

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Scooby Road, Bircotes

Public Session 6.45pm – 7.00pm Items to note:

- White House Road is becoming a dumping ground
- Provision of schools in Harworth & Bircotes – Cllr Place has raised this issue at the Educational level
- Comments re quads bikes damaging the paths on Snipe Park – KT already spoken with BDC regarding installing barriers

County Councillor report - no report received

Police report - no report received

Present: Cllr Evans (Chair), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Flynn, Cllr Smith, Cllr Barns, Cllr Durdy, Cllr Jones & Cllr Ashworth
Others: W Davies (Officer), K Tarburton (Community Development and Funding Manager)
 Members of the public

16554 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Morgan-Kingston and Cllr Wratten

16555 To receive Declaration of Interests on any item on the agenda

No declaration of interests received. Cllr Smith will leave the meeting during any planning conversations that take place.

16556 To receive update on the Harworth & Bircotes Intervention Scheme

This item was deferred pending receipt of the Nexus report.

16557 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 22nd January 2018

Cllr Barns proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 22nd January 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

16558 To receive District Councillor Reports

Cllr Smith left the meeting at this point when the Chair commented on the following planning matter:

The Chair reported that it has been brought to the attention of the Town Council that an application for the demolition of the former North Border Junior School has been lodged with Bassetlaw District Council. The planning application number is 18/00151/DEM .

Whilst the Town Council is not a consultee of this application; we would like to ensure that the feelings of the community are put forward to the District Council on this matter.

The Town Council will be writing to the District Council asking for public opinion to be taken into consideration; therefore the Town Council will be organising a public consultation exercise to ensure that people get the opportunity to express their wishes, this will also include what the building could be used for in the future bearing in mind that there is currently a covenant on the building and it must be used for Educational purposes.

Cllr Smith then re-joined the meeting at this point.

The Chair gave an update on the Local Plan is about Land and Housing Supply.

The Governments National Planning Policy Framework requires all local authorities to identify and update, annually, a supply of deliverable sites, which is sufficient to provide 5 years' worth of housing. **So, this is a government-driven requirement.**

Every year, Council contacts agents, developers and landowners about their future plans and timescales relating to land previously classified as a future housing site. Council also invites landowners to notify Council of land they may now wish to put forward for this purpose.

Every Local Authority is set a target by Government; this is the number of houses to be built, per year, for the next 5-year period.

Bassetlaw has not met its' target of 435 new houses per year, therefore they have been set a 'catch-up' target of 680 new houses, which is a 5-year total of 3,402.

The current Local Plan shows a wide distribution of sites, large and small, across Bassetlaw District.

16559 To receive information and updates on:

Enhancing the provision of schools

The Chair has raised capacity/ability to meet future educational need in Harworth & Bircotes with the relevant Bassetlaw District Council Officers, who tell me there are in discussion with Nottinghamshire County Council.

Nottinghamshire County Council is aware of the predicated need and have, the Chair is assured, future plans that will meet both primary and secondary needs in future years. As you know, the provision of education is a statutory required.

The Chair has also met with the Head of Serlby Park Academy, who has ideas on what could be done in the coming years.

The sewage works on Tickhill Road

Last year the Chair made public details of the current modernisation programme at the plant. I have now asked Bassetlaw District Council to contact Severn Trent and

find out IF there is enough capacity, if not, what are they planning to do, and, how they will manage odour elimination. I know Bassetlaw District Council have asked Severn Trent for this information.

Colliery Road gates

I believe you are all aware that I contacted Jones Homes about their plans showing the gates open; they replied stating they did not want to cause any distress to residents and were happy to comply with a recommendation to keep them closed.

The Chair personally asked the residents about their particular concerns, and sent a letter to Bassetlaw District Council Planning supporting the residents of Colliery Road, with an attachment listing their concerns; the letter asked for an amendment showing the gates closed. I can report that the plans have now been amended.

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To discuss traffic issues

The Chair has asked in the past for investment in Harworth & Bircotes with regards to better management of our traffic issues, both for vehicle control and safety, and for pedestrian safety. Highway Planners have agreed a design for the junction at the bottom of Wright's Hill, though the Chair as always made it clear that Harworth Crossroads is a high priority: and yes, there are other road issues that need addressing.

The Chair has written to the Leader of the District Council, and to the senior officer at Bassetlaw District Council who interacts with County and Highways, and also to County Councillor Sheila Place, asking that they demand our needs are given a higher priority:

1. By Highways – the Chair asked the District Manager to visit
2. By Funding Bodies – when funding bids are put forward to both Local Enterprise Partnerships. The D2N2 and SCR, there are many bids from both regions to complete with, but we need to see some action.

