

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 26th November 2018,
at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Scooby Road, Bircotes

Public Session – no members of the public present
County Councillor Report – no report submitted
Police report – PC Martin submitted his report in his absence

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

Others: Mrs Davies (Officer)

16671 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Morgan-Kingston and Cllr Dean.
(Cllr Durdy will be late)

16672 To receive any declaration of interests in any item on the agenda

No declaration of interests received.

**16673 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held 15th October 2018
and note approved minutes of the meeting held 26th October 2018**

Cllr Barns proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th October 2018 as
a true record; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council.
Councillors who didn't attend the extra meeting on the 26th October noted the
approved minutes.

16674 To receive District Councillor Reports

No report from Cllr Smith

The Chair commented that Government changes to the calculations used in the
National Planning Policy Framework means that Bassetlaw District Council now has
more than the required 5-year supply of designed building land. For Harworth and
Bircotes, this means that three developers have been told to put their plans 'on hold'.

16675 To receive cemetery reports

Cllr Barns gave the following inspection reports from 26.11.18:

Old Cemetery: No safety issues found and all grit bins and water facilities are in
order. The wooden seats require weather proofing (Cllr Ashworth will carry this out
as previously noted)

New Cemetery: No issues regarding safety or tidiness raised. All water points, grit
bin and hedge in order.

16676 To approve payments and receive financial report

The Officer circulated copy of the accounts as at 31st October 2018 and bank statements for the Councillors to view.

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

16677 To consider any planning applications and note any decision notices, appeals and planning correspondence**Application: 18/01395/PIP**

Location: St Patricks Church, Grosvenor Road, Harworth

Proposal: Permission in Principle for residential development of up to four dwellings

Application: 18/01421/EOL

Location: Land North West of 96 Grange View, Harworth

Proposal: Erect one wooden terminal pole

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

16678 To receive Councillor reports

This was a duplicated item – see below.

16679 To consider alternative funding source for the Town Hall repairs

Councillors proposed to rescind minute number 16669 to allow for additional consideration of £100,000 loan over an extended period from the PWLB; this was resolved by the Council.

The Officer confirmed that the Council is able to seek approval from the Secretary of State to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan. The Officer discussed the options of the repayment periods and interest rates.

After consideration; Cllr Barns proposed and Cllr Robinson seconded and therefore; it was resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a Public Works Loans Board loan of £100,000 up to 10 years at 2.05% for the building works on the Town Hall. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

16680 To review and consider budget ideas for 2019

The Officer went through the draft budget items and reviewed expenditure amounts for 2019/20. It was agreed to put £1000 into ear marked reserves to build up a fund ready for the second phase in the new cemetery.

Cllr Durdy joined the meeting during this agenda item.

16681 To consider meeting dates for 2019

The Officer asked if the Council wanted to alter meetings to either Monthly or 5 weekly and whether to alter the meeting days.

After discussion; Cllr Flynn proposed to have monthly/five weekly meetings to fit in with the available Mondays; and if meetings fall on a Bank Holiday then move the meeting to a Tuesday; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council. The Officer will allocate days for approval and the next meeting.

16682 To receive Councillors reports

- Cllr Jones reported on comments from a Styrrup resident regarding slag heap No.2
- Cllr Durdy commented on the inappropriate parking around the new pedestrian crossing on Scrooby Road
- The Chair asked for a working group to be formed for Members to put together terms, conditions and fees for the Gilbert Road garages. Any volunteers to contact the Officer; Cllr Flynn offered to help.

16683 To receive Community Development report

Mrs Tarburton was unable to attend therefore this item will be differed to the next meeting.

16684 To receive items of correspondence for information and future agenda items

- A request for the Town Council to join as a part to a Deed of Easement in front of the memorial garden – information to be sent to the solicitor for advice.
- Correspondence received from the solicitor regarding instructions to the proposed gifting of the Gilbert Road garage site.

16685 To exclude members of public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable discussion on insurance matters re building work

No members of the public present.

The Officer gave an outline of the solicitor's findings so far regarding the Town Hall insurance.

16686 Time and date of the next Town Council meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 7th January 2019 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes.