber Valley Borough Council – Charles Hill Playing Fields Project

Councillor C Emmas-Williams – personal – member of AVBC

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of Charles Hill CIO

Agenda item 8(f) – Heanor Bowls Club – Funding for new Battery Defibrillator

Councillor P Jones – personal – relative is a committee member

Agenda Item 12 – Planning/Environment/Licensing

Councillor S Grainger - personal – member of AVBC Planning Board (leave meeting)

068 Requests for Dispensation

No request for dispensation received.

069 Public Speaking

Public Matters

No questions had been received.

069 Public Speaking (cont.)

Police Matters

No police present. Heanor SNT are requested to provide an update on recent crime figures for our area, and action taken, with particular emphasis on the recent attacks on individuals. A brief discussion took place on the potential use of street wardens, it was noted that street wardens have no powers but felt that their presence could be a deterrent.

County Council

No report.

Borough Council

No report.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report submitted by Councillor Paul Jones

Death of Queen Elizabeth 11

The Town Council reacted quickly to ensure that the necessary civic responses were in place including lowering of the flag and the book of condolence. I read a lesson at the commemorative service held at St Lawrence's Church, also attended by the Clerk and the Mayor. The Mayor and I also attended a commemorative service at St James at Codnor, which covers the Loscoe diocese. The Mayor and I also attended the proclamation of Charles III at Ripley Town Hall.

Boundary Commission

The Boundary Commission have still not replied to our request for the rationale of creating a single member ward for next year's Town Council election.

Remembrance Day

The Clerk and I have a meeting with the Church and the Royal British Legion next week to finalise details for the Remembrance Day Service and Parade.

War Memorial in the Park

Amber Valley have been made aware of the discoloured nature of the memorial plaque. They replied that '...Bronze memorial plaque develop a greenish patina over time which is desirable and considered to enhance the metals beauty. So, it is recommended not to clean it..' Other enquiries have suggested that cleaning the plaque is not a long term solution so we will be in discussion as to an alternative remedy to ensure the names displayed can be read.

Safety of members

Due to the cancellation of the Executive meeting this issue will be discussed at a future meeting and any proposals brought before members.

Heanor Methodist Church

This has now been sold at auction. Although, I understand contracts have yet to be exchanged.

Heanor Market Place

There have been a number of concerns raised about the dangerous nature of the drainage ducts on the Market Place and only this week a member of the public twisted their ankle. Amber Valley have been made aware.

Heanor Grammar School

As a member of the FHSF project board I attended an inspection of the internal condition of the former Grammar School.

Leaders Report submitted by Councillor Paul Jones (cont.)

Salcare

I was invited to meet the senior management at Salcare. They provided an exciting outline of their current services and future expansion plans. The Director of Services, Jacqui Bell will be attending our next meeting to collect the cheque we awarded at our previous meeting and to invite everyone to the White Ribbon event on 23rd November 2022.

I was able to attend another meeting with Salcare this week, with the new Methodist Minister Michaela Doherty, along with Pastor David Howe and the Central England Coop at which a number of suggestions about improving access to food were discussed. I have written a letter of support for Salcare in a bid to obtain more external funding.

Planning

The new government have indicated support for making obtaining planning permission easier, whilst this is not a bad thing in principle, it is important that the views of the local community are taken onboard.

A petition opposing the proposed development of leafy lane is to be heard at next month's Amber Valley Full Council. This was just one of a number of proposals within the local plan the Town Council objected to.

Hopefully, members are aware of the submission of the plans to build 500 plus houses on the Falls Road/Loscoe Dam area which is going to planning on Monday. The previous objections from the Town Council have been included in the report.

Future High Street Fund

As part of the levelling up agenda the Borough Council have applied to Government for £4079034 to develop the former science block for leisure facilities and includes £400,000 to support improvement to Town Centre retail units and their upper floors. They were hoping to have information on the bid this month but that has been delayed. The Town Council has previously agreed in principle to support the proposal which may require match funding

070 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 1 September 2022, having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

071 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: Agenda Item 13 - Minimum Attendance Rules – Absence Approval request from Councillor Danvers to be taken in exclusion.

Agenda Item 14 - Minimum Attendance Rules – Absence Approval request from Councillor Hart to be taken in exclusion.

072 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor had attended 2 church services celebrating the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the proclamation of King Charles III and two Macmillan coffee mornings.

073 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) East Midlands Devolution Deal Link and Prospectus

Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council have been offered a £1.14 billion devolution deal by Greg Clarke MP, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The four authorities would still exist as individual councils and would work together on a formal and legal basis to improve the region for our communities and businesses.

