

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 11 January 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors P Jones (Mayor), L Brunelleschi, C M Cox, L Cox, C Emmas-Williams, J Gent, E Hamilton, M Howard, T Holmes, A Jones, and J Ward.

Also present: A Sharpe (Assistant to the Town Clerk), 2 Police and 11 members of the public.

Representatives of Derbyshire Constabulary attended the meeting and briefed Council on the mini police initiative aimed at combating crime in and around the local area.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

084 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Beswick (family), S Bower (family), C Neale (illness), Z Parr (other commitment), J Stones, (illness) and A Stevenson (work).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

085 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Councillor E Hamilton – personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

Councillor T Holmes – personal – member of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

All Members had a personal interest in agenda item 8(a) Charles Hill Playing Fields Development Funding Request.

086 Requests for Dispensation

Resolved: that it be noted that the Clerk had previously granted a dispensation to Councillor T Holmes that enables him to remain in the meeting on any item that he has an interest but not speak or vote due to mobility. This dispensation lasts until 6 February 2024.

087 Public Speaking
Public Matters

None.



Police Matters

Presentation earlier in the meeting on mini police initiative.

Outside Bodies

No report.

Leaders Report submitted by Councillor E Hamilton

This month the report will be very short due to the closure of most offices for almost two weeks and therefore a lack of meetings.

I would like firstly to refer again to our very successful Christmas lights switch on to point out to all members that we have received an email from visitors who have praised our lights over those in Derby.

I have also personally received many compliments again this year about how good our lights are compared to others in the local area. I would therefore like to thank you all again for your help with the Christmas lights.

Charles Hill is nearing completion and is now actively looking for volunteers to help with future events. If you or anyone you know can help in any small way please contact Lynn McCree at Community Volunteer Services at Ripley.

088 Minutes – 7 December 2023

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 7 December 2023, were approved as a correct record, and duly signed by the mayor.

089 Mayors Announcement

On December 9th In my capacity as Mayor of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council I along with the Mayoress, Cllr Ann Jones, attended the Christmas wreath making put on by the volunteers at the Red River Nature Reserve and Ground work Five Counties. Due to the weather the event had to be held indoors at St Luke's Church, but this only helped make the atmosphere more enjoyable. Helped by the Church having its Christmas Fair which kept us all going with food and drink. Not a bad attempt, even if I say so myself.

On December 10th as Town Mayor, Cllr Ann Jones and I were invited to the Civic Service for Cllr Tony Holmes, Mayor of Amber Valley Borough Council at All Saints Church Ripley. A guard of honour was provided by Derbyshire Army Cadets.

On December 12th I was pleased to attend in my official capacity as Mayor along with Cllr Ann Jones a memory cafe/tea dance event organised by Ashmere Homes at Heanor Miners Welfare. Everyone was entertained by music provide by local St Andrews Vicar Peter Hallsworth and friends plus a surprise visit from Santa. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in an entertaining occasion for all the resident from local nursing homes

On December 13th it was a pleasure to attend with my wife Ann the Civic and Village Carol Service at St Andrew's Church Swanwick. We were wonderfully entertained by Swanwick Primary School, who really did make the event enjoyable, supported by Crich Brass Band and Amber Voices Choir. Thank you to Swanwick Chair Cllr Amy Trewick for the Invite.

On January 6th The Mayor and Mayoress (Cllrs Paul and Ann Jones) were pleased to draw out the names of winners for the Heanor Vision "Spend to Win" competition sponsored by the Town Council. The competition resulted in £10,000 being spent in the local economy and had 23 prize winners.

Following the draw everyone settled down to a showing of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' at Infinite Wellbeing.

Well done to everyone involved.

090 Exclusion of Public

No items to be excluded.

091 Town Council Items for Decision/Agreed Action

(a) Charles Hill Playing Fields Development Funding Request

It was proposed to release accrued funds to Amber Valley Borough Council towards the establishment of the Community Sports Facility.

Resolved: That £100,000 be released to Amber Valley Borough Council for the above project.

