

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 6 December 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Miss S Oakes (Deputy Mayor), G Aldwinckle, M Burrell, Mrs C Cox, B Flint, Mrs C Gration, K Hill, Mrs J Janes, Mrs A Jones, P Jones, A Longdon and Mrs H Longdon.

Also present: One member of the public.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

109 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Gration (illness), Mrs E Hamilton (work commitment), R Iliffe (prior commitment), Mrs S Iliffe (prior commitment), D Jowett (work commitment), T Lynch (prior engagement) and Miss H Stirland (prior commitment).

Resolved: Members approved these reasons for absence.

110 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following Declarations of Interest were received:

Agenda Item 14 – Planning/Environmental/Licensing

Councillor Mrs C Gration – personal (leave meeting) – wife of B Gration (member of AVBC Planning Board)

Councillor K Hill – personal (leave meeting) – member of AVBC Planning Board

111 Dispensations

No request for dispensation was received.

112 Public Speaking

(a) Public Matters

There was no public matter raised.

(b) Police Matters

It was noted that there is no Police Liaison Officer for the Heanor and Loscoe Town Council area. Attendance at Town Council meetings falls to the whole Safer Neighbourhood Team. Due to the large area covered it is not feasible for officers to attend all meetings. It was stated that should the presence of the Police be required at a meeting for a specific issue then, if the staff are available, they would attend. Figures and statistics for the area are available on the Derbyshire Constabulary website. www.derbyshire.police.uk

County Council

No report.

112 Public Speaking (cont)

Borough Council

Adopted Union and Co-operative sponsored Dying to Work Policy.

Voted against Scrutiny Committee recommendation that all Council decisions should be subject to a Health Impact Assessment.

Resolved to request Derbyshire County Council write to the Secretary of State regarding funding cuts to schools despite the County Council already resolving not to write to the Secretary of State at its own meeting.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report

Ice Rink

The jointly funded provision of an ice rink on Saturday 1 December brought a lot of people into the Town Centre and was a great success with the residents. Hopefully this helped our shops to start the festive season with some bumper spending. This was a good example of the Council's commitment to joint adventures with local organisations and will hopefully be the first of a number of initiatives we will be supporting in the New Year and in the future to promote the Town.

Regeneration

A meeting to discuss the regeneration of Heanor, took place on 29 November with Town Council members and officers of Amber Valley Borough Council. There were some positives which came out of the meeting, although personally, I must admit I was disappointed by any concept at the Borough Council that Heanor was in a no more precarious position than the other Towns in the Borough. It was mentioned that all the Towns in the Borough had empty shops and that the increasing number of hairdressers in the Town could increase footfall. There was little appreciation of the concern about the increasing number of retail units being lost to HMO's (Homes of multiple occupancy). Indeed it was stated that the Borough, from a planning point, could do nothing about it, and that these too could result in greater footfall. However, it was agreed a retail audit would be undertaken by the Borough and that a long term action plan would be jointly developed with the Town Council and other interested parties. Finally we agreed that we would ask the County Council to look at the possible pedestrianisation of the remainder of the Market Place, with specific times for deliveries to Shops and establishing a vehicular turnaround at the top of Godfrey Street. This would be subject to public consultation but could be part of a larger look at how to redevelop the Town Centre. I would ask the Council to support this initial request to the County Council.

Agreed: The Town Council will support the initial request for DCC to look into pedestrianisation of the Market Place and a vehicular turnaround at the top of Godfrey Street.

Millennium Banner

Members may have noticed that our millennium banner (sited in the Council Chamber) is showing signs of age, especially those parts made from silk. We have been in contact with Belper Fleet Art, who were part of the original project, to look at ways of restoring the banner.

Commissioning report about Youth Provision

Following the last executive meeting we have been in contact with a possible provider of a report on youth provision in the Town and I will keep members updated once more information is available.

112 Public Speaking (cont)

Leaders Report (cont)

MUGA's at both Lockton Avenue and Charles Hill Playing Fields are due to be completed by February 2019.

Florence Shipley

Provision was made for intermediate and step up care beds at Florence Shipley, however there are no beds currently available.

