

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 7 February 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Gration (Mayor), G Aldwinckle, M Burrell, Mrs C Cox, Mrs C Gration, Mrs E Hamilton, K Hill, R Iliffe, Mrs S Iliffe, Mrs A Jones, P Jones, D Jowett, A Longdon, Mrs H Longdon, A Lynch, Miss S Oakes and Miss H Stirland.

Also present: David Cunningham, Tree and Conservation Officer – AVBC, representatives from Heanor Weenies

The meeting was preceded by a minute silence in memory of Bob Moon, a former Councillor, Mayor and Leader of the Town Council.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor presented a cheque to Heanor Weenies.

David Cunningham gave guidance to members on planning applications that include tree works with particular emphasis on 'good pruning' and tree preservation orders.

## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

#### **137 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Flint (family commitment) and Mrs J Janes (prior commitment).

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

#### **138 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register**

The following Declarations of Interest were received:

Agenda Item 14 – Planning/Environmental/Licensing

Councillor B Gration - personal (leave meeting) - member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor Mrs C Gration – personal (leave meeting) – wife of B Gration (member of AVBC Planning Board)

Councillor K Hill – personal (leave meeting) – member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor Mrs Sue Iliffe - personal (leave meeting) – wife of R Iliffe (member of AVBC Planning Board)

Councillor R Iliffe - personal (leave meeting) – member of Planning Board

#### **139 Dispensations**

No request for dispensation was received.

#### **140 Public Speaking**

##### **(a) Public Matters**

It was suggested that the Town Council take part in the 'Great British Spring Clean 2019' This event takes place from 22 March – 23 April 2019 and is a nationwide initiative.

## **140 Public Speaking (cont)**

### Police Matters

There were no police present and no matters raised.

### County Council

The old hoarding at the side of Heanor Job Centre have been removed and the fencing repaired.

Cllr R Iliffe attended a 'turf turning' ceremony for the new MUGA at Charles Hill Playing Fields. Community funding has been agreed to the Red River Friends of Group.

Road resurfacing schedule continues.

### Borough Council

At the recent meeting of the Borough the following items were discussed: Council tax, asset management plan, additional staff.

### Outside Bodies

Nothing to report.

### Leaders Report

#### **Bob Moon**

The Mayor has already informed us of the sad passing of former Mayor and Leader Bob Moon, but I would like to make a few comments. Bob earned a reputation as someone who was committed to his community and was always reminding us that Loscoe was not just an adjunct to Heanor and was included in the name of the Council. He also developed an expertise on planning and helped not only the Council, but residents also, to object to planning applications which were controversial. Finally, Bob was also committed to his Christian faith and during my time as Mayor berated me for judging an Easter Bonnet competition on Good Friday. He will be sadly missed by us all a true character, regretfully there are so few around nowadays

#### **CCTV**

As agreed at the last Council meeting, we made representations to AVBC about the provision of CCTV cameras but to date have not received any response. I attended the Full Council meeting at Amber Valley to ask the following question.

'I am here as Leader of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council. As some of you are aware there was a vicious attack on a resident of the town between Christmas and the New Year on Heanor Market Place. Although there were a number of issues arising from the assault one of the concerns raised by residents and supported by the Council is the fact that the police had to rely on the CCTV footage from the shop, where the man was assaulted, rather than the Borough Council's own CCTV which does not cover the Market Place. In the circumstances, on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of Heanor and Loscoe, I am requesting that the Borough Council look at the strategic siting of their 3 remaining cameras in Heanor to see if at least one of them could be relocated to cover Heanor Market Place, to not only act as a deterrent but a practical means of supporting the police should such an occurrence happen again on the Market Place. When the Borough Council reduced the number of cameras in Heanor from 12 to 3 there was an undertaking that the position of the remaining cameras would be reviewed. That time has come, and we are asking the Borough Council to act on behalf of our community.'

I was prevented from asking the question because CCTV was not on the Council's agenda. I will be asking one of our Borough Councillors to raise the matter at the next Borough Council meeting.