Resolved: The Town Council cannot support this deal as it feels it has no tangible benefit for the community we represent. The level of financial support is significantly less than that provided to earlier devolution deals and so any financial benefits are significantly less than other areas in the Country. A lot of functions to be taken by the new Mayor are already held by the County Council and City Council so it is unclear what are the benefits of this. The new Mayor will also raise Council Tax to run their office so inflicting another financial burden on the Taxpayer. The mention of working on the benefits of the HS2 is misleading as Phase2b beyond East Midlands Parkway has been cancelled. The result of this will be another level of bureaucracy with power even more concentrated in Nottingham and Derby. How long before the Police and Crime Commissioners for Derbyshire are combined in the office of the Mayor. The powers of the mayor to decide housing policy further reduces the ability of Town and Parish Councils' to influences development within their communities.

For these reasons we oppose the deal.

(b) Amber Valley Borough Council – Charles Hill Playing Fields Project

Amber Valley Borough Council seek clarity on the Town Council's funding towards Charles Hill Playing Fields development.

Resolved:

The Town Council to continue to try and negotiate a lease for the development with Amber Valley Borough Council, despite a number of breaches of the funding agreement, and that we remain committed to the £300,30k we have already committed, subject to them holding face to face meetings with the Town Council.

(c) Amber Valley Borough Council – Town Council contribution of Project and Proposed Purchase of the Methodist Church

Amber Valley Borough Council seek confirmation of the Town Council's intention to co-fund the Future High Street Fund. The Town Council has received an invoice for part of the funding that the Town Council agreed 'in principle' to contribute.

It was noted that Heanor Methodist Church had already been purchased.

Resolved:

1 The Town Council make no payments to AVBC until a Funding Agreement is in place . The terms of the agreement to be negotiated by the Leader, Mayor and Clerk and brought back to the Full Council for approval.

2 The Town Council have a place on the Strategic Board.

3 The Borough Council hold a face to face meeting with the Clerk, Mayor, and Leader to discuss issues in relation to the working relationship between Councils on the FHSF project.

(d) Amber Valley Borough Council - Consultation on a Public Space Protection Order (Control of Dogs)

Amber Valley Borough Council is consulting on a proposal to declare a Public Spaces Protection Order (Control of Dogs), across Amber Valley. The consultation closes on 14 November 2022 and can be accessed on the Borough Council's website.

Resolved: The Town Council welcome this Public Spaces Protection Order.

073 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(e) Broadcasting of Town Council meetings.

The Town Clerk reported that Councillors would be unable to attend Town Council meetings virtually. Equipment costs are in the region of 4.5K with maintenance and staffing costs to be factored in. During the covid pandemic when Councils were permitted to hold virtual meetings, no member of the public attended any of these meetings.

Resolved: Councillor Kruczkowski to provide costs involved and attendance statistics from a Council who currently live stream their meetings.

(f) Heanor Community Bowls Club – Funding for new defibrillator battery

Heanor Community Bowls Club has been donated a defibrillator; however, a new battery is required at an approximate cost of approximately £300-£350.

Resolved: The Town Council fund the provision of a new defibrillator battery.

074 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

September newsletter

Resolved: The above documents are received.

075 Finance

(a) Bacs Payments (August - wages September)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	861.10	00.00	861.10
HMRC	Paye, NI	928.81	00.00	928.81
Staff/Mayor	Wages/allowance	4933.05	00.00	4933.05
Tudor Landscape	WW maint/play equip repairs	104.26	00.00	104.26
PTSG Ltd	Lightening protect system	133.00	26.60	159.60
Kirk Contract	Window cleaning	34.00	6.80	40.80
Pride Elec Services	Replacement light – TH	122.00	24.40	146.40
Drax Energy	Electricity supply – TH	472.00	94.40	566.40
Christmas Wholesale	Christmas gifts	762.84	114.17	877.01
AVBC	Rates	1237.00	00.00	1237.00
XLN Telecom	Phone lines and broadband	237.17	47.43	284.60
Petty cash	Miscellaneous	91.08	6.34	97.42
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	6.82	1.52	31.85
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	23.51		
Tudor Landscape	Ground maint – WS	122.00	00.00	122.00
Nat West	Bank charges	22.75	00.0	22.75
Ripley Glass	50% window repair	340.00	68.00	408.00
Diamond Windows	Replacement fire door	620.84	124.16	745.00
Viking	Postage/stationery	207.83	17.57	225.40
Probos Promo Ltd	Christmas gifts	372.00	74.40	446.40
Viking	Cleaning supplies	131.92	26.38	158.30
Pictorial	Pop up sponsor banner	199.00	39.80	238.80
Waterplus	Water supply – WS	707.07	00.00	707.07
Heanor Bus Com	Funding	2000.00	00.00	2000.00
Heanor Weenies	Funding	1000.00	00.00	1000.00
Diamond Windows	Replacement fire door	487.50	97.50	585.00
Total		16157.55	769.47	16927.02

