

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Bolsover Town Council
Held on Tuesday 9th February 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
Councillor R. Tooth

In attendance:

Andrew Tristram -Town Clerk
2 Members of the Public
Councillor Mark Dixey (Bolsover District Council)
Councillor Joan Dixon (Derbyshire County Council)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence

2. **Variation to Order of Business**

None

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

Councillor Rushby declared a pecuniary interest in item 10b as a tenant of one of the pieces of land under review.

4. **Public Speaking**

(a) **Public**

Matters raised:

- Testing of smoke alarms in Council owned properties – to be raised with District Council.
- Representative from Scouts seeking support for grant funding application.

(b) **Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present at the meeting.

(c) **County Councillors**

County Councillor Joan Dixon attended the meeting - Matters raised:

- Update on land for Scout Hut.
- Information about meeting with Scarcliffe Parish Council to discuss impact of traffic movements on Langwith Road with the proposed Bolsover East Development – site visit to be arranged to which Town Council Members are invited.
- Updates to cuts affecting school crossing patrols, various discretionary services, community transport, subsidised public transport and Children’s Centres.
- Road cleansing on Blackbanks connected with solar farm development.
- Road potholes.

(d) **District Councillors**

Councillor Mark Dixey attended the meeting. Matters raised:

- Feedback from LGA Conference
- 1.95% rise in Council Tax from Bolsover District Council.
- Request for any update on the Morrison’s Site.
- Request for update on the installation of bollards to Cenotaph Area and Castle Street.
- Concerns over illegal and inconsiderate parking.
- Update on Contact Centre – Work progressing for opening before the end of March.
- Update on Middle Street Car Park – Surfacing work in progress.

(e) **Town Councillors**

Other matters raised:

- Request for update on Farmers’ Markets

5. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 and the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2016 were proposed, seconded and duly accepted as a true and accurate record.

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

None

7. **Chair’s Announcements**

None

8. **Press/Media Policy**

RESOLVED that the Council agree in principle to the draft press/media policy and that the policy is brought back to the next Council meeting following consideration of some amendments to the final wording.

9. **Finance**

A list of payments for December 2015 were presented. It was **RESOLVED** that the expenditure for December of £75,504.96 is approved.

10. Consideration of Recommendations from the Finance Committee

- Review of Fees and Charges.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) The proposed market charges are approved and that the Town Clerk is authorised to make a decision not to charge traders for a particular day due to inclement weather.
- (b) Charges for land are deferred to the March Council meeting following site visits.
- (c) The proposed Bainbridge Hall Hire Charges are approved with no change to the current rates.
- (d) The proposed office rental charges are approved.
- (e) Allotment charges for 2017 are considered at the March meeting.
- (f) Garage site rentals are unchanged.
- (g) The proposed changes to the Cemetery Fees are approved.

11. Allotments

Members considered requests for permission to keep horses and sheep on allotment plots. The Chair informed members that the Council intended to review and update the current allotment agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) Approval is given for unused allotment plots on Piano Row to be let on a Paddock Licence.
- (b) That a request for horses to be kept on a single allotment plot at New Bolsover is refused.
- (c) That a request for sheep to be kept on allotment plots at the Model Village is refused.
- (d) The Clerk circulates the current allotment agreement.
- (e) That an Allotment Committee is formed. Membership – Cllr Adams, Cllr. Bennett, Cllr Pat Cooper, Cllr Paul Cooper Cllr. Gibbons, Cllr. Longden and Cllr. Rushby.

12. Town Clerk's Report

(a) Request for Grant (4th Bolsover Scout Group)

RESOLVED that the Council agree to a grant of £226.80 for the purchase of a feather flag for use at events and activities attended by their group.

(b) Request for Grant (Bainbridge Tots and Toddler Play Group)

RESOLVED to defer the decision pending receipt of further information from the Group.

(c) Notification of House to House Collection dates by Scope

RESOLVED that the information received is noted.

13. 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) 16/00030/OUT Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and erection of up to seven two storey dwellings with associated access drive by Mr. A. Roberts.

RESOLVED Leave to District Council to determine.

(2) 16/00040/OUT Residential development for 64 houses at Lodge Farm, 126 Shuttlewood Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield.

RESOLVED Leave to District Council to determine.

(3) 16/00032/FUL Single storey rear extension at 26 Valley Road, Bolsover by Mr. David Wharton

RESOLVED No objections.

(4) 16/00042/FUL Erection of detached store to rear of property at 88 Moor Lane, Bolsover by Mr. Martin Gubby

RESOLVED No objections.

(5) 16/00050/OUT Erection of one dwelling including details of access at 82 New Station Road, Bolsover by Mrs. Julia O'Dwyer

RESOLVED Leave to District Council to determine.

14. **Items for Information**

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

15. **Town Council Workforce Report**

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

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

None

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

The next Town Council meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 6.45pm

18. **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 the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Signed Dated

Meeting Closed 9.04 pm