### **Parish Magazine**

I am pleased to inform you that the latest edition of the Parish magazine will be hitting the shelves very shortly. I would like to thank all those involved in its production, it has a wide range of articles and information about the Town Council plus an article from the Police and Crime Commissioner. A good read for everyone.

### **Supporting Young People in the Town**

#### **‘URBAN’ Youth Club**

Cllrs Brian and Carol Gratton, Cllr Lynch and I attend the launch of this event last night. It was well attended with around 18 young people engaging in various activities.

### **Review of requirement of the young**

Cllr Cox, myself and the Town Clerk will be attending a multi-agency meeting next week, along with the consultant we have engaged to move things forward.

MAT Team - There is concern that at a meeting at Matlock on Monday the MAT teams across the County will be decimated and that the work we are trying to establish will be made all the more difficult without their support all because the County Council do not see this as a priority for funding

### **Planning concerns about AVBC**

We continue to receive planning applications to convert retail properties within the town to residential, this is of continuing concern not only to ourselves but also our residents. Alongside the Borough's failure to deliver a Local Plan and the current greenbelt review that has the potential to impact on the Breach Road area of our community.

We are not the only ones to have such concerns and we have this week received an email from Crich Parish Council, which states they have written to James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government, stating that their Council has ‘No Confidence’ in AVBC as a local planning authority and requesting the Secretary of State to investigate the failings of the Borough Council with a view to putting alternative arrangements in place. Whilst the concerns expressed by Crich Parish Council relate to a specific planning issue in Crich, I think that we should discuss the concerns we have over the performance of the Borough Council in relation to significant issues within Heanor and therefore recommend that the issue is discussed at the next Executive meeting with a recommendation to the Full Council.

### **141 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 January 2019 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

### **142 Minutes**

The minutes of the Executive committee held Tuesday 15 January 2019 were received by members.



### **143 Minutes**

The minutes of the Human Resources committee held Thursday 21 January 2019 were received by members.

### **144 Items to be taken in Exclusion**

**Resolved:** No items to be taken in exclusion.

### **145 Town Mayors Announcements**

The Town Mayor and consort, Cllr Carol Gration attended the Showman's Guild Annual Dinner on 25 January 2019 at The Belfry Hotel, Nottingham.

### **146 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action**

#### **(a) Fees and Charges (Exec min 085-2018/19 refers)**

**Resolved:** The Town Council agree no increase in fees and charges for 2019/20.

#### **(b) Lone Working Policy (HR min 014-2018/19 refers)**

**Resolved:** The Town Council agree, approve and adopt Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Lone Working Policy.

#### **(c) Contract Review – 27 – Lone Working Policy and Procedures (HR min 015-2018/19 refers)**

**Resolved:** The Town Council agree and approve that employee contract section 27 – Lone Working Policy and Procedure shall read:

#### **27 Lone Working Policy & Procedure:**

**The Council's lone workers fall into the following group:**

##### **1 People in fixed establishments where:**

- Only one person works on the premises, e.g. the Council Offices.
- People work separately from others.
- People work outside normal hours.

**Copies of Town Council's Lone Working Policy and associated Risk Assessments are enclosed.**

#### **(d) Risk Assessments G11 and G12 – Lone Working/Violence at Work (HR min 016-2018/9 refers)**

**Resolved:** The Town Council agree Risk Assessments G11 and G12 – Lone Working/Violence at Work.

#### **(e) National Salary Award 2019/2020 (HR min 017-2018/19 refers)**

**Resolved:** The Town Council agree the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) new pay scales for 2019/2020 to be implemented from 1 April 2019.

#### **(f) Green Belt Areas – Lost for Development**

AVBC are undertaking a Boroughwide Green Belt Review.

**Resolved:** This is placed as an agenda item on the next Executive Committee meeting.

**146 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action (cont)****(g) Trialling of Youth Club at The Wilmot Street Centre**

Heanor SNT, with the support of the Town Council, Heanor MAT and a number of local Businesses are trialling a Youth Club. This will be held at The Wilmot Street Centre, every Wednesday evening in February from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

**Resolved:** The Town Council support this venture by providing The Wilmot Street Centre free of charge for this trial period.