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved at a cost of £16,927.02

075 Finance (cont.)

(b) Income for August 2022

Town Hall lettings	1669.00
Fire Station	1000.00
Town Hall	00.00
Admin	10.00
Wilmot Street	1664.50
Total	4343.50

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliation – August 2022

Resolved: This document is received.

(d) Bank signatories

Resolved: Deputy Clerk – Mrs Kerry Greaves is authorised as a bank signatory.

(e) P J Lilley – Bespoke Front Doors , Heanor Town Hall

P J Lilley Ltd had provided a quote for a replacement front door for Heanor Town Hall at a cost of £5,625.00 plus vat.

Resolved: The Town Council approve the above quote of £5,625.00 from P J Lilley Ltd for the supply and fit of a replacement front door to the Town Hall.

(f) PKF Littlejohn LLP – AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021-2022

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: This document is received, and thanks are recorded to the Town Clerk.

076 Items for Information

(a) Clerks Report

This year's Christmas Lights Switch On Event will be held on Heanor Market Place on Saturday 19 November 2022. There has been a site meeting held with the main contributors to this event. In order to accommodate the market stalls and road closure on the Market Place, Heanor SNT will be operating from The Wilmot Street Centre.

The Town Council are still looking for volunteers to cover crowd control and road closure – police will be present but will not assist with road closures. If you are available please let the office know.

The summer planting scheme has been a great success and attracted many positive comments. This years display was enhanced by a total of eight hanging baskets sponsored by local businesses.

The bunting throughout the Town Centre will be removed week beginning October 3, 2022, in time for the installation of the Christmas lights.

The Town Council has six free spaces on a First Aid Course being held at The Ian Cox Room 9am – 4pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

076 Items for Information (cont.)

(b) For Information

Derbyshire County Council - Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan.

Pre-submission draft will be published for consultation early next year. The report is available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/mineralsplan then click on the tab on the left hand side of the page labelled '2021 to 2022 Proposed Draft Plan'.

Salcare – Thank you for kind donation.

Derbyshire County Council – Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum

5.30pm Monday 17 October 2022 at County Hall Matlock

Resolved: This information is received, and thanks are recorded to the Deputy Clerk for her work on the Summer Planting and Christmas Lights Schemes.

Councillor S Grainger left the meeting.

077 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2022/0752 – 1 Greyfriars, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7UY

Single storey extension to rear elevation, convert existing garage into residential use, internal modifications.

AVA/2022/0725 – The Vicarage, 2D High Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LE

Outbuilding next to the garage to be used as extra storage and a bedroom.

AVA/2022/0745 – 15 Granfield Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LS

Alteration to rear fence boundary height to 2.5m with additional 50cm trellis.

AVA/2022/0771 – 81 Milward Road, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7JW

Ground floor extension to rear elevation.

AVA/2022/0755 – 6 Stoddard Drive, Newlands, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7ST

Replacement of hedge with a 2m fence along the boundary.

TRE/2022/0117 – 24E Lockton Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EQ

Silver birch in front garden – light pruning.

AVA/2022/0812 – 140 High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LG

Two storey and single storey rear extension.

AVA/2022/0625 – Miah's Takeaway, 19 Loscoe Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FF

Change of use of rear outbuilding/storage areas to residential accommodation for staff.

AVA/2022/0816 – 1 Flamstead Avenue, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7RN

Detached garage.

Councillor S Grainger 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'

078 Minimum Attendance Rules – Absence Approval request from Councillor Sam Hart. Councillor Hart has submitted an absence approval request to be absent due to work commitments from meetings of the Town Council up to and including January 5, 2023.
Resolved: The Town Council grant this request.

079 Minimum Attendance Rules – Absence Approval request from Councillor S Danvers. Councillor Danvers has submitted an absence approval request to be absent due to work commitments from meetings of the Town Council up to and including January 5, 2023.
Resolved: The Town Council grant this request.

080 **Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 3 November 2022**