

**Minutes of the
Meeting of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
held in the Town Hall, Heanor on 6 February 2020**

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

Also present: Pastor David Howe and one member of the public.

AGENDA

PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

In pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor presented a cheque to Pastor David Howe, representative for Heanor Pre School.

122 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Waldron (family commitments), S Danvers (illness), B Gration (illness), C Gration (illness), J Halfpenny (family commitments) and D Wright (work commitments).

Resolved: Members approved these reasons for absence.

123 Declaration of Members Interests/Update of Register

The following declarations of interest were received:

Agenda Item 12 - Planning/Environment/Licencing

Councillor K Hill - personal - member of AVBC Planning Board

Councillor S Grainger – personal – member of AVBC Planning Board

124 Dispensations

No request for dispensation received.

125 Public Speaking

Public Matters

No public matter was raised.

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Police Matters

There were no police present and no police matter raised.

125 Public Speaking (cont.)

County Council

No report given.

Borough Council

Back to Work Skills workshop held in Heanor.

Financial support given to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre.

Splashpad opened in Heanor.

Community Fund reinstated.

Climate change will be considered on future housing developments.

Forests for the Future – planting has begun.

Heanor Memorial Park has retained its Green Flag status.

Outside Bodies

No report given.

Leaders Report by Councillor Paul Jones

Charles Hill

I will be attending a design meeting, in respect of the above project, on 20th February at Ripley.

I will keep members informed on progress.

Future High Street Fund

I will be meeting the Borough Council and its consultants about the progress on this application.

This meeting is also on 20th February.

Heanor Vision

I attended the latest Heanor Vision meeting. The bi-annual public meeting organised by Heanor Vision will be on 19 March. Cllr Hill and I met with representatives of Heanor Vision to discuss events with mutual interest, namely VE Day, VJ Day and the Christmas events. These will all be placed on the agenda of the events committee.

Press Red

The report produced by Press Red will be part of a discussion taking place with the Police, County Council and Amber Valley which will hopefully lead to discussions on how to move forward.

Reduction to the MAT team

I will be meeting with colleagues from Codnor Parish Council and Aldercar and Langley Mill Parish Council to look at how we can work collaboratively to mitigate the impact made to our community by the above cuts. That meeting is on 11th February.

Litter Pick

The litter pick on 25th January was very successful and supported by 15 people. It covered Broadway, Burnthouse Road, Mundy Street, Ray Street and Thorpe's Road, along with all the roads off them. The next litter pick will be February 22nd.

British Movement Stickers

Regretfully, the Town is still plagued by stickers from the far-right organisation.

126 Minutes

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2020 having been circulated to members, were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Mayor.

127 Items to be taken in Exclusion

Resolved: No item to be taken in exclusion.

128 Town Mayors Announcements

A quiet month during which the Town Mayor has not attended any events.

129 Town Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Groundwork GN – Red River LNR Quarter 3 SLA Report Oct – Dec 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.

(b) Heanor Grammar School

In line with the Council's adopted strategy in respect of developing sites within the Town and its own recommendations adopted at the October Town Council meeting, namely:

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21. The Town Council write to Amber Valley Borough Council requesting that they actively pursue the compulsory purchase of the building in order to secure it for the community

22. The Town Council asks the Borough Council look at the possibility of including the Conservative Club in the development site which would allow for an improvement to the road junction of Ilkeston Road and Church Street

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Councillor Paul Jones proposed the following:

The Town Council write to Amber Valley Borough Council requesting, as a matter of urgency, they initiate the Compulsory Purchase process for the former Grammar School site with the possible inclusion of the existing Conservative Club. This is necessary to ensure that the proposals outlined in the Futures High Street bid are successful, that any development of the site is in keeping with the needs and aspirations of the local community and to prevent further deterioration of the site.

Resolved: The above motion was seconded by Councillor C Cox and approved by members.

130 DALC

Circular 01/2020

Index of Most Important Elements of 2019 DALC Circulars

Circular 02/2020

Climate Emergency Derbyshire, Be heard in Parliament, Opportunity to join DALC's Executive committee, Help save our 'lost' footpaths, New Funds available for village halls, Have Your Say – on Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, National Living Wage goes up, Clerk Salary Award goes ...?, Help protect the principle of 'affordable homes', Councillor Essentials training dates announced, DALC Spring Seminar line-up revealed.

Resolved: This information is received.

