

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

PRESENT: Councillors S Oakes (Mayor), S Bower, F Carmichael, C Cox, S Danvers, C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, S Hart, K Hill, P Jones, A Stevenson, J Stones, J Ward and Dale Wright.

Also present: One member of the public.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor presented a cheque to Eastwood People's Initiative.

PCSO Frederickson 12778 was not present at the meeting.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

45 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Burrell (work), R Burton (work), B Gration (illness), C Gration (family commitments), S Grainger (holiday) and T Singleton (work).

Resolved: Members approved these reasons for absence.

46 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item 14 (b) – DALC Executive Elections

Councillor C Cox – personal – family member nominated

Agenda Item 18 Planning/Environment/Licensing

Councillor K Hill – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

Agenda Item 19 – Public Works Loan Board – Charles Hill Playing Fields

Councillor C Emmas-Williams – personal – member of AVBC

47 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

48 Public Speaking

Public Matters

A member of the public asked the following question:

Are Derbyshire County Council recycling bags of plastic to repair potholes?

Agreed: The Town Clerk to ask this question of DCC and report back.

It was reported that there is a vacant property on the corner of Fletcher Street/Whysall Street which has been boarded up for several weeks. This property belongs to Futures.

Agreed: The Town Clerk to contact Futures and ascertain their policy/timescale on bringing vacant properties back into use.

Police Matters

No police present and no report given.

48 Public Speaking (cont.)

County Council

No report received.

Borough Council

AVBC has declared a climate emergency.

The Borough Council has agreed to fund Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre for the next 3 years. DUWC has approached the Town Council with a view to holding weekly sessions in the Town Hall.

A monitored CCTV camera is to be installed in Heanor Town Centre.

Fracking has been banned throughout Amber Valley.

The badger cull that has been going on across the country has been banned on all land owned by the Borough Council.

Outside Bodies

Groundwork has been contacted by local Company Solvay, they have an initiative called Solvay Way, a corporate social responsibility, and wish to get involved in any suitable tasks on our Red River Local Nature Reserve. Gary Wain, Community Wildspace Officer and Environmental Sustainability Coordinator – Groundwork will liaise with Solvay to facilitate this.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Parish Magazine

Thank you to those members who helped deliver 2500 parish magazines in the last few weeks.

VE Day and VJ Day 75th Anniversary commemorations

The Town Council will be working with Heanor Vision to look at a joint commemorative event for VE day. The Events Committee has plans to commemorate VJ Day.

Urban Fun Day – Sunday 11 August 2019

Cllr Jones suggested that the Town Council write to the police to congratulate them on the Urban Fun Day which was very successful.

Agreed: A letter, recognising the efforts of Heanor SNT in organising and holding this event, is forwarded to the Chief Constable.

Concerns over reduction in MAT team and Policing

Following concerns this Council organised a seminar at Ripley Town Hall attended by the Borough Council, leaders from Alfreton, Belper and Ripley Town Councils, the Police and Crime Commissioner and his Deputy to discuss how, collaboratively, we can work together to mitigate some of the consequences of this reduced service. It was a very positive day and future meetings will be held. I will keep members informed.

Bob Moon Memorial Cricket Match

Cllr Cox and I attended this match which was entertaining. Anna Moon presented the winners, Codnor Cricket Club, with 'The Bob Moon Memorial Cup'.

Amber Valley Borough Councillor Community Fund

The Borough Council has re-introduced this scheme, which allocates £1000 to each Borough Councillor to invest in their community. Borough Councillor Teresa Curran has approached the Town Council to discuss ways we can jointly work on investing the money in our community.

48 Public Speaking (cont.)

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones (cont.)

Speedwatch Training

Several members attended Speedwatch training with Derbyshire Police. Nominations for target areas should be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

49 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 July 2019 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

50 Minutes

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held Wednesday 26 June 2019 were received by members.

51 Minutes

The minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held Wednesday 26 June 2019 were received by members.

52 Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held Tuesday 16 July 2019 were received by members.

53 Minutes

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Thursday 8 August 2019 were received by members.

54 Minutes

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held Tuesday 13 August 2019 were received by members.

55 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: Agenda item 19 – Public Works Loan Board – Charles Hill Playing Fields to be taken in exclusion.

