

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Scooby Road, Bircotes

Public Session – no public present  
County Councillor Report – no report received  
Police report – no report received

**Present:** Cllr Evans (Chair), Cllr James, Cllr Wratten, Cllr Barns, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Flynn, Cllr Jones & Cllr Smith

**Others:** Mrs Davies (Officer) Mrs Tarburton (Community Development & Funding Officer)

**16653 To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Ashworth, Cllr Morgan-Kingston, Cllr Durdy.

**16654 To receive any declaration of interests in any item on the agenda**

No declarations of interests received.

**16655 To receive update on the Harworth & Bircotes Intervention Scheme**

Karen Tarburton reported that she is currently working with the District Council, Notts County Council on the road improvement schemes for Scooby Road and Wrights Hill.

**16656 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Cllr Barns proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Jones and resolved by the Council.

**16657 To receive District Councillor Reports**

The Chair gave her District Councillor report as follows:

Forming a Unitary Council; this is an ongoing theme at Bassetlaw District Council. Notts County Council want to form a Unitary Council, thereby removing District Councils and running all aspects of local government from Nottingham. Their motivation is financial, they say they will make savings against their deficit by doing this; it is also true to say that Notts County Council has not been well treated financially by government during the last decade. Currently the County Council have an online survey for people to complete by 31<sup>st</sup> October. They also invited the Chairs of Parish Councils to a meeting at County Hall; unfortunately I couldn't attend as I was already committed.

Keeping politics out of the debate, I have concerns about this proposal:

1. All services currently managed by the 7 District Councils in Nottinghamshire will be transferred to County, so planning, refuse collection, council housing and all other services – you would have to contact Nottingham, or travel there if you want to discuss any issue. Communications would be a problem; even more difficult than they are now.
2. Notts County Council would be the second largest unitary in the country, after Birmingham. Size is definitely an issue; already problems have been identified in some, though its early days – look at Cornwall who are not happy; I would recommend you look into how effective existing unitary councils are.

3. Notts County Council do not have a good track record when it comes to an interest in communities in Bassetlaw; despite repeated attempts to invite the Leader to visit over the last year, we haven't even had a polite refusal.
4. I have a particular concern about the regeneration of our community. Our partnership with the District Council and the investment in Harworth & Bircotes is proving to be to our benefit; I have doubts about this happening in a unitary.
5. I am also aware County want to create a 'super-sized school' at Serlby Park, they don't want a primary school on Simpson Park, despite the high number of likely residents with children on that site, the advantage to local residents, the traffic issues a supper-school would create, and the fact that a primary school on the colliery site is feature in the Neighbourhood Plan. This is because it is cheaper to fund one huge school rather than several small schools. The issue of quality does not seem to matter.
6. The removal of District Councillors means there is no truly democratic representation of the people; it would simply become a case of the Parish/Town Councils v the Unitary Council.
7. Another worry is the new role of Parish/Town Council's in a unitary. The evidence shows that some services are delegated down to parish level, and parish precepts have risen accordingly to pay for them; and at an alarming rate. It seems this high-handed approach in other unitary councils is the norm and this is not something I would welcome.

During this agenda item Cllr Dean joined the meeting.

**16658**

### **To receive cemetery reports**

Cllr Barns inspected the cemeteries and reported below:

Old cemetery was inspected on 15.10.18. There were no safety issues found. The grit bins and water facilities were all in order. The cemetery was tidy; the grass is hardly growing so no problems and the hedges and flower beds are okay. The wooden seats still require some weather proofing treatment; the Officer reported that Cllr Ashworth will be dealing with the benches.

New cemetery was inspected on 15.10.18. There were no issues regarding safety or tidiness. It was noted that dandelions and cats ears are growing in the grass area; some form of weed and feed regime will be required when the growing season starts. The flower beds appeared to be fairly weed free. Water points, grit bins and hedges all in order.

The Officer reported that four tonne bags of grit have been ordered for the cemeteries plus two more storage grit bins. It was someone have been in touch regarding the damaged memorial in the old cemetery; the Town Council has no next of kin information from 1946 and therefore was unable to contact anyone. We have rang around all the funeral directors and memorial masons to see if they are aware of their workers damaging the memorial; so far none has taken responsibility. Investigations are still ongoing.

The Officer gave an update on the request for an inscription for the small plaque on the Miner's Memorial which was approved.