131 Finance

(a) Accounts for Payment

Cheque	Payee/Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
0114	Wm Frost – 6mth car park rental	850.00	00.00	850.00
0115	O Heap & Son – Fire equipment service	797.85	159.57	957.42
0116	DALC – Funding training	50.00	00.00	50.00
0117	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI	1104.00	00.00	1104.00
0118	Derbyshire CC – Superannuation	738.02	00.00	738.02
0119	Tudor Landscapes – Painting TH	471.43	00.00	471.43
0120	Lockrite – Lock maintenance – TH	65.00	13.00	78.00
1561	AJ Products – Recycling bins	210.00	42.00	252.00
1562	Viking – Cleaning/stat/postage	195.63	28.53	234.16
1563	Protect – Fire alarm service – WS	226.32	45.26	271.58
1564	James Hall Plumbing – Sink repair – WS	110.00	00.00	110.00
1565	Petty Cash – Projector screen/misc.	80.84	12.00	82.84
1566	Press Red – Understanding Youth Project	2650.00	530.00	3180.00
1567	Viking – Water for Cooler	38.98	7.80	46.78
TOTAL		7588.07	838.16	8426.23

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts at a cost of £8,426.23

(b) Bacs Payments for approval (December - wages January)

Payee	Description	Nett	Vat	Gross
Staff	Salary/Wages/Mayoral allow	4866.76	00.00	4866.76
Opus Energy	Gas supply – FS	154.10	7.70	161.80
Opus Energy	Gas supply – WS	346.93	217.59	1305.51
Opus Energy	Gas supply – TH	740.99		
XLN	3 x line rental + calls/broadband	181.72	36.34	218.06
Haven Power	Electricity supply – TH	505.47	101.10	606.57
AVBC	Rates	1218.00	00.00	1218.00
Total		8013.97	362.73	8376.70

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

131 Finance (cont.)

(c) Income for December 2019

Town Hall lettings	1319.50
Town Hall Rents	333.33
The Old Fire Station	866.00
Wilmot Street Centre	896.25
Events	450.00
Total	3865.08

Resolved: This information is received.

132 Items for Information

(a) Clerk's Report

Urban Youth Club re-started Wednesday 5 Feb and will continue for the foreseeable future. The club is aimed at 9-16 year olds and held from 7.00pm–8.30pm in our Wilmot Street Centre.

The Town Clerk attended a Local Government Pension Scheme Course at County Hall Matlock. This covered the revised payment procedure and new data input system.

The Town Council has agreed a Service Level Agreement with Derby and Burton NHS Trust for their use of The Old Fire Station for phlebotomy services. The Service Level Agreement will be reviewed after a period of three year.

On Sunday 26 January there was an attempted break into the Savers store on Heanor High Street. The Town Council CCTV was viewed by Derbyshire Constabulary.

Talks continue with a local artist and AVBC regarding the placement of a piece of artwork in Heanor Memorial Park to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day.

AVBC has submitted the draft application for the Future High Street Fund and continues to work up on the application in readiness for the final application in April.

Gary Wain, Community Wildspace and Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator for Groundwork Greater Nottingham has informed the Town Council that he will be reducing his working hours to part time from 1 April 2020. An additional member of staff will be employed by Groundwork. However, Gary will continue his involvement with the Town Council and the Red River project.

The Town Clerk will attend Jury Service from 9 March – 20 March 2020.

Councillors S Grainger and K Hill left the meeting.

Planning/Environment/Licensing

19/1234 – 19A Church Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7AH

Change of use from A1 retail to A5 Hot Food Takeaway

Council comment: The Council objects to this application as there is no proven need for proposed development and, if granted, could undermine the vitality and viability of the town

19/1241 – The Ropewalk Community Centre, Western Drive, Marlpool, Heanor, Derbyshire

Change of use from Community Centre (D2) to Small Office (B1). Single storey extension to the rear and an additional 4 parking spaces with new tarmac path and associated landscaping.

Council comment: The Council objects to this application. This would be a loss of facilities for local residents, particularly those of The Ropewalk and neighbouring properties.

19/20/0058 – 61 Lee Lane, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HN

Single storey flat roof rear extension to create an open plan kitchen/dining/living area, utility and former roof to allow for loft conversion.

19/20/0615 – 1 Starthe View Hand Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7HB

T1 - Ash - Fell - The tree has been previously topped and has lots of damaged and dead bark with signs of a Concentrica on the main stem indicating that the wood is dead or decaying. T2 - Ash - The tree has been heavily topped in the past and is in poor condition. In order to keep the tree will need regular re pollarding due to its location. There is a large section of damaged wood which on the time of inspection had fruiting bodies of Inonotus Hispidus growing from this wood as the sound wood making it quite brittle. T3 - Sycamore - The tree has been badly topped in the past causing it to produce lots of straggly branches the tree has not got a good shape and has a large Ash tree behind it which is causing it to grow towards the house. Again, if the tree will require regular maintenance at the expense of the homeowner. The homeowner is happy to replant with ornamental trees that will be allowed to grow and be maintained. They are open to suggestions from myself or the council as to which species would be suitable.

Council comment: The Council objects to this application. The arguments for the work are not strong enough to justify the removal of the trees which are a valuable part of the local street scene.

19/20/0073 – 36 Brook Street, Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7LP

Change of use of conservatory to rear and side

Date of Next Town Council Meeting – Thursday 5 March 2020