

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Old Bolsover Town Council
Held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at the Town Hall,
Cotton Street, Bolsover, Chesterfield

Present:

Councillor P .A. Cooper - Chair
Councillor D. Adams
Councillor T. Bagguley
Councillor T. Bennett
Councillor R. Bowler
Councillor C.P. Cooper
Councillor S. Gibbons
Councillor B. Haigh
Councillor M. Longden
Councillor R. Tooth

In attendance:

Andrew Tristram -Town Clerk
2 Members of the Public
Councillor M. Dixey (Bolsover District Council)
PC Peter Harley

1. **Election of Chair/Mayor of the Council (2016/17)**

Nominations for the position of Chair/Mayor were received for Councillor Pat Cooper. No further nominations were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Pat Cooper is elected as Chair/Mayor of the Council for 2016/17.

The Chair/Mayor made their Declaration of Acceptance which was acknowledged and received in the presence of the Clerk.

2. **Election of Vice Chair of the Council (2016/17)**

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair were received for Councillor Rose Bowler and Councillor B. Haigh.

On being put to the vote, both candidates received five votes. The Chair used their casting vote in favour of Councillor Rose Bowler.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Rose Bowler is elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for 2016/17.

The Vice-Chair made their Declaration of Acceptance which was acknowledged and received in the presence of the Clerk.

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor R. Hobson, Councillor J. Rushby and Councillor Joan Dixon (Derbyshire County Council).

4. **Variation to Order of Business**

None

5. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/other Interests.**

Councillor Bowler declared a non-pecuniary interest as an elected member of Bolsover District Council and Councillor B. Haigh declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Civic Society in respect of the funding request towards the restoration of the winding wheel on the Town Clerk's Report.

6. **Public Speaking**

(a) **Public**

Matters Raised:

- Article in Derbyshire Times for the Bolsover Hill Race showed pictures of Matlock Bath.
- Incorrect information shown on Town Centre Discover Bolsover Maps.

A question was raised regarding the public's rights to ask questions contained in the Council's Standing Orders. Clarification was sought on whether members of the public are allowed to speak outside the part of the meeting allocated for the public participation when invited to speak by the Chair.

The Clerk explained that according to the Standing Orders the opportunity for public to speak is restricted to the public participation part of the meeting and that members of the public can use this time to comment on any item that is published on the Agenda for discussion.

A further question was raised about where the rules had come from. It was explained that the Council's Standing Orders are based on the model document produced by the National Association of Local Councils, which are considered as best practice and include all current statutory requirements and are used by the majority of Parish and Town Councils across the Country.

It was **AGREED** that the Chair and Vice Chair would discuss the points raised about public speaking outside the designated public speaking part of the meeting with the Town Clerk.

(b) **Police Representatives**

PC Harley attended the meeting providing an update on crime issues in the area.

Matters raised:

- Reports of residents feeling uncomfortable and intimidated by small groups of people loitering in the Town Centre.
- Open drug use take place in the Town Centre, not being address by Wardens in the area.
- Restructuring taking place of Policing in the area.

(c) **County Councillors**

There was no County Councillor present at the meeting.

(d) **District Councillors**

Matters raised:

- Police taken decision not to move to Oxcroft House.
- Castle Leisure Park – Decision for refurbishment work and installation of a multi-use games area has been called in to allow more time for consultation with residents.
- Coalite Site progressing – Outline approval given.
- Schedule for work to properties at the Model Village and arrangements for relocating residents whilst properties are refurbished.

(e) **Town Councillors**

No matters raised.

7. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 and the minutes of the Finance Meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2016 are duly accepted as a true and accurate record.

8. **To determine which items, if any, from part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded**

None

9. **Chair's Announcements**

None

10. **Finance**

A list of payments for March 2016 were presented. It was **RESOLVED** that the expenditure for March of £28,339.88 is approved.

11. **Consideration of Recommendations from the Finance Committee**

(a) **Review of Reserves**

Members reviewed the recommendations from the Finance Committee in respect of earmarked reserves.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) £5,000 is earmarked for Election Expenses.
- (b) An additional £5,000 is added to the earmarked reserve for the demolition of Henton Hall.
- (c) The earmarked reserve for Hornscliff Park Car Park and Fencing is reduced by £15,000 and is made available for improvements to all parks.
- (d) An additional £10,000 is added to the earmarked reserve for unused allotment reinstatement, fencing and repairs.
- (e) £20,000 is earmarked for the replacement of the tractor or purchase of a JCB.

(b) **Request to Carry Forward Budget**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following amounts are carried forward to the 2016/17 budget.

- (a) Training Costs (4125) £535.
- (b) Flowers, Plants and Watering (4415) £319.65
- (c) Flowers, (donated monies) (4416) £383.24

(c) **Expenditure for Approval**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council delegate expenditure of up to £6,000 to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair for purchasing replacement fencing and gates for allotments at North View Street.

12. **Appointment of Committees and Advisory Committees**

Members considered the following Committees and Advisory Committees:

(a) **Finance and General Purpose Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** that all members of the Council are appointed to the Committee.

(b) **Allotments' Advisory Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** that all members of the Council are appointed to the Committee.

(c) **Any other Committees or Advisory Committees to be considered**

It was **RESOLVED** that no further Committees or Advisory Committees are required.

13. **Appointment of Town Council Representatives on Outside Bodies**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council make the following appointments to Outside Bodies to the end of the current administration in May 2019

- (a) Bolsover Assembly Hall Community Centre Trustees
Councillor T. Bagguley and Councillor C.P. Cooper
- (b) Bainbridge Hall Management Committee
Councillor R. Bowler and Councillor R. Tooth
- (c) District/Parish Liaison Group
Councillor R. Bowler and Councillor C.P. Cooper
- (d) Derbyshire County Council Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum
Councillor R. Hobson and Councillor M. Longden
- (e) DALC Executive Committee
No nominations
- (f) Local Strategic Partnership
Appointment deferred pending further information.
- (g) Markham Employment Growth Zone
Councillor R. Hobson, Councillor R. Tooth, Councillor T. Bennett and Councillor B. Haigh as substitutes.

- (h) Friends of Bolsover Parks
Councillor Pat Cooper and Councillor S. Gibbons
- (i) Charity Day Committee
Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor M. Longden
- (j) Charity Commission Trustee Returns for King George V Playing Field, Bolsover Social Welfare Centre and Recreation Ground, and Stanfree and Shuttlewood Recreation Grounds

All members of the Council

14. **Dates of Meetings – 2016/17**

Members considered the calendar for 2016/17.

It was **RESOLVED** that the calendar of Full Council and Finance Meetings, as circulated, is approved.

15. **Town Clerk's Report**

(1) **Bolsover Parish Church Flower Festival**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council sponsor a flower display at the Parish Church Flower Festival at a cost of £50

(2) **Request for Grant – Restoration of Winding Wheel, Coal Truck and Pit Gates**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council contribute £300 towards the restoration costs.

(3) **New Bolsover Allotments – Request to Keep a Pony**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council refuse the request to keep a pony on New Bolsover Allotments.

16. **Planning Matters**

Councillor Paul Cooper did not take part in discussion of planning applications due to his role as a member of the Planning Committee at Bolsover District Council.

(1) 16/00171/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey attached garage to the rear of the property at 18 Sycamore Close, Bolsover, Chesterfield by Mr. Peter Fox

Resolved Leave to District Council to determine application.

17. **Items for Information**

Members received and **NOTED** the items received for information.

18. **Town Council Workforce Report**

Members received and **NOTED** the Workforce Report for April 2016.

19. **To receive any other items for information only and items to be included on the next Agenda**

None.

20. **To note the date of the next meeting**

The next Town Council meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 14th June at 6.45pm

It was **RESOLVED** 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.

21. **Confidential Items**

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instruct to withdraw.

There were no confidential matters for discussion at the meeting.

Meeting Closed 7.50 pm

Signed

Dated