**16659 To approve payments and receive financial report**

The Officer circulated copies of the finances and bank statements as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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

**16660 To consider any planning applications and note any decision notices, appeals and planning correspondence****Application: 18/01076/HSE**

Proposal: Erect two storey rear/side extension

Location: Roydean, Marina Drive, Bawtry Road

**Application: 18/01095/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed prefabricated Unit measuring 20m x 11m for Storing of materials and occasional manufacturing overspill

Location: Sismatico Uk Ltd, Plumtree Industrial Estate, Bawtry Road

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

**Application: 18/01210/OUT**

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 1300 dwellings, a new primary school, public house/restaurant, public open space, associated remediation and demolition, access and egress into and out of the site, proposed estate road and associated infrastructure

Cllr Flynn proposed not to make any objections and include comments as follows; this was seconded by Cllr Robinson and resolved by the Council.

The Town Council has the following comments to make:

The adopted Bassetlaw District Council Core Strategy 2011 set out the principle of Harworth & Bircotes becoming a regeneration centre in Policy CS4. The policy States:

“New development will contribute to a step change in Harworth Bircotes. It will deliver a greater range of local employment opportunities, with facilities that can attract inward investment and allow smaller businesses to grow. It will significantly improve the range and quality of housing available, in order to ensure a more mixed community. It will contribute to the achievement of a popular and busy town centre, providing a range of shops, services and facilities in a welcoming and accessible environment to people of all ages, incomes and interests. It will ensure that the strong green character of the settlement is used to reinforce routes to different neighbourhoods and the settlement’s heart. New development will be of a high quality of design, making strong connections with the existing town and surrounding communities (and, as appropriate, employment land to the south), as well as providing the facilities necessary to support a new community including open space

and play facilities, community facilities, local retail facilities and transport improvements”.

The policy continues to set out that at least 22% (1560 houses) of the District’s housing requirement will be delivered at Harworth Bircotes through existing permissions and allocations in the Site Allocations DPD for the plan period 2010-2028. Regeneration Opportunities and support will be given to regeneration opportunities to include the appropriate re-development of the Harworth Colliery site that serves to increase in the following:

- The range and quality of housing in the town;
- Improvements to the retail offer and public realm in the town centre
- Improvements to, and redevelopment of, the town’s educational and leisure centre facilities;
- Improvements to the town's existing green spaces and sports pitches.

Therefore, the Bassetlaw District Council Core Strategy sets out the principle of the redevelopment of the former colliery site. The proposed redevelopment site has always been integral to the consultation discussions within the town. This led the Town Council and the local Community to consider the redevelopment proposals for the site within the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood plan.

The Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan supports the redevelopment of the former colliery site for residential development, green infrastructure improvements, open space, a public house, educational improvements and public transport. This is specifically outlined within policy 6 of the neighbourhood plan. The policy states:

“Development on the Colliery Site for mixed use scheme will be supported where the proposals demonstrate how they have addressed the design parameters set out within the OPUN Design Centre’s Scoping Report 22 and Section 1 of the Harworth & Bircotes Design Guide and the Harworth Colliery Masterplan. In addition to the 996 dwellings that have outline planning consent, development on the colliery site is required to:

- provide a minimum of 500 dwellings in addition to existing granted permission and;
- contribute to the provision of enhanced green infrastructure as set out in the Green Infrastructure Project Proposal including an area of public open space within the site and;
- mitigate against or compensate for the loss of any important wildlife habitats or biodiversity that maybe affected by the proposal and;
- provide direct and attractive connections to the shops on Scrooby Road including direct access to areas of Open Space and;
- wherever possible to connect the new development to the existing settlement to enable free and direct movement from the site edges to the homes and other uses and;
- show how it reflects the existing layout and (where possible) the spatial arrangement of the existing town so that a clear relationship between old and new is evident where they meet and;
- seek to provide a primary school to meet the additional educational needs of the development on site and;
- seek to include a bus drop off and waiting area; and

- boundary treatments and landscaping are appropriate to its rural setting particularly in relation to the open countryside to the south east and east”

The outline application addresses and complements the policy requirements stated within the Bassetlaw Core Strategy and the Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan. The proposal presents an opportunity to redevelop the former brownfield colliery site into a wide range of quality homes (including 30% of affordable homes), public house/ restaurant, with a new primary school, play area, open spaces, links into the existing green wheel network and provide the new homes with linkages into the public transport network and into the town centre where the town has been fortunate enough to receive new retail developments and public realm improvements over the last couple of years.

The Harworth & Bircotes Neighbourhood Plan undertook a green infrastructure study that highlighted the existing and the future opportunities to extend the green infrastructure and linkages around the town. This proposed development enables the development and implementation of a significant area of the green wheel approach to be developed that will connect the former colliery site with the existing green linkages around the town completing the southern part of the green wheel proposal contained within the Neighbourhood Plan. The development also includes a large proportion of land for public open space in which the Town Council supports the inclusion of for the benefit of the community.

