

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Old Bolsover Town Council**  
**Held at 6.45pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present**

P	Cllr. D. Adams	P	Cllr. C. Jeffery
P	Cllr. T. Bagguley	A	Cllr. M. Longden
P	Cllr. A. Clarke	P	Cllr. J.M. Rushby
P	Cllr. C.P. Cooper	P	Cllr. P. Stothard
P	Cllr. G. Davis	P	Cllr. R. Tooth
P	Cllr. P. Goodwin	P	Cllr. J. Woodhead

**In attendance:** Andrew Tristram -Town Clerk  
4 Members of the public  
Councillor Joan Dixon (DCC)  
Councillor Nick Clarke (BDC)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Longden.

2. **Variations to Order of Business**

There were no variations to the order of business.

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

Councillor Adams, Clarke and Cooper declared a non pecuniary interest in item 26 – Planning Matters as members of Bolsover District Council Planning Committee. Councillor Adams declared a pecuniary interest in item 21 – Under the Castle Music Festival.

4. **Public Speaking**  
**Public**

- Question asked about the terms of reference and project management for the proposed Skatepark.
- Survey options for residents without internet access.
- Long history of demand from local people for a Skatepark.

5. **County Councillors' Report**

Councillor Joan Dixon attended the meeting.

Matters raised:

- Bollards and paving slabs outside the Golden Grill.
- Flooding in Whaley Village from former quarry.
- Potholes on Moor Lane and future plans to resurface road.
- Road markings required for the Traffic Regulation Order on Sutton Hall Road.
- Potholes on Bentinck Road.
- Signage request for Station Road received from local Traders.

6. **District Councillors' Report**

Councillor Nick Clarke attended the meeting.

Matters raised:

- Four electric vehicle charging points being installed in Middle Street Car Park.
- Community Woodland Project being officially launched this week with £280k funding from the Woodland Trust with planting to start in the autumn.
- Enforcement action being taken in respect of building work being undertaken to a property in the Market Place.
- Advice packs for carbon reduction have been sent to all Town and Parish Councils.
- Recycling collection service at BDC has been taken back in-house following the contractor going into administration.

7. **Confirmation of Minutes**

**237/20-21 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 are duly accepted as a true and correct record.

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

**238/20-21 RESOLVED** that 11 (a) Minutes from the Oxcroft Centre Management Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> March are considered in the confidential part of the meeting, due to their commercially sensitive nature.

9. **Chair's Announcements**

The Chair informed members that a positive meeting had taken place with some local traders to start a discussion on ideas for initiatives that would provide support.

10. **Payments for approval**

**239/20-21 RESOLVED** that expenditure for January 2022 of £43,488.75 is approved.

11. **Meeting Reports**

Members received the minutes from the Finance and General Purpose Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**240/20-21 RESOLVED** that the minutes are noted.

12. **Skatepark**

Members received the results from the online survey for the Skatepark proposal.

- A total of 723 responses were received.
- 77.32% of respondents were in favour of the Council proceeding with the Skatepark project No (14.38% not sure 8.3%).
- 69.57% stated that either they or another member of their family would use the facility (27.11% - a great deal, 12.86% - a lot, 15.77% - a moderate amount, 13.83% - a little and 30.43% not at all).
- 50.76% of respondents were in favour of the Council proceeding with the Skatepark project if it includes a Council tax precept increase of 3.6% which is equivalent of an additional £15,650.44 (£4.74 per band D property) per year, for the purpose of annual loan repayments over the twenty year period of the loan (28.22% No, 21.02% Not Sure).

Members also received the list of comments submitted as part of the survey.

**241/20-21 RESOLVED** that

- (a) the survey results are noted.
- (b) the Council proceed with a Planning Application for outline approval.

13. **Bolsover Hill Race**

Members discussed the future organisation of the Bolsover Hill Race. Members were informed that there had been interest expressed from members of the public in supporting the Event. Both members of the Cycling Club, who dealt with the registration, timings and CTT Trials had indicated that they were unable to be involved in future Events.

**242/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council would be willing to consider supporting the Event if a willing group of volunteers came forward to organise and run the Event.

14. **Bolsover in Bloom**

Members considered the budget for planting in the forthcoming financial year.

**243/20-21 RESOLVED** that the proposed budget is accepted and any requests for additional budget are brought to a future meeting for decision.

15. **Council Communications**

Members discussed using a new bi-monthly magazine proposed for distribution to every household in Bolsover, which could be used for Council Communications.

**244/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council support the Publication and commit to a minimum of two pages in each issue.

16. **Local Business Support**

Members had been advised in the Chair's Report that a meeting had taken place with Local Businesses.

**245/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council intend to have a regular dialogue with Local Businesses to explore ways the Town Council could support them.

17. **Lease for Moor Lane Sports Ground**

Members received a draft copy of the Lease for the Moor Lane Sports Ground with the Football Club and the Archery Group.

**246/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council agree to the Lease agreement.

18. **Environmental Matters**

Members considered a Working Group to look at environmental matters.

**247/20-21 RESOLVED** that a Working Group is established of Councillors Clarke, Davis and Jeffery and that any proposals are brought back to full Council Meetings.

19. **Oxcroft Centre**

Members considered making a Grant to the Oxcroft Charity to cover caretaking costs and other costs relating to the running of the building. Part of the Grant could be used to provide a contribution towards a bid that has been submitted to Veolia.

**248/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council agree payment of a grant of £10,000.

20. **War Memorial**

Members discussed comments that had been received regarding the cleaning of the War Memorial and a quote received for specialist cleaning of the Memorial. Members noted advice received from the War Memorial Trust, which recommended that cleaning should not be carried out.

**249/20-21 RESOLVED** that a decision is deferred to the next meeting, when further information is available.

21. **Under the Castle Music Festival Grant**

Cllr. Adams declared a pecuniary interest in this item and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

Councillors discussed funding that the Council had given to the organisers of the Under the Castle Music Festival for their 2020 Event and subsequently transferred the funding for an Event in 2021. Information had been received that the Event was unlikely to take place in Carr Vale in 2021.

**250/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council request that the Grant is returned.

22. **Bolsover Assembly Hall Community Centre**

Councillors Bagguley, Cooper and Goodwin declared a pecuniary interest in this item as Trustees of Bolsover Assembly Hall Community Centre.

Consideration was given to using part of the Government COVID-19 Grant to support the shortfall in income at Bolsover Assembly Hall.

**251/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council approve a Grant of £5,000 for Bolsover Assembly Hall Community Centre.

23. **Annual Town Meeting**

Members discussed the date for holding the Annual Town Meeting.

**252/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Annual Town Meeting takes place at 6pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by Zoom.

24. **Provision of Additional Dog Waste Bins**

A request had been received for the provision of dog waste bins on Castle Fields public footpath and the access alongside New Bolsover Allotments and School Field.

**253/20-21 RESOLVED** that the Council provide two new dog waste bins for the areas stated.

25. **Town Clerk's Report**

There were no items to report.

The Town Clerk made members aware that there may be a requirement to have an Extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss final offers received for the land on Oxcroft Lane.

26. **Planning Applications**

- (1) 20/00561/FUL The enhancement of an off-site ditch/watercourse to facilitate the surface water drainage strategy in connection with planning consent (15/00076/OUT, 18/00403/REM and 20/00327/DISCON). On land to the north of Cavendish Grange, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover by Mrs. Liz Northcote.
- (2) 21/00084/TPO To fell tree (BOL 32) at 41 Portland Avenue, Bolsover by Mrs. Vicky Machin.
- (3) 21/00090/FUL Extension and alterations to house, comprising alteration to the existing roof with an increased eaves height, reconfigured windows and application of external render at 8 Castle Lane, Bolsover by Mr. Bates.
- (4) 21/00092/FUL Two storey side extension at 33 St. Lawrence Avenue, Bolsover by Ben Bramley.
- (5) 20/00560/DETO2R Change of use from office to 1 bedroom ground floor apartment at Wilsons Estate Agency 24 Market Place, Bolsover. By Mr. Wilson

**254/20-21 RESOLVED** that

- (a) The Planning Applications are noted.
- (b) That the Council object to 20/00560/DETO2R as it is not in-keeping with the area and the loss of a retail unit.

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

The War Memorial will be included on the next Agenda.

28. **To note the Date and Time of Next Council Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed to take place at 6.45pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

29. **Confidential Items**

**255/20-21 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 .....