Concerns were voiced over the current staffing levels which has resulted in the Café now closing at 1.30pm.

113 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 November 2018 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

114 Minutes

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2018 were received by members.

115 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No items to be taken in exclusion.

116 Town Mayors Announcements

During the last month the Town Mayor had attended the following events:

3 November	Suffragette Event
17 November	Town Council's Annual Pantomime
21 November	Attended Smalley Richardson Endowed Primary School to meet with William Gregg Cup Winners
26 November	Interviewed by Radio Derby on his role as Town Mayor
2 December	Town Council's Christmas Service and Switch On - Loscoe
3 December	Town Council's Christmas Event and Light Switch On - Heanor
3 December	Interviewed by Radio Derby at Heanor Light Switch On - broadcast
4 December	

117 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG - End of Life Care Beds

NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG confirmed that they have reviewed the way they commission End of Life Care Beds at Ashfield Care Home. Beds are provided on a needs basis for anyone living in the area. This creates more flexibility for the beds to be commissioned as they are needed so they can have more than the two beds previously booked or less depending on need.

Resolved: The above was noted. The Town Council understand the issues alluded to by NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG however, the Town Council feel that locality for family and friends is important and would query the length of time taken to commission a bed?.

117 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action (cont)**(b) Amber Valley Borough Council - Tree Works**

Following a request from the Town Council, members received information and guidance on tree works. David Cunningham - Tree and Conservation Officer at AVBC offered to speak further with members should they feel this helpful.

Resolved: David Cunningham is invited to attend a Town Council meeting.

(c) CCTV Policy - Executive Minute 072-2018/19 refers)

Resolved: The Town Council received, agreed and approved Heanor and Loscoe Town Council's CCTV Policy.

118 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 15/2018 General - DALC Spring Seminar 2019, Clerk Essential training, General Power of Competence Update, Exemption of Public Toilets from Business Rates, Subscription Fees 2019/2020, Latest Guidance on Accessibility to Websites and Mobile Devices, NALC Digital Mapping Toolkit, Weather Ready

Resolved: The above document is received.

119 Finance**(a) Accounts for Payment**

Cheque No	Payee/Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
1355	Dorma - Door repair FS	185.24	37.05	222.29
1356	Inland Revenue - Paye/NI	100.00	00.00	100.00
1357	Pinxton Puppets - Performance	200.00	00.00	200.00
1358	Pictorial - Suffragette Banner	50.00	10.00	60.00
1359	Ripley Glass - Replace Glass ICR	110.00	22.00	132.00
1360	AMP Electrical - Repair FS door	103.00	20.60	123.60
1361	Vaughtons - Additional links for chain	68.73	13.75	82.48
1362	Heanor Vision - 50% of ice rink cost	2460.00	00.00	2460.00
1362	Cresta Gems - Display Busts	150.00	00.00	150.00
1364	Security Plus - Keyholding charge	272.00	54.40	326.40
1365	Kirk Contracts - cleaning windows/WW	203.41	40.68	244.09
1366	Pictorial - Remembrance Banner	50.00	10.00	60.00
1367	G Burley - Grounds maintenance	110.15	22.03	132.18
1368	AVBC - Licence Fee	180.00	00.00	180.00
1369	Petty Cash - reimbursement	98.44	00.00	98.44
1370	JKE Ltd - Supply/install CCTV - WS TH	2625.00	525.00	3150.00
1371	Dream Team Theatre - Pantomime	705.00	00.00	705.00
1372	Friends of Red River - Bench install	81.42	00.00	81.42
1373	Inland Revenue - Paye/NI	970.38	00.00	970.38
1374	Derbyshire CC - Superannuation	728.30	00.00	728.30
1375	Viking - Stationery	244.57	25.42	269.99
TOTAL		9695.64	780.93	10476.57

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £10476.57 is approved.

