

**Minutes of the  
meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council  
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 8 March 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Gration (Chair), G Aldwinckle, M Burrell,  
Mrs C Gration, Mrs A Jones, P Jones, D Jowett, A Longdon,  
Mrs H Longdon and T Lynch.

**AGENDA**

**PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**156 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Cox (prior engagement), B Flint (prior commitment), Mrs E Hamilton (prior commitment), K Hill (prior commitment), R Iliffe (prior engagement), Mrs S Iliffe (prior engagement), Mrs J Janes (prior engagement), Miss S Oakes (prior engagement) and Miss H Stirland (prior commitment).

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

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

Agenda item 14 - Planning/Environment/Licensing  
Councillor B Gration - personal - member of AVBC planning board  
Councillor Mrs C Gration - personal - wife of Cllr B Gration

**158 Dispensations**

No application for dispensation was received.

**159 Public Speaking**

(a) Public Matters

No public matter was raised.

(b) Police Matters

There was no police presence and no matter was raised.

Crime figures are available on the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/derbyshire/NR13/crime/>

**159 Public Speaking**

County Council

No report

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## **159 Public Speaking (cont)**

### Borough Council

Council tax increase 3.19%

The Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination during June with adoption in October 2018.

Empty shops in Heanor Town Centre has reduced from 14 to 5, although there is concern over the lack of diversity of retailers.

### Leader's Report

Town Council Leader Paul Jones has met with:

Representatives from AVBC, Aldercar and Langley Mill Parish Council and East Midlands Train and Network Rail to discuss improvements to Langley Mill Station.

Connect to discuss the possibility of extending the Tram service from Eastwood into Amber Valley.

Inspector Parker regarding issues in the Town.

The proposed MUGA's, jointly funded by AVBC, DCC and H&LTC will be discussed at the next Cabinet meeting.

### Outside Bodies

No report.

## **160 Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2018 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

## **161 Minutes**

The minutes of the Human resource Committee meeting held Monday 12 February 2018 was received by members.

## **162 Minutes**

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 was received by members.

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

**Resolved:** Agenda item 15 - National Living Wage is taken in exclusion.

## **164 Mayor's Announcements**

The Deputy Mayor had attended Codnor Parish Council's Civic Service.

## **165 Town Council – Items for Decision**

(a) Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres - Suspension of Heanor Sessions

The trustees of Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres have taken the decision to suspend its activities in the Heanor area following the Derbyshire County Council decision to cut £92,000 of its funding.

**Resolved:** County Councillors A Stevenson and R Iliffe are informed that the Town Council will match any funding they contribute to retaining the services of DUWC in Heanor.

**165 Town Council – Items for Decision (cont)**

- (b) Amber Valley Borough Council - Land between Saxton Avenue and Johnson Drive

Amber Valley Borough Council has been made aware of the occupation/fencing by a third party of land between Saxton Avenue and Johnson Drive. The Borough Council will endeavour to determine ownership of the land in question and would welcome the views of the Town Council in respect of helping to identify an owner and also recommending to what use the land could be put in the public interest, should the Borough Council pursue compulsory purchase.

**Resolved:** The Town Council support compulsory purchase of the land and suggest a play area or housing as future use.

- (c) Mundy C of E Junior School

The Town Council purchased a Trophy in memory of ex Town Councillor Claude Hancock which is presented at Mundy School's Annual Horticultural and Agricultural Show. The Town Council is asked if they would wish to make a donation towards the prize money which accompanies the trophy.

**Resolved:** This information is noted.

**166 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

Circular 3/2018 General - Data Protection Bill and GDPR, GDPR update, Final Call for Transparency Fund applications, Revised Legal Topic Notes, New Year message from Cllr Sue Baxter, NALC Chairman, Request to complete survey regarding funding for services in areas with a high proportion of second/holiday homes, Help to clean up the Country, Why Councils need to take employee complaints seriously, Census survey of Parish Councils, Councillor Essential Training.

**Resolved:** This information is received.

**167 FINANCE**

- (a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Payee/Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
1217	Inland Revenue - Paye/NI	1113.20	00.00	1113.20
1218	Derbyshire CC - Superannuation	738.18	00.00	738.18
1219	Horizon Lifts - Lift maintenance TH	39.50	7.90	47.40
1220	Derbyshire CC - Land licence - WW	10.00	00.00	10.00
1221	Viking - Water for cooler	38.98	7.80	46.78
1222	Burleys - Ground maintenance	70.15	14.03	84.18
1223	Groundwork - SLA RRLNR	1250.00	250.00	1500.00
1224	N Hart - Booking deposit refund	50.00	00.00	50.00
1225	George + Gagg - Pen Rev leaflets	220.00	15.00	235.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3530.01</b>	<b>294.73</b>	<b>3824.74</b>

**Resolved:** Payment of above accounts at a cost of £3,824.74 is approved

**167 FINANCE (cont)****(b) Bacs Payments for approval (January - wages February)**

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Wages/Mayoral allowance	4469.87	00.00	4469.87
Opus Energy	Gas supply - TH	681.66	136.33	817.99
Opus Energy	Gas supply - FS	140.99	7.05	148.04
Talk Talk	Broadband Rental	19.43	3.88	23.31
XLN	3 x line rental + calls	97.32	19.46	116.78
AVBC	Rates	1189.00	00.00	1189.00
Opus Energy	Gas supply - WS	253.02	50.60	303.62
Waterplus	Water supply - WS	214.50	00.00	214.50
Waterplus	Water supply downstairs TH	111.02	00.00	111.02
Personal Advice	Professional services	100.00	20.00	120.00
Haven Power	Electricity supply - TH	387.83	77.56	465.39
Waterplus	Water supply upstairs TH	1459.79	00.00	1459.79
British Gas	Final electricity charges - TH	341.45	68.29	409.74
<b>Total</b>		<b>9465.88</b>	<b>383.17</b>	<b>9849.05</b>

**Resolved:** Payment of the above bacs is received and agreed.

**(c) Income for January 2018**

Town Hall lettings	1585.00
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	866.00
Wilmot Street Centre	1381.25
Other	162.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>4328.49</b>

**Resolved:** This information is received.

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

Tesco has arranged for a contractor to clear the traffic island on a regular basis.

Pre-election period for the upcoming elections is 19 March - 3 May 2018

Diary Dates

7 May Annual May Day event 12noon - 4pm, Heanor Market Place

13 May Wm Gregg Centenary event 12noon - 3pm, Heanor Memorial Park

AVBC has agreed that Heanor Local History Society may utilise the interview office in the Town Hall former Borough cash office for storage.

**(b) Miscellaneous**

Treetops Hospice Care Thank you letter for S137 donation

Stepping Stones Thank you letter for S137 donation



## **169 Planning/Environment/Licensing**

### **AVA/2018/0119**

Installation of all year weatherproof canopy located in playground at Howitt Primary Community School, Heanor for Mrs Clare Rhodes

### **TRE/2018/0223**

T1- Beech - Crown lift to 8m above pavement and 6m above garden. Deadwood canopy throughout. T2- Beech - Crown lift to 8m above pavement and 6m above garden. Deadwood canopy throughout. T3- Beech - Crown lift to 8m above pavement and 6m above garden. Deadwood canopy throughout. T4- Beech - Crown lift to 8m above pavement and 6m above garden. Deadwood canopy throughout. T5- Beech - Crown lift to 8m above pavement and 6m above garden. Deadwood canopy throughout. T6- Poplar - Fell because of poor management in the past. Row of 6 lapsed pollards. Ivy covering potential weak unions. T7- Poplar - Fell. Visible decay in unions. T8- Poplar - Fell. Standing dead stem as a result of previous failure. T9- Poplar - Fell. Visible weak unions due to lapsed pollard. Low amenity value. T10- Poplar - Fell. Lapsed pollard with regrowth leaning over neighbouring car park. Visible weak unions. T11 Cherry- Fell. Struggling to grow under canopy of Beech above. Potential cause for concern due to angle of growth out over pavement and road. T12 Cherry - Reduce. Poor growth due to location. Aim to create more natural tree shape by reduction of laterals by 3-4m and crown lift over pavement to 5-6m. T13- Yew - Crown lift all round to 3m. T14- Yew - Crown lift all round to 3m. T15- Yew - Fell due to poor past management. Young multi stemmed specimen with low amenity value. T16- Lawson Cypress - Fell. Multi stem conifer with included union at base. Low amenity value. T17- Holly - Fell. Has grown into crown of adjacent Yew and affecting growth. Dense area of garden and could do with thinning. T18- Holly - Fell. Multi stemmed, leaning into driveway and stifling adjacent Yew. T19- Holly - Reduce in height by 2. Crown lift to 2m and shape remaining crown. No plans to plant replacement trees due to the dense nature of the site at present. Plan to thin the garden by felling self-sets & shrubs to aid the health & development of the mature trees at Ravenswood Residential Home, Ilkeston Road, Heanor for Mr Aiken Collinge

#### Town Council comment:

The Town welcome the maintenance of these trees. It was noted that a number of the trees demise is due to 'poor management in the past'. The Town Council request that T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, T15, T16, T17 and T18 are all replaced.

### **AVA/2018/0174**

Non material amendment of AVA/2012/0449 for front porch at 7 Roper Avenue for Mr & Mrs Durrance

**PART 11 – 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'

**170 National Living Wage** (HR Min 038-2017/18 refers)

**Recommendation:** The Town Council work towards Living Wage Foundation within a five year time frame.

**Resolved:** This agenda item is referred to the next Executive Committee meeting.

**171 Date of Next Town Council Meeting – 5 April 2018**

*SR Oates.*