55 Town Mayors Announcements

The Town Mayor's chosen charity is East Midlands Autism.

Since the last Town Council meeting the Mayor has opened the Assisted Dogs Fun Day at Shipley Park, presented trophies at Mundy School Horticultural and Agricultural Show and officially unveiled a new Pond Dipping platform at Red River Local Nature Reserve.

56 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Derbyshire County Council – Sure Start Centres

In response to concerns raised in relation to DCC's funding of Sure Start Centres, DCC state that their current budget planning does not have proposals within it for further reductions of Children's Centres.

Resolved: This information is received.

56 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action (cont.)

(b) Evaluation of current Committee Structure

Resolved: The following amendments are made to the existing committees

- Planning - add Rachel Burton, add Sean Hind
- Executive - remove Sara Danvers, add Frank Carmichael
- Events - remove Sara Danvers, add Steven Grainger
- Complaints - add Jackie Stones

(c) Amber Valley Access Group – Town Council Representative

Amber Valley Access meet at 2pm on the second Thursday of each month. It was previously noted that due to the time of these meetings no Town Councillor would be able to attend, however Councillor Frank Carmichael would welcome the opportunity to represent the Town Council on Amber Valley Access Group.

Resolved: Councillor F Carmichael is the nominated Town Council representative on Amber Valley Access Board.

(d) Amber Valley Borough Council – Climate Change

Councillor P Jones moved the following motion, seconded by Councillor C Cox

Heanor and Loscoe Town Council pledge:

- To take the lead and commit to drastically reducing the Council's carbon footprint.
- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible
- Work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies

Resolved: The above motion is agreed.

(e) Derbyshire County Council – Multi Agency Team

Following concerns over DCC's decision to review funding for the above service, the response from DCC states that "there was full consultation regarding the future structure of the early help service, including the Multi Agency Teams last year, decision making in relation to this service has already been made, through the council's political decision-making processes, and plans in relation to the remodelled early help service are now well advanced with the new structures anticipated to be in place this Autumn".

Resolved: This information is received.

(f) Groundwork – Red River LNR Quarter 1 SLA Report for April – June 2019

Members received the above reports which detailed the general background, aims and objectives of the Service Level Agreement. The report included information on the tasks, activities, event days, meetings held, and funding achieved during this time

Resolved: The above report is received.

(g) Amber Valley Borough Council – Potential Move to Whole Council Elections

Amber Valley Borough Council is consulting on the possibility of them moving from elections by thirds to whole council elections.

Resolved: The Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader to respond on behalf of the Town Council.

56 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action (cont.)**(h) Amber Valley Borough Council - Future High Street Fund**

Heanor is among 50 areas across the country to be invited through to the second phase of the £675m Future High Streets Fund that aims to revitalise local Town Centres. Joanne Bamford, Growth and Town Centre Manager – AVBC will attend next month's Town Council meeting to outline stage 2 Business Case.

Resolved: This information is received.

57 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**(a) Revised NALC Model Financial Regulations 2019 for England**

Resolved: This item is placed on the next agenda of the Executive Committee.

(b) 2019 Executive Elections – Voting Slip for AVBC

Resolved: The Town Council completed the voting slip for DALC executive committee elections 2019-2023.

Circular 09/2019 General

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Resolved: The above documents are received.

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

Cheque No	Payee/Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
1504	Derbyshire CC – Superannuation	749.55	00.00	749.55
1505	Inland Revenue – PAYE, NI	1055.82	00.00	1055.82
1506	Blue Gecko – IT services	40.00	00.00	40.00
1507	Wm Frost – Car park rental	850.00	00.00	850.00
1508	Tudor Landscapes – Garden maintenance	71.63	00.00	71.63
1509	Kirk Contracts – Window cleaning	132.08	26.42	158.50
1510	O Heap Ltd – Fire Risk Assessments	1260.00	252.00	1512.00
1511	Viking – Post/stat/clean	438.46	42.59	481.05
1512	Eastwood Peoples Initiative – S137	200.00	00.00	200.00
1513	Codnor PC – Cont. to Bob Moon Cup	200.00	00.00	200.00
1514	Pictorial – Wilmot St banner	305.00	61.00	366.00
1515	Tasty Treats – Cont. to Urban Fun Day	450.00	00.00	450.00
1516	Petty Cash – Reimbursement	90.43	0.88	91.31
1517	S Whitehead – Councillor photographs	50.00	00.00	50.00
1518	Dorma UK Ltd – Shutter maintenance	249.00	49.80	298.80
1519	Kone Ltd – Sliding door maintenance	73.50	14.70	88.20
1520	Tudor Landscapes – Garden maintenance	47.13	00.00	47.13
1521	Burleys – Ground maintenance	110.15	22.03	132.18
1522	Wish Cloud Ltd – Additional web pages	500.00	00.00	500.00
1523	Page Whelan – Newsletters	945.00	00.00	945.00
1524	Kirk Contracts – Window/shutter cleaning	25.00	5.00	30.00
1525	Petty Cash – Reimbursement	84.26	00.00	84.26
TOTAL		7927.01	474.42	8401.43

