

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019, at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes

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

Others: Mrs Davies (Officer) Mrs Tarburton (Community Development and Funding Manager) PC Martin and member of the public

16805 To receive and approve any apologies for absence

Apologies received and approve from Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Dean. At this point the Chair reported that Cllr Robinson has now moved out of the area and resigned from her position as Councillor.

16806 To receive Declaration of Interests on any item on the agenda

Ni declaration of interests received.

16807 To suspend the meeting to hold a public session and receive County Cllr and Police reports

No County Councillor reports received.

PC Martin gave his crime report for August.

Following on from the police report, the Chair gave a report regarding the visit from Paddy Tipping, the Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner, which was a follow up from a meeting last Friday in Harworth & Bircotes.

The meeting: was instigated because of the negative public reaction to the recent spate of crime e.g. five car crimes in one night; the intention was to turn the negative into a positive and help residents understand that the police need support from the community. The message is that was that if you want to see changes, you have to help to make that change happen. The Chair then passed to Cllr Schuller who explained the meeting originated from door knocking on the Wimpy Estate and issues raised of anti-social behaviour, drug activity and then leading on to the recent car crimes. Following Friday's meeting it was discussed to initial a pilot for Harworth & Bircotes, to run an Harworth & Bircotes email address where people can report direct into the anti-Social Behaviour team, who will be working along the police. It is hoped this will encourage people to report crime and anti-social behaviour without fear and anonymously if they wish. The next steps are for a business case to be put together to help with the funding of the pilot.

16808 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 29th July 2019

Cllr Barns proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 29th July 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

16809 To Co-opt new councillor

The Chair reported that an interview has taken place with a prospective applicant for a position on the Town Council. The interview went very well and the Chair made the recommendation that the Council considers approving the applicant Mr Dobson; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

Mr Dobson then signed his Declaration of Office which was counter-signed by the Officer; and then joined the meeting as a Town Councillor.

16810 To receive the District Councillors reports

District Cllr Schuller submitted a written report as attached; no questions were raised. The Chair explained the situation of the service lane behind the shops; this area is the responsibility of the shop owners which are in most instances not around. The Town Council did install and gate for the area to prevent fly tipping; however this isn't used due to residents/shop keepers not closing it.

The service road behind the shops is an un-adopted road. The shops are mostly owned by land lords and not the shop keepers; so unfortunately the improvement scheme failed because of the large amount of uncontactable absentee landlords. The issue is that the service road is pretty grotty and collectedly the landlords are supposed to maintain and improve it. As a Town council we cannot spend money on what is a private issue.

District Cllr Evans combined her report within the Chair's report below.

16811 To receive the Chair's report

The Chair gave a presentation on the previous 10 years of Harworth & Bircotes—looking back, planning change and moving forward.

16812 To receive the Community Development and Funding Manager report

Karen reported that she has received further forms from Homes England to complete for the funding for feasibility section of the old school; this will be submitted tomorrow.

The sandpit project which was originally for one week only; lasted for four weeks with positive feedback from the children and families using it; following the negative comments from those not using it. This project was funded by donations from the Tenants and Residents Association and North Notts Bid – not by public money which people complained about. The sand pit has been built so that it can be reused for further events or use by others.

The family disco went well with a good attendance – thank you to Lee and the councillors who attended.

The roller rink will be set up this weekend for Saturday and Sunday and will be supervised by the company providing it.

The future events

- Fashion show 5th October
- Our first craft market is on Sunday 6th October; we have advertised on NCC and BDC's 'What's On' magazines, Today magazine and other areas plus the local star local parishes
- A business conference is to be held here aimed at businesses in Bassetlaw
- The Christmas event this year will consist of a traditional carousel; brass band and a carol concert. After discuss it was decided that the car park will be closed and Cllr Schuller and Cllr Smith will help as Marshalls

16813 To consider any planning applications and note any appeals and planning correspondence

Cllr Schuller reported that as a member of the District Council Planning Committee; she has a non-pecuniary interest in the following planning applications.

