

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Bolsover Town Council
Held on Tuesday 12th April 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 R. Hobson
Councillor M. Longden
Councillor J. Rushby

In attendance:

Andrew Tristram -Town Clerk
6 Members of the Public
Councillor Sue Statter (Bolsover District Council)
Councillor Duncan McGregor (Derbyshire County Council)
PC Peter Harley

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor R Tooth

2. **Variation to Order of Business**

None

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

Councillor Paul Cooper declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15 – Planning Applications, as a member of the Planning Committee at Bolsover District Council, Councillor Longden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15 – Planning Applications items 1 and 6 and Councillor Haigh declared a non-pecuniary interest in the third item on the Town Clerk’s Report, as Secretary of Bolsover Civic Society.

4. **Vale Park Play Areas**

Matt Connley from Bolsover District Council attended the meeting to discuss S.106 funding available to make improvements to the plan and recreational areas on Vale Park, seeking members’ views and preferences for the proposals.

Members’ preference include the Multi-Use Games Area and improvements to the Junior and Toddler Areas.

It was **RESOLVED** that the District Council proceed with going out to formal tender, requesting proposals that meet the stated budget.

5. **Public Speaking**

(a) **Public**

Representatives from Bainbridge Tots and toddlers Group attended the meeting and spoke about their group in support of a request for a grant to cover the cost of renting a room at Bainbridge Hall.

Other matters raised:

- Compliment on the town centre floral displays and improvements to Backhills.
- Parking on the Cenotaph area.
- Request for update on vehicles accessing the pedestrianised area of Cotton Street.
- Request to update Town Centre maps in light of changes to Contact Centre location.
- Suggestion that signs are displayed in public car parks, indicating that parking is free of charge.

(b) **Police Representatives**

PC Harley attended the meeting, updating members on changes and trends identified in the annual crime figures.

Members were alerted to recent crimes involving the Post Office ATM machine.

Concerns were raised about local drug use.

(c) **County Councillors**

Councillor Duncan McGregor attended the meeting and spoke on two issues facing members at the County Council.

- Academisation of schools.
- Repair of pot holes – The County Council have been receiving around 600 reports per week but currently have the capacity to repair around 350. National government have provided £1.106m additional funding to Derbyshire County Council to deal with the problem. Four Jetpatcher Machines have been purchased to repair pot holes and there will be a summer programme of surface dressing, although this work will be focused on the trunk roads

Members were encouraged to report pot holes and other highway issues to the County Council.

(d) **District Councillors**

Councillor Sue Statter attended the meeting.

Members were informed that the new Contact Centre on Cotton Street would be opening on Tuesday 19th April.

No updates were available on the future of the Morrissions Site.

(e) **Town Councillors**

Matters raised:

- Request for consideration to be given for a zebra crossing on Langwith Road, opposite the entrance to Hornscroft Park.

6. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 were proposed, seconded and duly accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

None

8. **Chair's Announcements**

None

9. **CCTV**

The Clerk presented information on a potential CCTV system, which would provide CCTV coverage to Cotton Street, Market Place, Market Place, Town End, top part of Station Road, Cenotaph area and part of Castle Street.

Suggestions were made that this system could be extended to Hornscroft Park and the junction of Hornscroft Road, Welbeck Road and Town End.

Member asked that advice is sought to ensure compliance with data protection legislation.

RESOLVED that the Council approve the expenditure for provision of CCTV, subject to obtaining further quotes, to comply with Financial Regulations.

10. **Finance**

A list of payments for February 2016 were presented. It was **RESOLVED** that the expenditure for February of £22,180.30 is approved.

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

None.

12. **War Memorial Grant**

The Clerk informed members that two companies have been contacted to provide quotes for replacing the name panels on the War Memorial and adding additional names to the list.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtains two further quotes and investigates funding available from the War Memorial Trust and also liaises with the Conservation Officer at Bolsover District Council to establish any conservation requirements.

