

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 6 June 2024**

PRESENT: Councillors C Cox, L Cox, C Emmas-Williams, J Gent, S Goodrum, E Hamilton, M Howard, T Holmes, A Jones, P Jones and C Neale.

Also present: A Sharpe (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and 14 Members of the public.

Prior to the start of the Meeting Members stood in silent tribute to remember D-Day 1944.

The Clerk then read out the following statement –

Good evening, everyone

Could I please ask everyone to turn their mobile devices onto silent. Toilets on first floor, no scheduled fire alarm.

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.

020 Apologies

Apologies for absence submitted by Councillors J Edge (Illness), S Bower (Work), M Burrell (Personal), J Edge (Illness), J Stones (Other commitment), Z Parr (Previous commitment), A Stevenson (Work) and J Ward (Personal).

Resolved: These apologies for absence were noted.

021 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

Councillors C Emmas-Williams, E Hamilton, and T Holmes – Agenda item 11 (Planning applications) – personal – members of Amber Valley Borough Council Planning Board.

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

Councillor A Jones declared a personal interest in agenda item 7(a) as she was a Member of the WI.

022 Requests for Dispensation

Resolved: That Councillors M Burrell and Z Parr be granted a dispensation for non-attendance to last until 4 October 2024.

023 Public Speaking

Public Matters

A Member of the public submitted the following question and asked that the Clerk read it out in his absence –

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 2023 all of the labour councillors were present and the Mayor at the time Eileen Hamilton presented a report as is customary at such meetings. At the Annual Town meeting in May 2024 neither the Mayor nor the Leader of the Council were present and no-one from the council was tasked with presenting the Mayor's Report. Please explain to the public here tonight precisely why.

1. neither the Mayor nor the Leader of the Council were present and
2. why no-one from the council was tasked with presenting the Mayor's Report and
3. why there was no report despite it being quite clearly stated on the agenda for the meeting and
4. why was there no report when the details on the web site expressly said: The purpose of the meeting is to give the Town Council the opportunity to let local residents know what they have been doing over the last year"

The question(s) were answered as follows –

- 1 The Annual Town Meeting is not a meeting of the Town Council and neither the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, or any other Councillor are required in law to attend.
- 2, 3 and 4. This was a genuine mistake as the Mayor had indeed prepared a report and it is reproduced here in the minutes for public record –

This civic year started with a brand-new council following the elections and, hopefully, those new members now feel part of the long tradition of this Council going back 40 years to its formation in May 1984.

The Council has faced a number of difficult situations during the last twelve months most, notably, attempts to intimidate members and officers and it is disappointing that a small minority of our community do not respect the democratic decision of the electors of Heanor and Loscoe.

However, despite this the Council have moved progressively forward delivering for the Town. It adopted an Action plan to cover the period 2023-2027 and have delivered a number of the actions ahead of schedule.

It was pleasing that eventually, after 5 years of campaigning and cajoling and a significant financial contribution from the Town Council, that Loscoe has, at last, got a Community and Sports facility which I am sure will become a centre of activity for the community.

The Council continues to invest in local community groups such as from Citizens Advice, Derbyshire Unemployed workers, Salcare, Heanor Weenies, 2nd Heanor Rainbows, 5th Heanor Guides, and Infinite Wellbeing.

We continue to support the provision of Phlebotomy services in the Town Centre from the Old Fire Station and community groups continue to use our facility at Wilmot Street.

The Government and Borough Council are investing £17 million in the Town Centre with a redevelopment of the Market Place and the former Grammar School, and this will make a significant improvement to the Town and, hopefully, result in attracting further investment. We need to recognise that this was not with disruption to some of the local businesses, but it will be worth it in the end.

We cannot mention the Market Place without thanking the contractors who pulled out all the stops to allow us to be able to have our Christmas Light switch on which continues to be the envy of neighbouring Town and has been well received by the people of Heanor and wider area. With the Council offices being inundated with congratulations from near and far

We continue to support floral displays within the Town which really does lift everyone. Our continued sponsorship of the Gregg Cup is appreciated the schools and was as competitive as ever.

I cannot mention football with congratulating Heanor Town in reaching their first Derbyshire Senior Cup Final in 45 Years played at Pride Park. Although, the result wasn't what we wanted it was a very enjoyable occasion supported by over 1000 of our residents.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff for the hard work they carry out on behalf of our community especially Laura, Kerry and Andrew.

I would like to thank Cllr Hamilton for her support as Deputy Mayor and Leader of the Council and finally, to the Mayoress for her support to me in going to nearly 40 events.

Borough and County Councillors reports

No reports.

Police

No report.

024 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council meeting held on 9 May 2024, were approved as a true record and signed by the Mayor, subject to the following amendments –

Minute number 007 – There was no report from the County Councillor.

Minute number 011 (c) – Meeting dates – No meeting in August 2024, December 2024 and March 2025. 3 October 2024 will be a training session for Councillors.

Dates to be –

Thursday 6 June 2024
A date in July 2024 (to be agreed) - (Councillor Training)
Thursday 5 September 2024
Thursday 3 October 2024 - (Councillor Training)
Thursday 7 November 2024
Thursday 9 January 2025
Thursday 6 February 2025
Thursday 3 April 2025
Thursday 8 May 2025 (Annual General Meeting)

Minute number 013 – The reference to a payment of £2688.00 was for Website not Radiator call-out.

025 Exclusion of Public

Resolved: that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 12.

026 Town Council Items for Decision/Agreed Action

(a) Loscoe Ladybirds WI – Permission to decorate Loscoe Winding Wheel

Councillor A Jones having earlier declared an interest took no part in the debate or vote.

Resolved: That permission be granted for Loscoe Ladybirds WI to decorate the Winding Wheel with poppies for the Remembrance Day period.

(b) Florence Shipley Consultation

Resolved: That the consultation process be noted, and the Clerk and Mayor send a letter objecting to the closures on behalf of the Town Council.

(c) Annual Town Meeting Update

Resolved:

- (1) That the draft minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 20 May be noted and the appendix of answers to matters raised approved.
- (2) That the draft minutes be published on the Council website.
- (3) That as the questions have been answered no follow up meeting should be arranged.

027 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

The May 2024 Newsletter was noted.

028 Finance

(a) Bacs payments – April 2024

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Chubb F&S Ltd	Fire safety service TH	197.94	39.59	237.53
Groundwork Nottm	50% SLA - RRLNR	2500.00	500.00	3000.00
Amber Valley B C	Refuse Contract – Town Hall	419.71	0.00	419.71
Carlin Security	Security at meetings	150.00	0.00	150.00
Amber Valley B C	Refuse Contract – Wilmot St	441.27	0.00	441.27
Tudor Landscapes	Grounds maintenance – WS	117.00	0.00	117.00
Cubit Ultrasonic	Lamp column testing	337.50	0.00	337.50
DALC	Annual subscription	2031.60	0.00	2031.60
Chubb F&S Ltd	Intruder alarm contract	896.19	179.24	1075.43
Staff/Mayor	Wages/allowance	4932.20	0.00	4932.20
HMRC	PAYE, NI	955.01	0.00	955.01
Derbyshire CC	Superannuation	1037.78	0.00	1037.78
Chubb F&S Ltd	Fire alarm service – FS	89.27	17.85	107.12
DM Payroll	Payroll services	240.00	0.00	240.00
Tudor Landscapes	Winding Wheel grass cutting	63.00	0.00	63.00
Tudor Landscapes	Gutter repair Wilmot St	221.74	0.00	221.74
Viking	Cleaning supplies	185.94	37.19	223.13
Heanor Town F C	Transport – cup final	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Tudor Landscapes	Stage repair – Wilmot St	36.00	0.00	36.00
Amber Valley B C	Rates – TH, FS and WSC	1324.20	0.00	1324.20
Salcare	Donation – Food stock	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
Derbyshire Childrens Holiday Centre	Holiday funding	900.00	0.00	900.00
Independent Memorials	Work to Heanor Cenotaph	1811.60	362.32	2173.92
SSE Energy	Gas supply 4 months	3617.77	723.56	4341.33
Carlin Security	Security at meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00
Tudor Landscapes	WSC maintenance	103.50	0.00	103.50
Waterplus	Water charges–TH (upstairs)	315.72	0.00	315.72
Smartest Energy	Gas supply – WSC	351.31	70.26	421.57
British Gas	Electricity supply – Town Hall	790.58	158.11	948.69
EDF Energy	Gas supply	117.50	23.50	141.00
Waterplus	Water supply – WSC	144.44	0.00	144.44
J S Marriott	Internal Audit 2023/24	210.00	0.00	210.00
SSE Energy	Electricity supply – Town Hall	439.09	21.96	461.05
Waterplus	Water charges – TH	34.58	0.00	34.58
XLN Telecom	Phone lines and broadband	240.36	48.07	288.43
Nat West	Bank charges	23.87	0.00	23.87
Smartest Energy	Gas supply – WSC	79.17	15.83	95.00
Total		29,455.84	2,197.48	31,653.32

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved at a total of £31653.32.

(b) Income for April 2024

Town Hall lettings	1350.50
Fire Station	1000.00
Wilmot Street	1675.25
Town Hall	4000.00
Other	32.24
Precept	140725.50
Total	148783.49

Resolved: This information is received.

(c) Bank Reconciliations – April 2024

Resolved: The above document was received.

029 Grant Aid
Heanor Carnival 2024

Resolved: That a grant of £6000.00 be made towards the Heanor Carnival 2024.

030 Planning/Environment/Licensing

AVA/2024/0342 – 1 Douglas Avenue, Heanor, DE75 7FQ
Erection of 2 no. bedroom semi-detached dwellings on land adjacent to 1 Douglas Avenue and the creation of parking.

Resolved: To note the above planning application.

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

031 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Town Council would be held on Thursday 5 September 2024 (Town Hall) at 7pm.

032 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the likely disclosure of exempt information.

033 Conduct of Meetings

Council considered matters relating to conduct at meetings and related matters and
Resolved: To take the actions now proposed.

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