

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 5 December 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillors S Oakes (Mayor), S Bower, R Burton, F Carmichael, C Cox, S Danvers, S Grainger, E Hamilton, S Hart, K Hill, S Hind, P Jones and D Wright.

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**93 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Burrell (work commitments), C Emmas-Williams (prior engagement), A Stevenson (work commitments), J Stones (illness) and J Ward (family commitments).

**Resolved:** Members approved these reasons for absence.

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

The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item 8 (b) – Councillor Vacancy

Councillor S Hart – personal – partner of candidate

Agenda Item 10 – Accounts (payment to PDP Character Hire)

Councillor S Grainger – personal – daughter’s business

Agenda Item 12 - Planning/Environment/Licencing

Councillor K Hill - personal - member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Agenda Item 12 - Planning/Environment/Licencing (AVA/2019/1026)

Councillor R Burton – personal – applicant is family member

**95 Dispensations**

No request for dispensation received.

**96 Public Speaking**

Public Matters

No matters raised.

Police Matters

No matters raised.

County Council

No report given.

Borough Council

All out elections in 2023.

Local Plan should be concluded by 2023.

## **96 Public Speaking (cont.)**

### Outside Bodies

No report given.

### Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Former Rays Arms Public House

Hollie Platts, Manager of the YMCA project at this property attending a meeting with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Town Clerk. Details were given on the aspirations for the hostel. It was reported that all the tenants are interviewed prior to being allocated a tenancy. There is CCTV and some security during the hours of late evening/early morning. YMCA are holding an open day on Monday 9th December 2.30pm-4.30pm.

### Litter Pick

Following the decision at the last Council meeting, Groundwork GN organised a litter pick for Tuesday 3 December. The Leader and Deputy Leader were joined by two members of the public and 3 members of the Red River Friends of Group.

### Urban Youth Project

39 children attending last week's session. We continue to support this project and are currently in discussions with the police about continuing in the new year.

### Reduction in MAT team services

We continue discussions with a third party regarding the establishment of a Service Level Agreement to provide professional support for the Urban youth project. We have received an outline proposal – this will go to the next Executive meeting where the budget for 2020-2021 will be discussed.

### Future High Street Fund

The Town Council's response has been received by the Borough Council and we await further information.

### East Midlands Railway consultation

A consultation by East Midlands Railways has been launched regarding changes to the train timetable. These changes will result in trains going to London no longer stopping at Alfreton or Langley Mill. This will be an item on the January meeting for us to formerly response.

### Climate Change

We have been approached from DALC about taking part in a climate change conference and expressed an interest to attend. Details will be distributed, to those individuals who have registered an interest, as and when they are made available.

### First Aid training

Numerous members of the council attended the first aid training session at The Wilmot Street Centre

## **97 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 7 November 2019 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

## 98 Items to be taken in Exclusion

**Resolved:** Agenda Item 13 – Charles Hill Playing Fields to be an agenda item taken in both Part 1 – non-confidential information and Part 2 – exclusion of public - confidential information.

## PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

### 99 Town Mayors Announcements

The last month has been a busy one for our Town Mayor, who attending the following events:

10 Nov	Remembrance Parade and Service
11 Nov	Heanor Gate Science College Remembrance Service
17 Nov	Town Council Pantomime
21 Nov	Gregg Cup Tournament Final
2 Dec	Heanor Christmas Light Switch On
4 Dec	High Sheriff reception – Chatsworth House

### 100 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

#### (a) Derbyshire County Council – Re-cycled plastics

Following our enquiry regarding the use of recycled plastic for pothole repair, Derbyshire County Council has confirmed that their Construction Services department do not use any recycled material at this current time.

**Resolved:** In view of the climate crisis DCC are asked if they plan to consider using recycled materials in the future.

#### (b) Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Tom Singleton, notification of the vacancy and a copy of the 'Notice of Vacancy' were forwarded to the Returning Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council.

In line with Section 232 of the Local Government Act 1972 a public notice was displayed advertising the vacancy. The Town Clerk received notification that no election had been called and the Town Council were able to proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option. The vacancy was advertised in the Town Council noticeboards and one individual had registered an interest and attended a meeting with members.