**(h) Red River Local Nature Reserve – (Quarter 3 Report – Oct - Dec 2018) (enc)**

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 Town Council wish to record their thanks to the Friends of Red River Group for their contribution to the site.

**147 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

Circular 01/2019 Index of Most Important Elements of 218 DALC Circulars

Circular 02/2019 General – Updated Legal Topic Notes, Section 137 Expenditure, Parkrun consultation response, Clerk Essential Training Course, NALC – Loneliness Project, MAY Council Elections/Training

**Resolved:** The above documents are received.

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

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee/Description</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Gross</b>
1399	Petty Cash - reimbursement	110.46	00.00	110.46
1400	Inland Revenue – PAYE, NI	1081.56	00.00	1081.56
1401	DCC – Superannuation	728.30	00.00	728.30
1402	Harlite – Balance xmas lights	6574.57	1314.91	7889.48
1403	Pictorial – foamex cheques	60.00	12.00	72.00
1404	Keyair Ltd – Windows and doors WS	15911.94	3182.39	19094.33
1405	Viking – cleaning/stat/postage	123.68	24.74	148.42
1406	AVBC – Grit bin refill x 2	192.54	00.00	192.54
1407	O Heap + Son – Fire equip service	528.00	105.60	633.60
1408	Ripley Glass – replacement glass	206.82	41.36	248.18
1409	Burleys – Garden maintenance	110.15	22.03	132.18
1410	Chubb – Work on intruder alarm	42.51	8.50	51.01
1411	Greenscape – Resurfacing car par WS	24180.00	00.00	24180.00
1412	Namesco – Website domain	149.99	30.00	179.99
1413	Blue Gecko IT – computer upgrade	925.00	00.00	925.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50925.52</b>	<b>4741.53</b>	<b>55667.05</b>

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £55667.05 is approved.



**148 Finance (cont)****(b) Bacs Payments for approval (December - wages January)**

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Wages/Mayoral allowance	4985.04	00.00	4985.04
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	125.10	6.26	131.36
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	454.02	90.80	544.82
Talk Talk	Broadband Rental	19.43	3.88	23.31
XLN	3 x line rental + calls	110.82	22.16	132.98
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	330.85	66.17	397.02
AVBC	Rates	1190.00	00.00	1190.00
Haven Power	Electricity supply - TH	521.76	104.34	626.10
PDP Character Hire	Christmas Mascots	75.00	00.00	75.00
T Holden	Xmas stall refund	10.00	00.00	10.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>7822.02</b>	<b>293.61</b>	<b>8115.63</b>

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

**(c) Income for December 2018**

Town Hall lettings	1314.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	4330.00
Wilmot Street Centre	508.50
Environment	430.00
Other	00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6915.83</b>

**Resolved:** This information is received.

**149 Items for Information****(a) Clerk's Report**

Resurfacing of Wilmot Street Centre Car Park is complete.

The office computer system is to be upgraded along with the addition of fibre broadband.

It is hoped that fibre broadband will also be made available at our Wilmot Street Centre.

**150 Planning/Environment/Licensing****AVA/2018/1190 – Flat 2, 5 Red Lion Square, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7PA**

Change of use from A1 to A5 usage at ground floor, retention of first floor flat and creation of second floor flat with new access stairs.

**AVA/2018/1194 – 20C Gladstone Avenue, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7PU**

Conversion of an interior garage into a room with 1 window facing the road.

**AVA/2019/0014 – Land adjacent The Willows, Starthe Bank, Heanor, Derbyshire**

Build 3 new self-contained apartments.

**150    Planning/Environment/Licensing (cont)**

**AVA/2019/0024 – Mill Farm, Heanor, Loscoe, Derbyshire**

Non-material amendment to AVA/2018/0534.

**AVA/2019/0065 – 27A Market Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7NR**

Change of use of an existing two storey flat (with office) into two separate flats

**PART 11 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

No items for discussion.

**152    Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 7 March 2019**