We know that funding from a number of other levels is likely to be sought as 'match-funding'.

Comments were made from the public regarding the parent's parking outside the school and asked if yellow lines is an option. Cllr Robinson reported that she is now a Represented Governor for Serlby Park Academy and will speak to the school re the parking issues.

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To receive cemetery reports

Cllr Barns gave his cemetery reports; no H&S actions required. A request to move the wreaths blown to the bottom of the cemetery was made.

16562 To consider any planning applications and note any decision notices, appeals and planning correspondence

At this point Cllr Smith left the room whilst planning applications were being considered.

Planning application for approval

Application: 17/01756/HSE

Proposal: 17 Whitby Road, Harworth
Location: Rear ground floor extension

Application: 17/01675/HSE

Proposal: Porch
Location: 11 Milne Grove, Bircotes

After consideration; Cllr Robinson proposed not to make any objections to the above applications; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

Application: 17/01728/OUT

Proposal: Hybrid planning application for outline planning permission for residential development of approximately 650 new homes (approval being sought for access), public open space, a new primary school, landscaping and associated infrastructure with access into the site included. Full planning application (phase 1) for the development of 161 new homes, open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure
Location: Land South of Tickhill Road, Harworth

The Chair read out a draft response to the above application and opened the meeting to allow members of the public to make comments.

Following consideration Cllr Flynn proposed to send the response as discussed; this was seconded by Cllr Jones and resolved by the Council. Response as follows:

Background

The Bassetlaw District Council Core Strategy 2011 set the principal of development in Harworth & Bircotes at 22% for housing growth within the settlement up to 2036. The sites that were suitable for delivering the housing growth were then identified within the Bassetlaw District Council Site Allocations document 2014 (Then withdrawn in 2015 due to the development of the New Local Plan).

The Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan 2015 was produced by the Town Council which by law has to be in general conformity with the Bassetlaw District Council planning strategies (i.e. the Core Strategy) and therefore the allocated growth had to be accepted by the Town Council within the Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council undertook numerous consultation which are listed in Appendix A to ensure the community was aware of the neighbourhood plan and were involved in the policies

within the document. The document was also subjected to two statutory six-week consultation periods in which the community and statutory bodies were invited to make comments on the document.

The Town Council has the following comments to make on the proposed application:

1. Due to the potential impact of the development of 650 new homes along with the other committed housing developments (already granted planning permission) within the Town. The Town Council have requested Bassetlaw District Council to contact Severn Trent to see if the existing Sewage Treatment Plant on Tickhill Road can accommodate the additional growth. We are currently awaiting Seven Trent's reply and wish for this to be taken into consideration when determining the application.
2. Another issue is the sewage treatment plant is the odour from the plant. During the summer months existing residents (on Baulk Lane and Tickhill Road) already complain about the smell and therefore, bring more properties into the vicinity is only going to add to the issue of complaints about the odour from the plan. This will potentially cause unacceptable living conditions for new residents within the town.
3. The design and access statement submitted with the application suggested that 2.5 storey properties could be built on the site. However, all the submitted drawings provided for the Reserved Matters part of the application does not include 2.5 storey properties within the detailed drawings. It is therefore, envisaged that the 2.5 storey properties will be applied to the second phase of the development. The Town Council would like it noted that 2.5 storey properties are not suitable for this location and are not in keeping with the existing properties in the area (mainly being bungalows and two storey properties).
4. The proposed development includes an option for a Primary School the Town Council are aware that there is a need for more school places in both primary and secondary education but the traffic hazard getting to this site during school drop off and collection times are a major concern.
5. The Town Council will be supportive of the development of affordable housing. This development could potentially deliver 90 plus affordable dwellings (at 15%). We would request that if the council is minded to grant the application that the affordable housing is delivered at the Bassetlaw District Council's Target of 15%.
6. The Town Council is concerned that the existing road infrastructure will be unable to accommodate the number of cars associated with the new development, in particular the mini roundabouts on Blyth Road as cars are currently queuing at peak times to access the roundabout from all of the main roads leading to the roundabouts. The access into and onto Tickhill Road (B6463) from the development at point 7 of the illustrative plan option 2 (151960SK21) and the same for point 16 on the Tickhill Road (A631) towards Bawtry are on to 60 miles an hour

roads and this will undoubtedly cause traffic problems or accidents. Historically there have been fatalities on these roads and many accidents. Therefore, the Town Council has contacted Joanne Horton from Nottinghamshire County Council Highways Department to request that these issues be looked at and for the speed limits to be reduced on these 60mph roads.

