

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 16 January 2020**

PRESENT: Councillors S Oakes (Mayor), R Burton, F Carmichael, C Cox, S Danvers, C Emmas-Williams, S Grainger, J Halfpenny, E Hamilton, K Hill, S Hind, P Jones, J Ward and D Wright.

Also present: Colin Hampton – Coordinator, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, Dawn Mackenzie, Derbyshire Districts Citizens Advice and 1 member of the public.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

In pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor presented a cheque to Mr Colin Hampton, Co-ordinator for Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

Dawn MacKenzie of Derbyshire Districts Citizen Advice gave a presentation to members on scams and what is currently trending.

108 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bower (illness), M Burrell (work commitments), S Hart (family commitments), A Stevenson (work commitments) and J Stones (illness).

Resolved: Members approved these reasons for absence.

109 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item 13 - Planning/Environment/Licensing

Councillor K Hill - personal - member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Agenda Item 13 – Planning – AVA/2019/1226

Councillor D Wright – personal – school governor

110 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

111 Public Speaking

Public Matters

No public matters raised.

Police Matters

No issues to report. Urban Youth Club ran for 12 weeks during October – December and averaged 30-35 young people each week. It is hoped that the club will start up again in February.

111 Public Speaking (cont.)

County Council

DCC are reducing the amount of funding to voluntary organisations.
Potential closure of 7 care homes.

Borough Council

The plans to develop a community facility on Charles Hill Playing Fields is progressing.
AVBC are in negotiations for the refuse collection service.

Outside Bodies

No report given.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Charles Hill

Amber Valley Borough Council worked with the Town Council to publish a press release about the future development on Charles Hill.

Futures Housing Group

I was concerned to see a planning application from Futures Housing Group converting the Community Centre at the Ropewalk to a Small Office. This facility was much valued by residents who attended seat-based exercise there. I did write in objecting when they ceased this service. I also have concerns over Futures apparent inability to let empty properties in the Town. Therefore I will be writing inviting Futures Housing Group to send a representative to a future meeting of the Town Council to inform us of their strategy in respect to the future of the community facilities they have and their poor response in bringing empty properties back into use.

Hospital

I was interested to hear that following proposals to close Babbington Hospital in Belper, Derbyshire Community Health Services are committed to building a £10 million health clinic to replace it. I will be writing to them asking why such a significant investment has been made in Belper when the facility at Heanor was developed for only £3 million and given that the Heanor and Loscoe area suffers from greater levels of deprivation and ill health, can they explain why the disparity in health service investment.

Litter Pick

Members will note on our social media sites dates for 3 more community litter picks on 25 January, 22 February and 28 March. All starting at 10 am outside the Town Hall. Please let the Clerk know of any specific areas you feel may require attention.

Residents can receive updates on the local plan by emailing their details to ldf@ambervalley.gov.uk

Cuppa with a Copper at Frosts 24 Jan, 12-1pm

112 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 5 December 2019 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

113 Minutes

The minutes of the Executive committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 were received by members.

114 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No item to be taken in exclusion.

115 Town Mayors Announcements

Things have been quiet for our Town Mayor following on from the many events attended leading up to the Christmas period. However, since the last meeting the Mayor has attended a Carol Service at Marlpool Church and opened the new Vets 4 Pets Store in Heanor.

116 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Heanor Vision – Ice Rink and Future Events

Heanor Vision thanked the Town Council for their contribution to the Christmas Ice Rink and invited the Town Council to enter discussions regarding future events.

Resolved: A representative from Heanor Vision is invited to meet with the Leader, Chairman of the Events committee and the Town Clerk to discuss future events.

(b) Urban Youth Club – The Wilmot Street Centre (Exec min 051-2019/2020 refers)

Resolved: The Town Council continue to support the Urban Youth Club by providing free use of The Wilmot Street Centre on Wednesday evenings between the hours of 7.00pm and 8.30pm.

(c) East Midlands Railway – Removal of London Service from Alfreton

EMR has a consultation out for the December 2020 timetable. There are no plans to continue running direct services to London from either Alfreton or Langley Mill, They will however, maintain a morning Sheffield to Nottingham service, which will call at these stations and allow connections from Nottingham to London St Pancras International.

Resolved: The Town Council disagree with EMR's proposals to cut direct services. We will voice our opposition in a letter to Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport and support any local campaign to oppose these proposal

(d) Press Red – Youth Project (Exec min 052-2019/2020 refers)

Resolved:

1. The Town Council receive the 'Understanding Youth in Heanor and Loscoe – December 2019'. document.
2. The Town Council share this document and the contents therein with Public bodies and other relevant parties.
3. The Town Council work with relevant local authorities and organisations in order to identify resources and funding to achieve positive outcomes to benefit the young people of our Parish.

117 DALC

Circular 12/2019 General – DALC AGM, Children’s Funeral Fund, Consultation (External Audit), NALC respond to consultation on deployment of 5G, Security of Data, HR Advice, Brimington’s Tuesday lunch addresses loneliness.

Armed Forces Covenant

Circular 13/2019 General – DALC AGM, Spring Seminar, Grant Funding Training Course, Website Accessibility Regulations, Good Councillors’ Guide to Transport Planning, Local Councils tackling loneliness, Vehicular Activated Speed Signs: Guidance from NALC, Legal Briefing – pre-election publicity, HR Matters: New Employment Regulations, Law and Good Practice: Confidential Minutes, What’s in the pipeline?: Code of conduct for councillors.

Circular 14/2019 General – Section 137 Expenditure Limit 2020/2021, Grant Funding Training Course, Guidance from NALC: Discrimination advice and policies, What’s in the pipeline/: Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance, DALC Christmas office closure.

Resolved: This information is received.

118 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque	Payee/Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
0102	Harlite – Christmas lights (interim)	9910.21	1982.04	11892.25
0103	Kirk Contracts – cleaning window/shutters	30.00	00.00	30.00
0104	Tudor Landscape – hedge maintenance	94.25	00.00	94.25
0105	AMP Electrical – electrical works	400.00	80.00	480.00
0106	Viking – postage/stationery	185.02	14.20	199.22
0107	Petty cash	119.86	00.00	119.86
0108	Ricoh – photocopier rental/copies	205.32	41.06	246.38
0109	Heanor Pre-school – S137 donation	200.00	00.00	200.00
0110	DUWC – S137 donation	1000.00	00.00	1000.00
0111	Chernobyl – sleigh and marquee	350.00	00.00	350.00
0112	Inland Revenue – Paye, NI	1141.47	00.00	1141.47
0113	Derbyshire CC – superannuation	744.93	00.00	744.93
TOTAL		14381.06	2117.30	16498.36

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £16,498.36

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

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	5005.06	00.00	5005.06
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	29.37	1.47	30.84
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	71.81	11.78	247.34
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	163.75		
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	182.10	36.42	218.52
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	374.96	74.97	449.93
AVBC	Rates	1218.00	00.00	1218.00
SWALEC	Electricity supply – FS	244.43	12.22	256.65
Waterplus	Water supply – TH	114.02	00.00	114.02
Total		7403.50	136.86	7540.36

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

118 Finance (cont.)

(c) Income for November 2019

Town Hall lettings	1991.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	1732.00
Wilmot Street Centre	3249.00
Town Hall	50.00
Other	45.00
Events	32.00
Total	7432.33

Resolved: This information is received.

(d) Precept 2020-2021 (Exec min 053-2019/2020 refers)

Resolved: The Town Council agree the precept for 2020-2021 to be £201,500.00.

(e) Fees and Charges 2020-2021 (Exec min 054-2019/2020 refers)

Recommendation: The Town Council agree no increase in fees and charges for 2020/21

119 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

No report.

Councillors S Grainger and K Hill left the meeting.

120 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2019/1152 – Land adjacent 15 Midland Road, Heanor

New build house (has outline planning AVA/2018/0222).

Town Council comment: The Town Council has concerns over the visibility on access and egress to this development.

AVA/2019/1089 – Heanor Dental Practice, 102 Ilkeston Road, Heanor

Proposed rear extension 6x6m to provide new oral education room with associated waiting area and management office for existing dental care practice.

AVA/2019/1183 – Retirement Home, Ashfield House, 34 Mansfield Road, Heanor

Removal of existing glazing, entrance door and porch roof. Provision of new glazing with new automatic opening double glazed entrance door.

Town Council comment: The Town Council has concerns over potential disruption to neighbouring properties due to inconsiderate parking by contractors. This is an issue currently being experienced during present work being carried out on this site.

AVA/2019/1226 – Mundy CE Voluntary Controlled Junior School, Lockton Avenue, Heanor

Request for comments on retrospective permission for installation of a trim trail (CD681219/63).

Town Council comment: As is the Town Council policy, we oppose all retrospective planning applications.

120 Planning/Environment/Licensing (cont.)

AVA/2019/1220 – 41 Furnace Lane, Loscoe, Heanor

Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory to be replaced by timber clad single storey extension.

AVA/2019/1114 – Flat 2, 5 Red Lion Square, Heanor

Change of use of first and second floors to a house of multi occupation.

Town Council comment: The Town Council oppose this application due to over intensification of the site with a lack of public amenity space. The Town Council has concerns over the increasing number of HMO's in our Town Centre.

AVA/2019/1092 – 100 Loscoe Denby Lane, Loscoe, Heanor

Construction of 4 new dwelling houses in rear garden of 100 Loscoe Denby Lane (This is a departure from the Local Plan).

Town Council comment: The Town Council oppose this application as it is over intensive development of the site, access/egress has limited visibility which would compromise highway safety and access is narrow and would not allow for two vehicles to pass, again compromising highway safety.

AVA/2019/1243 – Land at Fletcher Street, Newlands, Heanor

(the site in question is the car park at Lower Gladstone Street) presently owned by Amber Valley Borough Council

Erection of 4 dwellings (affordable rented tenure).

Town Council comment: No action should be taken pending a decision on the outstanding village green application for this site.

121 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 6 February 2020