

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019, at 6.45pm in the Town Hall, Scooby Road, Bircotes.

- Present:** Cllr Evans (Chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Flynn, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Fear, Cllr Wratten, Cllr Schuller, Cllr Jones, Cllr Dean, Cllr Barns & Cllr James
- Others:** Mrs Davies (Officer) Mrs Tarburton (Community Development and Funding Manager) and members of the public
- 16787 To receive signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office from Members absent from the June meeting**  
Not applicable.
- 16788 To receive and approve any apologies for absence**  
Apologies received and approved from Cllr Morgan-Kingston.
- 16789 To receive Declaration of Interests on any item on the agenda**  
Cllr Schuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/00876/OUT due to being on the District Council's planning committee.
- 16790 To suspend the meeting to hold a public session and receive County Cllr & Police reports**  
No County Councillor or Police report received.

An extended public session was held to allow for members of the public to speak about planning application 19/00876/OUT Land South of Tickhill Road. The Chair started by sharing information she has as follows:

Background – Local residents received notice in July 2019 from Bassetlaw District Council about the re-submission (previously refused) for planning permission to build Phase One – 161 houses on the site, which will eventually have 650 houses. This news has resulted in a very negative reaction.

Action by the Town Council – The Chair and Vice-Chair met with the Head of Regeneration at the District Council, for clarification on 'Bassetlaw's changed position' (from Developer Planning Statement). This relates to Policy CS1 (development restricted outside settlement boundaries) as the reason the first application was refused, but this policy now has less weight – see information below.

- The previous application was refused based on Policy CS1 (development restricted outside settlement boundaries except in exceptional circumstances) plus the District Council can demonstrate a 5 year housing supply
- This policy, however, relates to the outdated Core Strategy – Bassetlaw District Council is working on the replacement Local Plan, as yet not ratified. This means less weight is attributed to the policy position of the District Council
- This change of position is influenced by the experience of Doncaster Met Borough Council, who are in the same position as the Bassetlaw District Council re: their Local Plan. In February 2019 an appeal against the refusal of a development near Edenthorpe was upheld by the Secretary of State because the planning policy CS11 was viewed as out of date and therefore

not applicable – this decision, I suspect, is behind this re-submission to Bassetlaw District Council by the developer. It is thought the application now has a strong chance of getting planning permission, as the District Council has not yet completed/got a recognised Local Plan

- This means, I believe, that the proposal will come up at the Planning Committee **before** the public hearing in November; if the proposal is successful, there will be no public hearing. The Chair is trying to discover the date when it will be considered by the Planning Committee
- Comments have to be in by August 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be discussing this with the Town Council, though I think our focus should be on the wider impact of this development on our far from adequate infrastructure
- The developer is still in discussion with Doncaster Met Borough Council re: access/green belt issues

The Chair has requested to speak at the Planning Committee for this application; no date set as yet.

Following the Chairs report; there was a very good question and answer session with the residents present.

**16791 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

The Officer reported that minute number 16783; second bullet point requires deleting as incorrect information.

Following amendment to the minutes as above; Cllr Barns proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

**16792 To receive the District Councillor Reports**

District Cllr Schuller reported that she has been working around the Wimpy estate and is looking at issues that have arisen which have been passed onto the District Council.

The Chair reported that along with the other District Councillors; Lynne Schuller and Dave Challinor; they have identified numerous issues which are the responsibility of mostly the housing. There are other issues that relate to anti-social behaviour; which the police have been spoken to about and invited Paddy Tipping over to investigate if there is any of funding a scheme for some kind of initiative. The Chair is happy for Cllrs Schuller and Challinor to go ahead with it on her behalf as Cllr Schuller is aware of all the problems.

**16793 To receive the Chair's report**

No Chair's report but she is concentrating on working on the planning application which was discussed in the planning session.

**16794 To receive the Community Development and Funding report**

Karen Tarburton gave a brief update on the current projects:

- The sand pit is confirmed from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August for children to use – anyone can bring a chair and picnic. If the weather is bad then this will not go ahead.
- Family disco on 23<sup>rd</sup> August in the Town Hall

- Waiting for confirmation for the date of the roller rink
- The Market storage area is in progress – we are still waiting for the legal side of things to be sorted by the District Council
- Karen is waiting for some of her contacts to get back in touch regarding other options to provide a community bus. It was noted that this isn't straight forward process due to the licencing and insurance requirements. Cllr Armstrong will also chase up another possible option

**16795 To receive cemetery inspection reports and consider donation of cemetery bench**

Cllr Barns carried out an inspection of both cemeteries as follows:

Old cemetery – no safety issues found. All grit bins and water facilities in order

New cemetery – no safety issues found. All grit bins and water facilities in order.

Cllr Barns noted that approximately a third of the burial ground has been used and consideration needs to be given to budgeting for expansion in the new future.

The Officer reported that a request has been made to make a donation of another seat in the new cemetery; next to the cremation area. The seat will be the same as the one in the burial section. The cost of the base will be £120 if the council is happy to proceed.

Cllr James proposed to approve the request; this was seconded by Cllr Robinson and resolved by the Council.

**16796 To consider any planning applications and note any appeals and planning correspondence**

**Application: 19/00806/FUL**

Location: Unit C7a, Glassworks Way, Harworth

Proposal: Erect canopy extension and retrospective cladding works

**Application: 19/00856/HSE**

Location: The Spinney, Church Walk, Harworth

Proposal: Erect side and rear extension

**Application: 19/00882./HSE**

Location: 12 Moor Top Road, Harworth

Proposal: Erect two storey side extension to dwelling and detached garage to side elevation (resubmission of P.A 19/00079/HSE)

**Application: 19/00866/VOC**

Location: Land at Sunny Nook Farm, Blyth Road, Harworth (Parish of Styrrup & Oldcotes )

Proposal: Vary Conditions 3, 4, 9, 10, 12 and 13 of P.A. 15/00971/OUT To Refer to Updated Application Drawing Package, Including Revised Parameter Plan, Illustrative Masterplan and Site Access Plans - Outline planning Application for an Employment Park Comprising of up to 235,000 sqm of B1(c), B2 and B8 Uses and Ancillary Development (EIA Development)

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

At this point Cllr Schuller left the meeting whilst the following application was considered.

**Application: 19/00876/OUT**

Location: Land South of Tickhill Road, Harworth  
 Proposal: Hybrid Application For Outline Planning Permission For The Residential Development Of Approximately 650 New Homes (Approval Being Sought For Access), Public Open Space, Landscaping And Associated Infrastructure With Access Into The Site Included. Full Planning Application (Phase 1) Include Development of 161 New Homes, Open Space, Landscaping And Associated Infrastructure (Resubmission of P.A. 17/01728/OUT)

Following consideration; Cllr Robinson proposed to make objections to the above application; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Schuller joined the meeting.

**16797 To receive update on the Gilbert Road Garage site and consider draft transfer documents (subject to being received)**

The Officer advised that the update can be discussed under this agenda item; however the legal advice received and consideration of the draft transfer document should be discussed under agenda item 16803.

Cllr Flynn proposed to move part of this agenda item to exclude members of the public; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Schuller then reported that the working party met today and discussed a few proposals on how we might move forward with the transfer. Cllr Schuller has put an action plan together and would like to discuss how we can deal with some of the issues that have been highlighted.

The Chair proposed that the rest of the consideration is moved to be included in agenda item 16803; this was seconded by Cllr Schuller and resolved by the Council.

**16798 To consider the draft Deed of Easement for approval – Gas Pipe at Former Colliery Site, Harworth.**

A copy of the draft Deed of Easement was circulated around the Councillors and it was noted that the Council's requests had been included within the document.

Cllr Armstrong proposed to approve the Deed of Easement as above; the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign the deed and witnessed by the Officer; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

**16799 To consider and adopt Terms of Reference for the Town Council**

Cllr Fear proposed to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Town Council; this was seconded by Cllr Robinson and resolved by the Council.

**16800 To approve payments and received financial update**

The Officer reported on the current finances, budget and bank statements as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. There were no budget variances to report.

The Officer reported on the BT renewal package which will reduce the current business amount by £32.00. At the same time the service will be upgraded along with a 4G backup guarantee to ensure that we are never working without the internet. The internet is appalling at the town hall and often staff are without a connection for quite a while.

After discussion the Chair proposed to renew the contract subject to the guaranteed internet service is provided; if not then we are able to cancel.

The Officer went through the payments for approval.

Cllr Robinson proposed to approve the payments and renewal of BT contract; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

**16801 To receive items of correspondence for information and future agenda items**

Item to note:

Community Bus - The Council received a letter from Derbyshire Community Transport giving us notification of their cancellation of our registered local community bus service from 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. The reason the provider is withdrawing this service; is down to the loss of their funding and grants which has caused significant financial problems. They are withdrawing from all the areas in Bassetlaw; not just Harworth & Bircotes.

The Town Council contributed to the Thursday bus service which was the original project; the bus company then extended their service to Monday and Fridays.

As a previously mentioned; the Town Council is searching for other options available as this service is a great loss to the people who now depend on it.

**16802 To exclude members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to allow consideration of following agenda item**

No members of the public present at this point in time.

**16803 To receive update on the Gilbert Road Garage site and consider draft transfer documents (subject to being received)**

The Chair and Cllr Schuller gave the Council information received regarding the long standing problems on the site. After discussion, Cllr Smith proposed not to continue with the transfer of the site; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

**To consider the penultimate Certificate of Payment (Valuation No.9) and deductions; plus receipt of Certificate of Practical Completion for the Town Hall**

The Officer read through the certificate of practical completion for the Town Hall repairs and the final certificate payment and deductions.

After discussion the Chair proposed to deduct the full amount of £10,500 from the final certificate; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

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

The time and date of the next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at **6.45pm** in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes.