

**Minutes of the  
Ordinary Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held at Heanor Town Hall on 2 October 2025**

PRESENT: Councillors A Abernethy, S Bower, M Burrell, L Brunelleschi, C Cox, L Cox, M Cresswell, T Crowley, C Emmas-Williams, S Goodrum, E Hamilton, M Hibbard, S Hind, A Jones, P Jones, C Neale and A Stevenson.

Also present: A Sharpe (Town Clerk) and 18 members of the public.  
2 representatives of Derbyshire County Council.

**050 Apologies**

Councillors L Cox ((Family), Edge (Family) and J Ward (Work).

**051 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register**

Councillor P Jones – Personal – Salcare.

Councillors C Emmas-Williams E Hamilton – Agenda item 9 (Planning applications) – personal – members of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

Councillor Bower – personal - Stepping Stones.

**052 Requests for Dispensation**

None.

**053 Public Speaking**

A resident who was unable to attend asked the Clerk to read out a statement giving his views on a number of matters of Council business and the future. This included references to streaming of Council meetings and meeting venues.

A member of the public spoke generally about Heanor and asked why Police were not regularly patrolling.

There was also a presentation from Sunnyside FC about funding proposals in Shipley. This may come back to Council.

A member of the public then spoke to give his views on security and nominating a first aider at the meeting.

The County Councillor updated the Council on discussions being held on the Grammar.

**054 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 4 September 2025 were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor, subject to an amendment to the declarations of interest relating to Councillor L Cox.

**055 Town Mayor's announcements**

The Mayor addressed the Council.

**056 Report of the Town Clerk**

(a) Town Warden

**RESOLVED** to approve the recruitment of a Parish Warden and hiring of a non-electric van. Delegated to Town Clerk.

(b) Henry Garnet Fireworks Sponsorship

**RESOLVED** to agree a grant of £3000.

(c) Grant Applications

**(1) Grant Budget**

**RESOLVED** that £10000 be transferred from balances to grants funding.

**(2) Salcare**

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £1000 be made to Salcare following a recorded vote.

Actual Vote details –

For the resolution of a grant of £1000	Against the resolution of a grant of £1000 (But instead supported a larger grant of £2000)	Abstain
Councillors Abernethy, Bower, Burrell, Brunelleschi, Cresswell, Crowley, Gent, Goodrum, Hibbard, Hind, A Stevenson (11)	Councillors C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, M Howard, C Neale (5)	A Jones, P Jones (2)

Important Note – The Members voting against were in favour of a larger grant of £2000.

**(3) Stepping Stones**

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £1000 be awarded to Stepping Stones.

(d) Town Hall and CAB Door Entry System

**RESOLVED** to approve the installation of a door entry system at a cost of £1400 and costs met from balances/maintenance budget.

**056 Report of the Town Clerk (continued)**

- (e) Speed Indicator Device Request  
**RESOLVED** that the request be refused.
  
- (f) Emergency Works  
**RESOLVED** to note expenditure on emergency works to repair Fire Station Roof (£750) and removal of mature tree at Glue Lane Allotments (£1600).
  
- (g) Community Governance Review  
**RESOLVED** to note the current stage of the Community Governance Review.
  
- (h) Meeting Venues  
**RESOLVED** to move this item into exclusion because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.
  
- (i) Matters Raised by Councillor Stevenson  
**RESOLVED** that the purchase of a defibrillator and purchase of snow machines be deferred to the next meeting.

Also **RESOLVED** that Weed control could, with suitable permissions, be part of the duties of the Town Warden.

**057 Finance**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to approve the Bank Reconciliations (August 2025), Payments (August 2025) and Receipts (August 2025).
  
- (2) To receive and note the report of the External Auditor and conclusion of Audit 2024/25

**058 Planning Matters**

<u>AVA-2025-0655</u>	<b>32 Loscoe Denby Lane Loscoe Heanor Derbyshire DE75 7RW</b> Removal of front wall and side hedge to front of property and creation of vehicular access
<u>AVA-2025-0649</u>	<b>20 Thorpe Hill Drive Marlpool Heanor Derbyshire DE75 7DN</b> Proposed single storey rear extension
<u>AVA-2025-0643</u>	<b>12 Brook Street Loscoe Heanor Derbyshire DE75 7LP</b> Replace existing timber garage with outbuilding

Noted.

**059** Exclusion of Press and Public

**RESOLVED** – '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'

**060** Councillor and Employee Matters

Council considered Councillor and employee matters which also related to meeting venues and meeting management.

**RESOLVED** to appoint a Staffing Committee (comprising Councillors Abernethy, Hibbard, Gent, P Jones and M Howard) to review staffing structures in December/January.

Additionally in relation to meeting venues it was **RESOLVED** to move the next meeting to Charles Hill Community Centre and the Town Clerk explore the availability of both the Wilmot Street Centre and Charles Hill for future meetings.