**Resolved:** Mr John Halfpenny is co-opted as a member of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council.

### 101 Grant Aid

The following applications for Grain Aid were received:

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (to Provide Welfare Rights Advice)	£2000
Heanor Pre-School (to fund room hire)	£200

**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: -

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre	£1000
Heanor Pre-School	£200

## 102 Finance

### (a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque	Payee/Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
0078	Pictorial – Xmas cut outs	150.00	30.00	180.00
0079	Heanor Vision – Cont. to ice rink	2250.00	00.00	2250.00
0080	Viking – Postage	116.90	0.58	117.48
0081	AVBC – Licence fee	180.00	00.00	180.00
0082	Chubb – Work to intruder alarm	169.68	33.94	203.62
0083	Protec – batteries 4 for alarm	21.32	4.26	25.58
0084	Cancelled			
0085	Tudor Landscapes – maintenance	207.04	00.00	207.04
0086	Mr Manick – Deposit refund	50.00	00.00	50.00
0087	Fuse Fireworks – Firework display	2400.00	480.00	2880.00
0088	Tesco – Selection boxes	221.15	44.00	265.15
0089	Inland Revenue – Paye/NI	1093.42	00.00	1093.42
0090	Derbyshire CC – Superannuation	740.33	00.00	740.33
0091	SEDMC – Loscoe performance	150.00	00.00	150.00
0092	SEDMC – Heanor performance	150.00	00.00	150.00
0093	Groundwork CAM – SLA RRLNR	1250.00	250.00	1500.00
0094	Protec – Fire alarm service	205.00	41.00	246.00
0095	St Luke's Church – Donation	150.00	00.00	150.00
0096	Howitt Primary School – Donation	50.00	00.00	50.00
0097	Marlpool All Saints Church - Donation	50.00	00.00	50.00
0098	Petty Cash – Reimbursement	114.85	00.00	114.85
0099	Pictorial – Noticeboards	1710.00	342.00	2052.00
0100	Tudor Landscapes – Winter Planting	76.25	00.00	76.25
0101	PDP Character Hire – Xmas event	120.00	00.00	120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11625.94</b>	<b>1225.78</b>	<b>12851.72</b>

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £12,851.72

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

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4800.84	00.00	4800.84
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>7199.28</b>	<b>136.86</b>	<b>7336.14</b>

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

## 102 Finance (cont.)

### (c) Income for October 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7432.33</b>

**Resolved:** This information is received.

## 103 Items for Information

### (a) Clerk's Report

The Town Council is to advertise and provide a collection point for foil packets (crisp bags) which will be recycled into Bivi Bags for the Homeless.

The Town Council office will close at noon on 23 December 2019 and re-open at 9am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

**Councillors S Grainger and K Hill left the meeting.**

## 104 Planning/Environment/Licensing (cont.)

**AVA/2016/1026 – 20 Kew Crescent, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HR** Single storey rear extension for accessible bedroom and level access shower room.

**AVA/2019/1069 – 69 Laceyfields Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HL** Proposed 2 storey rear and single storey side extensions and external alterations.

**AVA/2019/1037 – Jasmine House School, 34 Ilkeston Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7DT** Installation of a modular building of a portacabin design into current school site for additional classroom space.

**Councillors S Grainger and K Hill returned to the meeting.**

## 105 Charles Hill Playing Fields

This Council recognises the need for Loscoe to have a community facility based at Charles Hill Playing Fields. For that reason, it has been negotiating with Amber Valley Borough Council to try to achieve this outcome. As part of those negotiations, and in order to make possible such a facility, the Town Council need to make a financial contribution. As previously agreed, the Town Council would procure a Public Works Loan Board loan to fund the Town Council's contribution. Members need to be aware that the funding of the Public Works Loan Board loan will necessitate an increase in Council Tax from the Town Council, and this will be worked into the budget proposals presented to the January 2020 Full Council meeting. It would also be necessary to utilize £30,000 (previously earmarked for a community room at Loscoe from balances) to contribute to preparation costs for the project. The Town Council will have representation on the Community Interest Company, which, moving forward, will manage the new facility.

**105 Charles Hill Playing Fields (cont.)**

**Resolved:**

1. The Town Council receive the following documents
  - (a) AVBC – Charles Hill Playing Fields, Loscoe – Key Risks Register
  - (b) Charles Hill New Pavilion – High Level Project Plan
  
2. The Town Council negotiate with Amber Valley Borough Council to transfer ownership of the site to the Town Council once the scheme is completed

**PART 2 – EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

“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”

**106 Charles Hill Playing Fields**

**Resolved:**

1. The Town Council receive the following documents
  - (a) AVBC Cabinet Report on Charles Hill Facility Developments – Stage Two (Cabinet meeting 4/12/19)
  - (b) AVBC – Charles Hill Sports Pavilion – Budget cost estimate
  
2. The Town Council read, approve and duly authorise signature of the Funding Agreement between AVBC and H&LTC.
  
3. The Town Council seek approval from the Secretary of State for the procurement of a Public Works Loan Board loan of £300k to be repaid over a period 15 years.

**107 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 16 January 2020**