13. **Automated Bollards**

Members were updated on a request submitted to Derbyshire County Council for permission to install automated bollards to the pedestrianised areas of Cotton Street, Market Place and the Cenotaph areas as a potential solution to traffic issues in these areas.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk continues to press Derbyshire County Council for a decision and includes Councillor Dixon in on any correspondence.

14. **Town Clerk's Report**

(1) **Council Tax Support Scheme**

Notification received stating that the Council Tax Support Grant will be reduced by 33% per annum with the final payment being made in 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the information received is noted.

(2) **Junction Arts**

RESOLVED that funding of £3,000 towards the cost of the 2016 Lantern Parade from the Christmas Festival Budget is approved.

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

Members considered a request for a grant of £600 towards the restoration costs of the Winding Wheel, Coal Truck and Pit Gates sited on Station Road.

RESOLVED that the request is deferred to the next Council Meeting.

Councillor M. Longden left the meeting at 8.35pm.

(4) **Request for Grant – Bainbridge Tots and Toddler Play Group**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The Council approve a grant to cover the cost of the first three months' rent at Bainbridge Hall.
- (b) Continuing support is reviewed in three months.

(5) **Bolsover Hill Race – Use of Council Market Stalls**

It was **RESOLVED** that the use of the Council Market Stalls is approved.

(6) **Annual Accounts**

Members noted that work to finalise the 2015/16 year end accounts was in progress and that arrangements had been confirmed to do the year end closed down and internal audit.

15. **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) 16/00055/FUL Alterations to house including loft conversion with 3 dormer windows on rear elevation (one being a French door style with Juliet balcony), single storey

rear extension, French doors and Juliet balcony at first floor at the rear, front porch and demolition of garage and erection of double garage with summer house at rear. At 9 Langwith Road, Bolsover by Mr. Robert Lee

Resolved No objections

(2) 16/00076/OUT Erection of 7 new dwellings with access from Church Road, on land east of 28 Church Road, Stanfree by Mr. Steve Botham.

Resolved Concerns over road access.

(3) 16/00092/FUL To change the use of a function/games room to a one bedroomed self-contained unit of occupation, ancillary to the associated main household at 28 Oxcroft Estate, Oxcroft Lane, Stanfree by Mr. David and Katie Goulding.

Resolved No objections.

(4) 16/00094/FUL Single storey extension to rear of 108 Welbeck Road, Bolsover by Mr. Andrew Pearce.

Resolved No objections

(5) 16/00096/FUL Demolition of front porch, rear porch, rear attached outbuilding and taking down chimney stack to rear, erection of new porch to front and single storey extension to rear (Amended Scheme) at 127 Shuttlewood Road, Bolsover by Mr and Mrs. P. Hall.

Resolved Leave to District Council to determine application.

(6) 16/00101/FUL Demolition of existing out buildings and single storey side and rear, first floor rear and two storey rear extensions and front porch and external alterations to farmhouse and erection of a detached five bay garage and workshop at Pond House, Marlpit Lane, Bolsover by Mr. Tim Minett and Jess Clark

Resolved Concerns over access due to narrow road and use for commercial purposes.

(7) 16/00131/FUL Demolition of vacant club, erection of a single storey dwelling and creation of access road to serve future housing development at Carr Vale Family Club, Sherwood Street, Carr Vale, Bolsover by Hutton Ward Ltd.

Resolved Leave to District Council to determine application.

(8) 16/00145/FUL Installation of energy storage system for Oxcroft Solar Farm comprising battery storage and metering single storey buildings and voltage distribution plant in a compound at Oxcroft Stocking Ground land at Corner of Woodthorpe Road and Mill Lane, Stanfree by Mr. Alex Kebby-Jones

Resolved Decision deferred to next Council Meeting.

16. **Items for Information**

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

17. **Town Council Workforce Report**

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

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

None.

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

The next Town Council meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 10th May at 6.45pm

- Annual Town Meeting at 6.00pm
- Annual Council Meeting 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.

20. **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.

Meeting Closed 9.35pm

Signed

Dated