(b) Bacs Payments for approval (October - wages November)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Wages/Mayoral allowance	4401.53	00.00	4401.53
Opus Energy	Gas supply - FS	51.23	2.56	53.79
Opus Energy	Gas supply - TH	249.06	49.81	298.87
Talk Talk	Broadband Rental	19.43	3.88	23.31
XLN	3 x line rental + calls	111.12	22.22	133.34
Opus Energy	Gas supply - WS	107.79	5.39	113.18
AVBC	Rates	1190.00	00.00	1190.00
Haven Power	Electricity supply - TH	366.63	73.32	439.95
Total		6496.79	157.18	6653.97

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts by BACS is approved.

(c) Income for October 2018

Town Hall lettings	1690.50
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	00.00
Wilmot Street Centre	1963.50
Environment	10.00
Other	284.64
Total	4281.97

Resolved: This information is received.

(d) Precept 2019-2020 (Executive Minute 075 2018/19 refers)

Resolved: The Town Council agree the Precept for 2019/2020 to be £167700.

120 Grant Aid

Heanor Weenies submitted a grant application for £800 to purchase a shed and storage boxes.

Resolved: That in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council approve the following payment in respect of grants to local organisations being expenditure incurred in the interest of the Town or its inhabitants: -

Heanor Weenies	£800.00
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(subject to appropriate completion of application form)

121 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

This month has been a really busy one for the Town Council and its staff.

During this month we have organised the following FREE events - Mother Goose Pantomime, Loscoe Christmas Service and Light Switch On, and the Heanor Christmas Light Switch On event. We have also contributed to Small Business Saturday and funded 50% of the costs involved in providing an Ice Rink on Heanor Market Place.

Works to replace window and doors at The Wilmot Street Centre has been completed this week.

121 Items for Information (cont)

(a) Clerk's Report (cont)

Replacement boilers in the Town Hall have been installed this month.

The WW1 commemorative bench is now on site in The Red River Local Nature Reserve.

Friends of Red River - Wreath Making Event, 1pm-3pm Saturday 8 December.

AVBC has received consent from the Secretary of State to use part of the Roper Avenue Allotment Site for the cemetery extension.

The Town Council office will close at 12 noon on Friday 21 December 2018 and open at 9am on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

122 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2018/1042 – Loscoe Miners Welfare, 2 High Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire – Reserved matters following approval of AVA/2014/0923 for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

AVA/2018/1064 – Construction Lines Ltd, Heanor Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7JT – Extension to industrial building.

AVA/2018/0960 – Tanoth Lees, High Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LE – Outline application with all matters reserved (single plot) within the curtilage of Tanoth Lees.

AVA/2018/1074 – 35 Kirkstone Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7UJ – Proposed ground floor side extension.

AVA/2018/0996 – 4 Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GD – Change of use to commercial use for cosmetic treatments, beauty treatments, hairdressers, holistic therapies.

AVA/2018/1107 – Prime Plumbing Services Ltd – 53 Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF. Change of use of premises to office use.

AVA/2018/0997 – 4 Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7GD – Advertisement consent for a business sign.

122 Planning/Environment/Licensing (cont)

AVA/2018/1063 – Land at Fall Road, Heanor, Derbyshire – Application to modify S106 to change S106 contributions.

Town Council comment:

The Council are deeply concerned about the application to reduce section 106 contributions to the development and would request that the application go to the planning board.

Too often developers have requested a reduction in their contributions and this has always resulted in a reduction in support for the local community which has to take the strain of these additional homes.

The original application did not have any viability issues so we are unclear why this issue has arisen now and would seek clarification on this.

We are concerned that as part of the viability of the land value the developer has chosen to use the multiplier of 20% as opposed to the lower figures of between 10- 20% multiplier on agricultural land as suggested by Homes England. There is no justification within the viability assessment for this which is why we feel the planning board need to challenge.

Also we note that they have calculated a 20% (GDV) profit margin for the developer whereas Planning Practice Guidance assumes a 15-20% profit, again the developer has gone for maximisation of their profits to the detriment of the local community and we would ask the planning board to reject or at the very least review the proposed reduction in section 106 contributions.

As previously stated we ask that the matter goes before the planning board so that members can be made aware of our concerns and that we can make a direct appeal to the board on behalf of our community.

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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'

123 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 10 January 2019