7. There is a definite need for a play area within the area of Harworth and this is an absolute necessity.
8. The Neighbourhood Plan undertook a Green Infrastructure study and it identified a green wheel and linkages around Harworth and Bircotes. Again this needs to be incorporated into the development.
9. The Town Council wishes to raise the issue with the health care facilities. Currently local residents struggle to get appointments at the surgery. The impact of the new development on the GP surgery will be catastrophic, and the surgery will not be able to cope with the additional number of residents as a result of the development. The Town Council have written to Mr Idris Griffiths, Chief Officer of the NHS Bassetlaw to inform him of this application and other pending applications for additional housing across Harworth & Bircotes. We are also requesting a meeting with them.
10. The final point is that the additional homes will also have an impact on the services within the Town Centre and the leisure centre and we requested that the impact of the new development on our local services be looked into. We have requested that the Strategic Development Coordinator at Bassetlaw District Council works with the Town Council to look at the impact of all the housing developments on our services and what additional services will be required.

Appendix A

Table 1: List of Consultation events Undertaken Throughout the Development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Date	Event	Purpose	Outcome
July/August 2013	PLUGGED event Youth Centre Workshop, 10-18 age group	To ensure that young people's views were taken into account from the start	Views from 90 young people reflected in a range of issues. Those raised were considered in the NDP development
October 2013	Business & Land Owner Event	To ensure that business views were taken into consideration.	To raise awareness of the NDP and gain views on how the Plan

			could help businesses in the area
October 2013	Planning Over a Pint Sessions	To talk to people who do not usually get involved in planning events, to seek their views	39 local people completed questionnaires and were able to shape NDP from the outset
November 2013	Primary School Workshops	3 x 2 hour sessions in 3 primary schools working with x 8-11 year olds Involved	89 children enabled to participate in the planning process and as a way of drawing in the school community and their parents.
November 2013	Drop-in Events at coffee mornings, mother and toddler groups etc	Informal sessions attracting wide age range from 12-65 to explore the emerging policy options	To ensure the debate about the emerging options was taken to the heart of the community 80 people participated
December 2013	Hired a shop on Scrooby Road to run consultation drop in session for 5 days	To give the community a chance to look at the maps and policies for the area as they were being developed	Kept profile of the Plan high in the community, opportunity to discuss policies with BDC planners, approx. 150 people attended but 1000s of residents were able to see the shop frontage.
December 2013	Secondary School Workshop Age 11-16	To seek their opinions on living in Harworth & Bircotes now and in the future and what improvements could be made	Worked with 78 young people to get their input into the Plan

December 2013	Christmas Event	Keeping community informed and providing opportunities for getting involved	Over 800 residents attended the event
January 2014	Community Group Events, Questionnaires in Town Hall & Information Centre	Seeking community views on issues and options	85 questionnaires completed, positive response to key issues raised
February 2014	Community Group Events	To raise awareness of the NP and ensure the local community groups have an input into the plan. Local schools also sent a copy of the questionnaire home with each child with 1100 distributed.	Over 300 residents witnessed the discussion and were given the opportunity to fill out the questionnaire. 46 questionnaires received.
	Affordable Housing Survey	3,338 Affordable Housing Surveys were sent to every household	211 Affordable Housing Surveys returned
March 2014	Green Infrastructure Study	The document was sent to key statutory Consultees	To gain views on the draft Green infrastructure Plan
September 2014	Colliery Masterplan	To allow local residents the opportunity to comment on the Masterplan for the Colliery site, as well as Draft Policies of the Plan	112 local residents participated with 97 expressing their support for the Masterplan and Draft Policies presented.

Application: 17/01566/RES - Amended

Proposal: Reserved Matters approval for layout, appearance and scale following outline approval 61/09/00052 for 71 dwellings including open space and associated service infrastructure on land forming part of phase 1C

Location: Land forming part of Harworth Colliery, Scrooby Road, Harworth

Following consideration of the amended application to show that the colliery gates will remain closed; Cllr Jones proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

Please see last page for Decision notices (or current status)

16563 To adopt the Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy

The Officer previously circulated a copy of the new social media and electronic communication policy for consideration. The policy is in line with the new General Data Protection Regulation that comes into force in May 2018.

