

Minutes of the Zoom Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, at 7pm

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

**Others:** Mrs Davies (Officer) Mrs Tarburton (Community Development and Funding Officer) and members of the public

**17024 To receive and approve any apologies and reasons for absence**

Apologies received and reason given from Cllr Gratten. Cllr Flynn proposed to approve the apologies and reason, this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

**17025 To receive Declaration of Interests on any item on the agenda**

Cllr Schuller declared an interest in agenda item 17030 planning applications.

**17026 To suspend the meeting to hold a public session and receive Police reports, County and District Councillor reports**

- Apologies received from PC Martin; his report was previously circulated
- Apologies received from District Cllr Challinor
- No District Councillor reports received

A public session then took place; following which the Council meeting was reconvened.

**17027 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

After amendment to show Cllr James joined the meeting during the public session; Cllr Flynn proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true recorder, this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

**17028 To receive Chair's report**

The Chair previously circulated a copy of her report; a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

**17029 To receive the cemetery health & safety inspections and items as listed:**

- **Health & Safety report**

Cllr Barns reported that there are no health & Safety issues.

- **Removal of soil heap**

Cllr Barns proposed to remove the soil heap; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council. The Officer to obtain prices.

- **Solution for disability access to a grave**

The Chair and Chair of the cemetery committee met with a resident asking for assistance with wheelchair access for her young child to her father's grave. A

solution has been found and to keep 1 grave space available on the remaining two lines so that a wheelchair can get through. The grave spaces will then be used when required in the distant future.

It was noted that when the next phase of the new cemetery is designed; issues raised during the first phase can be considered.

- **Letters regarding unauthorised items**

The Council approved to send letters regarding unauthorised items in front of two graves which are hindering the grass cutting and not in line with the rules and regulations.

**17030 To consider any planning applications listed and note any appeals and planning correspondence**

**Application: 21/00271/COU**

Proposal: Change of use of outbuilding from storage to cattery

Location: The Hollies, Marina Drive, Harworth

**Decision: No objections from the Town Council**

**Application: 21/00372/FUL**

Proposal: Single storey extension to form new hygiene room

Location: Land at St Patricks Primary School, White House Road, Bircotes

**Decision: No objections from the Town Council**

**Application: 21/00448/FUL**

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a detached 3-bed dwelling and formation of new access with parking

Location: Land in the ground of 60 Snipe Park Road, Bircotes

**Decision: No objections from the Town Council**

**Application: 21/00486/VOC**

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 on P/A 13/00049/FUL – to extend Monday to Saturday delivery to take place between 0600 and 2300 hrs

Location: Aldi Stores Ltd, Scrooby Road, Harworth

**Decision: No objections from the Town Council**

**Application: 21/00397/ADV**

Proposal: Display various externally illuminated and non-illuminated information signs and flags

Location: Land adjacent to Styrrup Road, Harworth

**Decision: No objections from the Town Council**

Cllr Flynn proposed not to make any objections to the above application; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Schuller did not take part in this agenda item.

**Other planning items received:**

An appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate following refusal of the following application:

**Application: 20/01036/FUL - appeal ref No. APP/A3010/W/21/3269876**

Erection of a new detached bungalow at Rutland Crescent Care Home 25-27 Rutland Crescent, Harworth

It was noted that the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan has been approved by Nottinghamshire County Council.

**17031 To approve payments and receive the financial reports as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The Officer previously circulated list of payments for approval and financial report.

Cllr James proposed to approve the payments and to note the finances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

**17032 To consider the outcome of a tree assessment**

The Officer reported on the Silver Birch tree at the side of the first property on Colliery Road; and the ivy around the larger Lime tree. A tree assessment was carried out by the tree surgeon and a recommendation given. Cllr Jones proposed the felling of the silver birch; severing/cutting back of the ivy on the adjacent lime tree; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

**17033 To consider fixing or removing the gas standing charges in the future**

The Officer reported that the information to consider had not yet been received.

**17034 To approve the upcoming Town Council events**

Karen Tarburton reported that there are three events which will be taking place.

- A craft market is taking place in the hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- A family summer event is planned for the square which is called 'Pot to Plate'. This is an idea working with Sure Start and some of the schools during the summer holidays. There will be chefs coming to demonstrate cooking with various vegetables to use in meals. The allotment association will be asked if they would like to take part as well.
- At Christmas, we are looking at putting on a Winter Wonderland in the town hall with a Santa's grotto – this will be easily managed if Covid is still around at the time.

Cllr Jones proposed to approve the above events; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

**17035 To receive an update on Harworth & Bircotes initiatives**

Karen Tarburton gave the following update:

The new consultant has been instructed to move forward with the Harworth & Bircotes Master Plan; hopefully, this will be completed in a couple of months.

North Notts Book Bench Trail - this is an initiative working the North Notts schools where they decorate a bench, which is then put in situ for 6-8 weeks over the summer period. We have agreed to have two benches on the phase two grassed area of the square w/c 14<sup>th</sup> June. This will be part of a book bench trail across the area.

Work is still on-going looking at the funding for the North Border School project.

It was also noted that that some trees and plants have been planted on square's phase two area. Plus, a colleague has donated some hedging saplings to go along the side of the areas.

**17036 To receive items for information or the next agenda**

- The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Town Council
- The internal audit is currently taking place

**17037 Time and date of the next Town Council meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Town Council will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm in the Town Hall for the Councillors; and on Zoom for the members of the public (unless Government changes its recommendations beforehand)

**17038 To exclude Members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable consideration of the following agenda items**

No members of the public present currently.

**17039 To receive and consider staff matters**

The Officer gave an update on a staff matter.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

### **Problems with Avondale Rehabilitation Facility**

Antisocial behaviour has been an issue for people in Bircotes since this facility opened; things came to a head on 12<sup>th</sup> April, when a previously evicted young man who was sleeping rough presented the community with a number of problems.

The first priority was to address the issue of the rough sleeper, and the Bassetlaw District Council's Homeless Team were contacted...they are now involved, the man is known to them. The second priority was to reassure the community. The information that the Homeless Team is now involved was put on Facebook.

The third priority was to address the issue of Avondale; a meeting has been arranged between specific officers at Bassetlaw District Council and the three District Councillors, as a first step to clarify the issues and consider appropriate action.

It should be noted that Bassetlaw District Council has no jurisdiction over Avondale.

County Cllr. Sheila Place has complained to Social Services Adult Care about Avondale and the problems caused to local residents.

### **Simpson Park: Next Phase of Building**

I met with Harworth Group and a team from Miller Homes to discuss Phase 2A of the planned development of the site.

- The proposal is to build 118 houses beyond the current Keir site
- A green space is allocated within their plan
- More information will be available when the company is ready to publicise the development later this year.

**Common Lane New Build:** the start date is now May this year.

### **Improved C.C.T.V.**

Plans are in place to improve the current provision of C.C.T.V. monitoring for the land near to the Wimpey Estate. Hopefully, this will help address the ongoing cycle of antisocial behaviour in the area and improve the quality of life for residents.

Details are:

- A new 12metre-high CCTV Column is planned just off Thoresby Close, with a new camera with an extensive range that is able to cover the land behind the Wimpey Estate.
- New cameras will be located on the lighting column at the bottom of Dorchester Road.
- These new additions will be included in the existing Town Centre C.C.T.V. scheme and will be monitored in the control room at Bassetlaw District Council; it is thought the cameras will provide ample coverage of the area.

The project is funded by Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership from monies allocated to them from the Office of The Police & Crime Commissioner, it is included in the 21/22 Capital Programme and will be completed in this current financial year.