The application includes a travel plan and this includes elements of how the applicant intends to make the development sustainable by providing new bus routes and stops throughout the development along with new footpaths and cycle ways linking into the existing network trying to reduce the need to travel by private car usage.

In summary the Town Council supports the outline application for the construction of up to 1300 dwellings, a new primary school, public house/restaurant, public open space, associated remediation and demolition, access and egress into and out of the site, proposed estate road and associated infrastructure.

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#### **To receive Councillor reports**

- Councillors reported comments received over inappropriate parking on Scrooby Road next to the mini roundabout on the shop fronts, plus parking outside the Post Office and in front of the school.
- Cllr Jones reported she has been litter picking around her area.

The Chair gave her report as follows:

**Spoil Heap No.2** – On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October a public consultation session will be held at the Town Hall, 4.30-8pm. The risk of water travelling to the base of/and destabilising The tip is why this work is seen by N.C.C as a ‘must do’; following consultation Harworth Group will be submitting a planning application to County for a restoration scheme lasting 15 years.

**Objection to Waste Incinerator.** N.C.C Planning Dept are struggling to put all the objections online and estimate it will take several weeks to do this, because of their limited resources. It is expected around 1,000 objections will eventually be logged onto their system.

I attended B.D.C Planning Committee meeting last week and spoke against the proposal. B.D.C also voted against it – one District Councillor voted for it and two abstained.

**Street Naming and Numbering: Colliery Site** – streets in this site will be based on Nottinghamshire pits. The names of the first four streets, built by Kier Living, will be: Linby Drive, Harper Hill Gardens, Kimberley Mews and Brinsley Way. These have now been approved by Postal Services.

**16662 To receive update on projects/events and consideration of budgets**

Karen Tarburton, the Funding and Community Development Officer gave the following updates:

At the moment Karen has been working on a Homes England funding application for 10% match funding which is now confirmed and approved. The governing body is happy to fund the affordable housing for the North Boarder site; the junior section to be for small bungalows for the over 50 years old and the other section will then be the community section. Funding is for a feasibility study to see if the project is feasible or not; if it is then we could put in for further funding to carry out the project.

Working on a Reaching for Communities funding application for the District Council; this is to provide a Park Ranger to look after four parks; Snipe Park is one of them. The role will also be used to develop training for vulnerable people to help them gain some qualifications for work. The Parks Department struggles to get younger people to apply for jobs to carry out this kind of work. The funding will cover a 3 to 5 year programme.

The Ecology study has been completed and is in draft form ready for the District Council to approve; the study includes Snipe Park and the wild life area. The study has highlighted that humans are detrimental in a particular area due to vandalism which has resulted in there being no growth; and is not a sustainable area. The Development Plan will ask for help from certain groups and volunteers to help develop that area.

Karen has secured funding from the LIS application to purchase two pieces of interactive equipment; one plays interactive games and the second is a DJ booth; which is run off a smart phone and plays music. The equipment use can be monitored via a phone and can control the sound, the lighting and also turn it off. The Town Council is the first in Bassetlaw to obtain this kind of play equipment.

The WW1 Veterans Ball has been cancelled due to the lack of support and the British Legion will not take any responsibility for running the event. Karen has put a lot of hard work into organising the event; which was to raise money for the British Legion.

The Christmas event – at this point in time it isn't known how the contractors will be carrying out the work and the condition of the building at the time of the event. If the work means that there will be H&S issues then it would be unwise to open the hall for the event. We will have a better idea once we have met with the contractors. Karen will speak with the Vicar regarding the possibility of having a carol service;

volunteers required to serve hot drinks. The ice ring etc. will be in the car park on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Fashion show raised £215 just £30 short of last one, money to go towards another community event

Remembrance parade – The Town Council has already arranged for the road closure with the County Council to assist whoever is going to organise the event; and also on this occasion, contributed £100 for the cost of the sound engineer. The British Legion are not running the event due to the insurance issue and therefore volunteers are required to marshal the road closure. The Town Council has twice approached the Road Traffic Management people for a quote for them to deal with the road closure; however they weren't interested. The Town Council as well as many other Councils are no longer organising Remembrance parades due to the insurance and H&S; as well as the cost of having to use traffic management people. Therefore, it will be down to volunteers but there is still the insurance issue with this; it is understood that the British Legion are going to speak with the Vicar. Karen is happy to go through the information the police have sent her regarding dealing with the parade.

Poppies - It was agreed to concentrate around the war memorial area - Main Street, Tickhill Road and Blyth Road junctions; plus the shop fronts. The TRA have been knitting poppies and the Cadets have donated a camouflage net to tie the knitted poppies onto; anyone can come to coffee mornings to help with the net.

**16663 To receive items of correspondence for information and future agenda items**

No items of information were put forward for the next agenda.

**16664 To exclude members of public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable discussion on tenders/update regarding gifting of land**

No members of public present.

The Officer gave an update on the town hall repairs which is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November. A site meeting at the Gilbert road garages scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> October and KT gave an update on the feasibility funding application with Homes England for the North Boarder School site.

**16665 Time and date of the next Town Council meeting**

The next Town Council meeting will take place on the 26 November 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date: 12/10/2018

## Harworth and Bircotes Town Council 17/18

Time: 11:16

## Cashbook 3

## Natwest Current Account New

For

Payments for Month 6				Nominal Ledger Analysis					
Date	Payee Name	Reference	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction
03/09/2018	M + C Elliott - Gravedigger	002123	810.00			4175	301	270.00	Digging Aug
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03/09/2018	Water Plus	002124	478.57			4012	201	478.57	Water/Drain
03/09/2018	RBS Software Solutions	002125	574.92		95.82	4058	105	479.10	Accountant
03/09/2018	Ulyett Landscapes Ltd	002127	412.56		68.76	4208	405	343.80	Maint
03/09/2018	BT UK Ltd	002126	335.13		55.85	4021	105	279.28	Phone bill
03/09/2018	BT UK Ltd	002126A	40.00			4021	105	40.00	Phone bill No
03/09/2018	SCOTTISH POWER	DD	433.13		72.19	4013	202	360.94	Electric
03/09/2018	SCOTTISH POWER	DD	1,082.45		180.41	4013	201	902.04	Electric
05/09/2018	Voice & Co Accountants	002128	11,051.69			520		11,051.69	Wage Month
05/09/2018	HMRC	002129	1,571.46			515		1,571.46	HMRC
10/09/2018	Sharpe Group	002130	114.00		19.00	4021	105	95.00	Web Manage
10/09/2018	A withington	002131	1,000.00			4653	604	1,000.00	Survey Snipe
10/09/2018	Came & Co	002132	515.20			4025	105	515.20	Indemity Insu
10/09/2018	Community Transport	002133	400.00			4190	601	400.00	Trips Aug'18
10/09/2018	Marshall Garage	002134	94.00		15.67	4160	405	78.33	Fuel Aug'18
10/09/2018	F&J Kent	002135	72.00		12.00	4170	302	60.00	Grass Cutting
10/09/2018	Voice & Co Accountants	002136	183.00		30.50	4059	105	152.50	Payroll
17/09/2018	North notts Bid/BDC	002137	170.00			4023	105	170.00	BID LEVY
17/09/2018	dba Building Solutions	002138	4,108.37		684.73	4651	601	3,423.64	Block Paving
17/09/2018	PKF Littlejohn	002139	1,200.00		200.00	4057	105	1,000.00	Audit Fees
17/09/2018	NCC	002140	25.00			4208	405	25.00	Rent Vacant
17/09/2018	SCOTTISH POWER	DD	155.63		7.41	4013	202	148.22	Gas
25/09/2018	PHS Group	DD	139.20		23.20	4026	201	116.00	Toilet/Supplie
25/09/2018	Bassetlaw District Council	DD	66.00			4011	301	66.00	Rates
25/09/2018	Bassetlaw District Council	DD	680.00			4011	202	680.00	Rates
25/09/2018	Bassetlaw District Council	DD	349.00			4011	201	349.00	Rates
25/09/2018	Bassetlaw District Council	DD	152.00			4011	510	152.00	Rates
26/09/2018	natalie Cockrell	002141	1,200.00			4652	603	1,200.00	Consultation
26/09/2018	Acer Landscapes	002142	317.66		52.94	4208	405	264.72	Baskets
26/09/2018	W Davies	002143	20.00			4021	105	20.00	Phone top up
26/09/2018	W Davies	002143A	5.37		0.90	4090	105	4.47	Sugar/Soap
26/09/2018	W Davies	002143B	5.20			4090	105	5.20	W Davies
27/09/2018	M + C Elliott - Gravedigger	002144	540.00			4175	301	540.00	Digging Sept'
28/09/2018	SCOTTISH POWER	DD	590.63		98.44	4013	201	492.19	Gas
<b>Total Payments for Month</b>			<b>28,892.17</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,617.82</b>			<b>27,274.35</b>	

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