(b) Standing Orders

Resolved: The Town Council agree, and adopt the Standing Orders subject to the following amendment to Standing Order no.3 – Meetings generally:

A Meetings shall not take place in premises which at the time of the meeting are used for the supply of alcohol unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.

B The minimum three clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

C Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.

D Members of the public who are on the Heanor and Loscoe Town Council register of electors or are Heanor and Loscoe Town Council Taxpayers or Non-domestic Taxpayers may ask questions of the Council at ordinary meetings of the Council in accordance with items on the Agenda.

E The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(d) above shall not exceed 15 minutes, unless directed by the Mayor of the meeting.

F Subject to standing order 3(e) above, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.

G In accordance with standing order 3(d) above, A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or electronic mail to the Town Clerk no later than 5.00pm three working days before the Council meeting (i.e., on Monday when Council meets on the Thursday). Any questions submitted or requested to be asked prior to meeting but after the 3 days' notice set out above and, which the Clerk has been made aware of shall be asked at the discretion of the Chair. The notice must give the name of address of the questioner.

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question, and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation. The Town Council may reject a question if it:

- i is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility, or which affects Heanor and Loscoe
- ii is defamatory, frivolous, or offensive
- iii is substantially the same question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months
- iv requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information

The Mayor will invite the questioner to put the question to the Council. If the questioner who has submitted a written question is unable to be present, he/she may ask the Mayor to put the question on his/her behalf. In the absence of the questioner, the Mayor may ask the question on the questioner's behalf, indicate that a written reply will be given, or decide that the question will not be dealt with.

H a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The Mayor of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

I A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort)].

J A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the Mayor of the meeting.

K Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the Mayor of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

L Recording, filming, and broadcasting meetings is permissible in law.



M If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings at any meeting, the mayor may, after warning, order that he/she be removed from the Council Chamber or that the part of the Chamber open to the public is cleared.

N The press shall be provided with reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.

O Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Mayor of the Council may in his absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Mayor of the Council (if any).

P The Mayor, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Mayor is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Mayor, if present, shall preside. If both the Mayor and the Vice-Mayor are absent from a meeting, a councillor as chosen by the councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.

Q Subject to a meeting being quorate, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the councillors or councillors with voting rights present and voting.

R The Mayor of a meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise his casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.

See standing orders 5(i) and (j) below for the different rules that apply in the election of the Mayor of the Council at the annual meeting of the council.

S Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave his vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.

T The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:

- i. the time and place of the meeting.
- ii. the names of councillors present and absent
- iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights.
- iv. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered.
- v. if there was a public participation session; and
- vi. the resolutions made

U A councillor or a non-councillor with voting rights who has a disclosable pecuniary interest, or another interest as set out in the council's code of conduct in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under the code on his right to participate and vote on that matter.

V No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third of the whole number of members of the council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.

See standing order 4d(viii) below for the quorum of a committee or sub-committee meeting.

W If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted and the meeting shall be closed. The business on the agenda for the meeting shall be adjourned to another meeting.

(c) Kone PLC – Quotation for replacement door

Resolved: To defer consideration to the Executive Committee.

(d) AVBC – FHSF Whysall Street Car Park Closure

Resolved: To note the closure of the car park from 1st January 2024 for a period of 6-8 weeks.

092 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
December Newsletter

Resolved: The above document is received.

093 Finance

(a) Bacs payments – November

| Payee | Description | Nett | Vat | Gross |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Tudor Landscapes | WW Maintenance | 76.50 | 00.00 | 76.50 |
| P J Lilley | Roof repair – TH | 1420.00 | 284.00 | 1704.00 |
| IMI | Memorial clean | 1950.00 | 390.00 | 2340.00 |
| Viking | Cleaning supplies | 45.33 | 9.07 | 54.40 |
| Viking | Stationery | 67.91 | 13.58 | 81.49 |
| Carousel Craft | Funding | 250.00 | 00.00 | 250.00 |
| Ripley Glass | Replace glass – ICR | 520.00 | 104.00 | 624.00 |
| Drax energy | Electricity supply – TH | 408.42 | 81.65 | 490.07 |
| Tudor Landscapes | WS Ground Maintenance | 119.00 | 00.00 | 119.00 |
| DALC | Councillor Training | 16.00 | 00.00 | 16.00 |
| Time Assured | Repair Morley clock | 1640.00 | 328.00 | 1968.00 |
| Opus Energy | Gas supply – TH | 624.28 | 124.86 | 749.14 |
| D Vowles | Remembrance photographs | 50.00 | 00.00 | 50.00 |
| D Vowles | Switch On photographs | 100.00 | 00.00 | 100.00 |
| Staff/Mayor | Wages/allowance | 5057.56 | 00.00 | 5057.56 |

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| Derbyshire CC | Superannuation | 997.73 | 00.00 | 997.73 |
| HMRC | Paye, NI | 1093.06 | 00.00 | 1093.06 |
| Pictorial | Christmas advertising | 296.00 | 59.20 | 355.20 |
| Lite Ltd | 50% Christmas Lights | 18680.50 | 3736.10 | 22416.60 |
| D&D Security Ltd | Christmas event | 277.50 | 55.50 | 333.00 |
| DALC | Councillor Training | 216.00 | 00.00 | 216.00 |
| Waterplus | TH water supply - upstairs | 306.53 | 00.00 | 306.53 |
| Waterplus | TH water supply – downstairs | 48.62 | 00.00 | 48.62 |
| AVBC | Rates | 1266.00 | 00.00 | 1266.00 |
| Waterplus | Water supply – WS | 102.66 | 00.00 | 102.66 |
| Smartest Energy | Gas supply - WS | 86.58 | 4.33 | 90.91 |
| XLN Telecom | Phone lines and broadband | 219.42 | 43.88 | 263.30 |
| Nat West | Bank charges | 31.15 | 00.00 | 31.15 |
| Opus energy | Gas supply – WS | 55.72 | 2.79 | 58.51 |
| Total | | 36022.47 | 5236.96 | 41259.43 |

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved at a total of £41259.43.

(b) Income for November 2023

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| Town Hall lettings | 2342.75 |
| Wilmot Street | 1172.50 |
| Environment/events | 450.00 |
| Total | 3965.25 |

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliations – November 2023

Resolved: The above document was received.

094 For Information

Clerk's Report

East Midlands Ambulance Service have provided a substitute defibrillator on the Old Fire Station whilst they search for the original which was deployed in November 2023.

095 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2023/0891 – 4 Taylor Lane, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire

Installation of battery energy storage unit at Constructed Back-Up Electricity Generation Facility.
Decision expected 26 January 2024.

AVA/2023/0886 – Land Between 68 & 128 Hands Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HB

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of AVA/2020/0929 to approve drawings 73-APP/PLAN/001; 73-APP/PLAN/001A; 73-APP/PLAN/002; 73-APP/PLAN/003; 73-APP/PLAN/004; 73-APP/PLAN/005; 73-APP/PLAN/006; 73-APP/PLAN/007; 73-APP/PLAN/008, to include changes to the design and layout approved with additional floor within roof of plots 2 and 3.

AVA/2023/0875 – 66 Breach Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7NJ

Loft conversion including an increased roof pitch and ridge height and addition of two former windows to the rear elevation.

AVA/2023/0838 – 1 Cemetery Way, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7FB

Installation of an electronic sliding gate and pedestrian gate across open driveway. Raising of the height of front and side wall.

AVA/2023/0922 – Aldi Foodstore Ltd, Unit 1 Heanor Retail Park, High Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EX

Replacement of existing refrigerator plant to a CO2 refrigeration plant.

Resolved; to note the above planning applications.

Councillor Hamilton left the meeting whilst these were discussed. Councillor Holmes remained as per his dispensation.

096 Date of next meeting

Resolved: Thursday 1 February 2024.