Cllr Robinson proposed to adopt the above policy; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

16564 To approve final variation of lease of land at Harworth Colliery

Cllr Barns proposed to approve the Deed of Variation relating to lease of land at Harworth Colliery, Bircotes; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council. Cllr J Flynn and Cllr R Jones signed the Deed which was witness by the Officer Mrs Davies.

16565 To approve payments and receive financial reports

The Officer circulated copies of the finances reports up to the end of January 2018 and bank statements for the Councillors to view.

Cllr Robinson proposed to approve the payments; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

The Officer circulated copy of the interim Internal Audit report; an adjustment is to be made of £20.28 on the v.a.t account.

16566 To receive any Councillors and Community Development Manager reports

Cllr Ashworth enquired if the Town Council can provide a salt bin for the church steps; unfortunately legislation does not allow for council money to be spent on religious establishments. However, information was passed on to Cllr Ashworth of where some grit is available locally free of charge.

K Tarburton gave her Community Development report as below:

Community Projects

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2. Community Action Group to continue with their two main projects which are
 - the Vintage Club – helping to write a funding application to ensure that the events can continue to happen
 - Community Cinema - again helping with the facilitation and supervision at the events and working to include this into the Funding application so that the group can organise film making workshops for young people during the summer months. The next Films are being publicised from tomorrow and will take place on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd March
3. Walking Netball – looking into the funding for a roof to be erected so that the walking Netball group can utilise the area in bad weather, this will also benefit other groups if they wanted to use it.
4. Snipe Park – In partnership with the District Council the Town Council has applied for funding to improve the pathway that links the two areas and the school and also improve the play facilities
5. Snipe Park Wood – again working with the District Council to look at a project that will help to improve the area by looking into the pathways and involving the Local Community to make it into a much more user friendly area.
6. Community Events – Currently looking into a number of activities that can take place over the summer holiday period. Also contacting groups in the area to form a small working party to take community events forward.
7. Organised a fashion show for April 6th publicity will go out within the next two weeks along with ticket prices etc.

Strategic Projects

1. Community Events Area – the work is ongoing and is on schedule to be completed by May 2018
2. Harworth Intervention Strategy - working with officers at District Council on actions from this document, we are currently awaiting the report that has been commissioned.
3. Conducting housing needs survey
4. Currently working on a variety of prospective projects.
5. Managing, updating the Town Council's social media presence Facebook and Website

16567 To receive items of correspondence for information and future agenda items

No items of correspondence to put forward for future agenda items.

16568 To exclude members of public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss/consider any items of a confidential nature – Staff review/insurance

At this point the members of the public left the meeting to allow the Council to discuss staff and insurance matters.

16569 Date and time of the next Town Council meeting to be held

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Decision notices (or current status)**Application: 17/01566/RES**

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Location: Land forming part of Harworth Colliery, Scrooby Road, Harworth

Status: Pending 9/2/18

Application: 17/01575/RES

Proposal: Reserved Matters application following outline P.A 61/09/00052 to erect 125 residential dwellings including associated parking, landscaping and infrastructure

Location: Land at Scrooby Road, Harworth

Status: Pending 9/2/18

Application: 17/01613/HSE

Proposal: Double storey side extension

Location: 142 Bawtry Road, Harworth

Status: Grant 29/1/18

Application: 17/01662/HSE

Proposal: Erect single storey ground floor side extension

Location: 10 Bracken Way, Harworth

Status: Grant 1/2/18

Application: 17/01680/HSE

Proposal: Detached two bed annex to rear

Location: Irisdale, Hill Road, Bircotes

Status: Pending 9/2/18

Application: 17/01102/OUT

Proposal: Outline Application with Some Matters Reserved Approval Being Sought for Access and Scale for Erection of 150 Dwellings

Location: Land off Essex Road, Bircotes

Status: Pending 9/2/18

Application: 17/01445/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of sports pavilion to domestic use with two storey side extension and garage extension to domestic dwelling

Location: Sports Pavilion and Grange View House, 15a Grange View, Harworth

Status: Grant 15.1.18

Application: 17/01492/FUL

Proposal: Erect new business units with associated parking and service yard and construct new access

Location: Plot A7 Lords Wood Road, Doncaster

Status: Pending 9.1.18

Application: 17/01500/HSE

Proposal: Erect single storey side extension
Location: 7 Mount Close, Harworth
Status: Grant 2.1.2018

Application: 17/01629/HSE

Proposal: A new car port fixed to the right hand elevation of the property
Location: 23 Rutland Cres, Harworth
Status: Grant 18.1.18

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