Application: 19/00965/FUL

Location: Unit B, 67 Scrooby Road, Bircotes
 Proposal: New shop front

Application: 19/00966/ADV

Location: Unit B, 67 Scrooby Road, Bircotes
 Proposal: Proposed 1 No. of fascia sign & 1 No. of Projecting sign

Application: 19/00409/FUL

Location: Land at Plumtree Farm Industrial Estate, Plumtree Road, Harworth
 Proposal: Erect eight industrial units

Application: 19/00433/FUL

Location: Land off Beverley Road, Harworth
 Proposal: Proposed residential development for 108 dwellings
 (Noted that is a phased part of an existing development)

Application: 19/01047/FUL

Location: Sismatico Uk Ltd, Plumtree Industrial Estate, Bawtry Road, Harworth
 Proposal: Removal of existing portable office units and extension to existing industrial Unit

Application: 19/01073/HSE

Location: 151 Scrooby Road, Bircotes
 Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension

Application: 19/01088/FUL

Location: Land adjoining 2 Colliery Road, Bircotes
 Proposal: Erect 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings

Application: 19/01117/FUL

Location: Former St Patricks Church, Grosvenor Road, Harworth
 Proposal: Erect two pairs of semi-detached dwellings and construct new access

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

At this point Cllr Schuller declared a non-pecuniary declaration of interest in the following application 19/01059/OUT as it is a neighbouring property

Application: 19/01059/OUT

Location: Land rear of Grange Farm, Blyth Road, Harworth
 Proposal: Outline application with some matters reserved (Approval being sought for access) for residential development for up to 199 dwellings (resubmission of 18/00903/OUT)

After discussion concerning the impact on the road and infrastructure, Cllr Barns proposed to object to the above application; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Schuller did not take part in the consideration of, or voting of any of the above Planning applications; however, did stay in the room whilst they were discussed.

16814 To approve payments and receive financial update

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

The Officer circulated copies of the finances and budget up to 31st July for the Councillors to view; bank statements were available to view and initialled by two councillors. The Officer reported that variances to note is the extra income received not budgeted for.

Cllr Smith proposed to note the current finances as above; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council.

16815 To receive items of correspondence or information for future agenda items

It was noted that the Cemetery report item had been missed off the agenda; therefore Cllr Barns gave his report under this item.

Cllr Barns inspected both cemeteries today and items to note that no health & safety issues were found; grit bins and water facilities are in order.

Correspondence received to note:

- The District Council is organising an Autumn Sweep commencing 12th- 19th October to sweep up fallen leaves before the dark evenings
- A thank you letter from residents for the railing that have been erected at the zebra crossing outside the Harworth C of E School; making it a safer crossing

16816 Time and date of the next Town Council meeting

The time and date of the next Town Council meeting is the 14th October 2019 at 6.45pm at the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes.

16817 To exclude members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to allow consideration of confidential information in the following agenda items

No members of the public present.

16818 Consideration of Nottingham Community Housing Association's response re the Gilbert Road garages

The Officer read out the response back from the HCHA regarding our letter on not going forward with the transfer of the Gilbert Road garages.

After further discussion Cllr James proposed to keep to the original stance that the Town Council will not be taking on the garages, this was seconded by Cllr Smith and resolved by the Council.

16819 Consideration of an appeal request

The Officer informed the Council that the developers that carried out work to the town hall are seeking to appeal against the deduction of payment for the delayed work. The Surveyor is currently writing his response to the request.

16820 Consideration of the impact of potential growth

The Chair stated that she had concerns over the possible impact of some of this information that the Chair wants to discuss on Cllr Schuller in her role on the District Council planning committee; it was important that Cllr Schuller was not compromised. The Chair said if Cllr Schuller felt uncomfortable during this item then it would be up to Cllr Schuller's judgement and to leave if she wishes to.

The Chair circulated information regarding the regeneration of Harworth & Bircotes; planning applications for residential development and the impact on infrastructure capacity. This information was not given to Cllr Schuller and she did not take part in the consideration or voting on the proposal.

After discussion the Chair proposed to make objection to new developments with a negative impact on infrastructure capacity; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and unanimously resolved by the council.

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