

**Minutes of the
Ordinary Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 5 December 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors A Abernethy, S Bower, M Burrell, C Cox, L Cox, M Cresswell, J Edge, C Emmas-Williams, J Gent, S Goodrum, E Hamilton, M Hibbard, S Hind, M Howard, A Jones, P Jones, C Neale, A Stevenson and J Ward.

Also present: A Sharpe (Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the Meeting the Town Clerk read out the following statement –

Could I please ask everyone to turn their mobile devices onto silent. Toilets are on the first floor, no scheduled fire alarm, fire exits etc. This is a Town Council meeting to discuss Town Council business. With the exception of anyone having previously submitted a question to the Council and received permission to speak – the public are here to observe only. No comments are to be made, nor questions asked.

Any member of the public who disrupts the meeting will be given a warning, if they persist the offender will be asked to leave. A continuation of such disruption from the public will result in removal of the public gallery.

064 Apologies

None.

065 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Councillors L Cox, E Hamilton, C Emmas-Williams and Ward – Agenda item 10 (Planning applications) – personal – members of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

NOTE - ALL WOULD REMAIN IN THE MEETING BUT NOT CONTRIBUTE OR VOTE.

066 Requests for Dispensation

None.

067 Public Speaking

Borough and County Councillors reports

Council received reports from the Borough Councillor.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

068 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 14 November 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

069 Exclusion of Public

Resolved: To confirm that no items would be taken with the public excluded.

070 Town Mayor's announcements

Since our last meeting myself and the Mayoress have had the following engagements

1. Presentation of Gregg Cup to the winners Langley Mill Academy at their school assembly.
2. Attended the anniversary of St Lawrence Church becoming an inclusive Church and enjoyed some very nice beef stew.
3. Attended the Civic Service for Councillor Lyndsay Cox Mayor of Ripley Town Council.
4. Attended the White Ribbon event at Salcare about Domestic Violence Awareness.
5. Switched on the Lights at Heanor along with Paddington Bear. This was another successful event for the Town Council despite the inclement weather and was very popular with our residents. The Mayoress and myself visited a number of local businesses. Thank you to everyone who helped support it, especially the staff and those who acted as stewards etc. Once again, our lights are the envy of the other Towns in the area.
6. The Mayoress and I both attended the Ashmere Heanor Park Care Home to support their Christmas Bazaar.
7. I attended the awards of certificates to two members of staff at Salcare in recognition of becoming fully qualified domestic violence advisers.
8. We both attended the Salcare Charity event which was very successful in raising funds for the charity.
9. We both attended a Christmas event at Ashfield Nursing Home which proved very popular.

071 Report of the Town Clerk

(a) Christmas Lights Switch On 2024.

The Town Clerk reported the success of the recent Christmas Lights switch on event.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

072 Finance

(a) Bacs payments – October 2024

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved.

(b) Income for October 2024

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliations – October 2024

Resolved: The above document was received.

(d) Budget and Precept Proposals 2025/26

Council considered options prepared by the RFO for setting the budget and raising the precept amount for 2025/26.

Other proposals were raised by a Councillor which had not been fully costed or examined by the RFO.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposals of the RFO and raise a precept of £287,600 (this equated to a 2.2% increase) for 2025/26.

Councillors Abernethy and Cresswell asked that their votes against this action be recorded in the minutes.

073 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2024/0766 – 11 Oliver Close, Heanor, Derbyshire

Demolition of existing side store and replacement with single storey side extension and front porch.

AVA/2024/0742 – Royal Breakfast, 26 Market Place, Heanor, Derbyshire

Removal of existing signage and replacing it with an illuminated sign. Illuminated push through 9700mmx1050mmx3mm aluminium tray sign with 100mm return depth, built up "crown" and "The Royal" lettering and logo.

AVA/2024/0785 – The Country Park Tavern, Old Coppice Side, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire

Erection of 9 dwellings.

TRE/2024/0594 – 13 Mansfield Road, Heanor, Derbyshire

Re-pollarding Lime Trees.

Resolved: To note the above planning application.

Councillors E Hamilton, C Emmas-Williams, L Cox and J Ward, having previously declared a personal interest remained in the meeting whilst the item was discussed but took no part in the debate or vote.

074 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Town Council would be held on Thursday 9 January 2025 (Town Hall) at 7pm.