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £8,401.43

58 Finance (cont.)

(b) Bacs Payments for approval (June/July - wages July/August)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	9794.96	00.00	9794.96
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	68.30	3.42	71.72
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	282.45	48.22	330.67
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	430.02	86.01	516.03
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	763.67	152.72	916.39
Waterplus	Water supply – WS	89.92	00.00	89.92
AVBC	Rates	2436.00	00.00	2436.00
Waterplus	Water supply – TH	95.65	00.00	95.65
SWALEC	Electricity supply – FS	174.21	8.71	182.92
SWALEC	Electricity supply – WS	179.32	8.96	188.28
Total		14314.50	308.04	14622.54

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

(c) Income for June/July 2019

Town Hall lettings	3758.00
Town Hall Rents	666.66
The Old Fire Station	1732.00
Wilmot Street Centre	2531.00
Town Hall	290.66
Events/environment	25.00
Total	9003.32

Resolved: This information is received.

59 Grants

Carousel Crafts

no amount stated

(to fund transport for members to events and classes)

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: -

Carousel Crafts

£200.00

60 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

Two items of outdoor gym equipment on the Wilmot Street Recreation Ground are to be removed due to vandalism.

The Town Council has purchased a portable hearing loop and are looking at costings to install a permanent hearing system in the Council Chamber.

The Town Council has received many positive comments on this year's floral displays.

The Town Clerk has met with a contractor and spoken with AVBC and DCC to try and establish a suitable site on High Street, Loscoe to place the 'Parish of Heanor and Loscoe' sign.

The 'tear drop' logo of the Town Council has been placed on the front elevation of The Wilmot Street Centre.

60 Items for Information (cont.)

(a) Clerk's Report

This year's pantomime is confirmed to be 'Beauty and the Beast'. This is a free event provided by the Town Council and will be held in The Wilmot Street Centre on Saturday 16 November starting at 1.30pm.

The Town Council contributed to the Urban Fun Day organised by Heanor and Langley Mill Safer Neighbourhood Team. The event was held on Sunday 11 August 2019 and raised a total of £990 for local charities.

Fibre broadband is now available at The Wilmot Centre and free for public use.

Resolved: This information is received.

Councillor K Hill left the meeting.

61 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2019/0767 Car Wash, 1 High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire Permanent consent for a previously approved canopy at the car wash/valeting facility.

AVA/2019/0786 Five A Day, 1B Market Place, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7NR Replacement of existing frontage to shop.

Town Council comment: The Town Council welcome this application.

AVA/2019/0738 Crest of The Wave, 35 Market Place, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EG

Retrospective application for new shop front, fascia and flue.

Town Council comment: The Town Council object to a retrospective planning application.

AVA/2019/0355 4 Watkinson Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FX Erection of dwelling (outline application with some matters reserved).

AVA/2019/0799 120 High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LG Two storey front, two storey rear extension and the erection of a dormer window with associated balcony.

Councillor K Hill returned to the meeting.

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"

62 Public Works Loan Board – Charles Hill Playing Fields

Councillor C Emma-Williams abstained from the vote.

Resolved: The Town Council agree, in principle, to take a Public Work Loan Board loan to facilitate the development of a sports/community building on Charles Hill Playing Fields, subject to a letter confirming the commitment of Amber Valley Borough Council to support and co-fund this project.

63 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – 3 October 2019