

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held via Zoom on Monday 22nd February, at 7pm

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

Others: W Davies (Clerk) K Tarburton (Community Development and Funding Officer) District Cllr Dave Challinor and County Councillor Sheila Place

16995 To receive and approve any apologies for absence

Apologies and reasons received from Cllr Gratten and Cllr Dean. Cllr Fear proposed to approve the reasons and apologies; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

16996 To receive Declaration of Interests on any item on the agenda

Declaration of Interest received from Cllr Schuller for agenda item 17001.

16997 To suspend the meeting to hold a public session and receive Police, District and County Councillors reports

No police report submitted.

District Cllr Schuller previously circuited her report to Councillors.

District Cllr Evans gave a verbal report as below:

Government White Paper for Health and Care Bill. It is called **Integration and Innovation: Working Together to Improve Health and Social Care.**

- The Bill introduces proposals to create Statutory Integrated Care Systems, which include both Health and Social Care working together.
- The intention is to remove the current bureaucracy between the two systems – currently, they tend to operate as separate organisations.
- This means the Clinical Commissioning Groups in the NHS would disappear; instead, there would be “place commissioning within an integrated care system that **will align geographically to a Local Authority boundary.**”
- The concern is that this might mean access to health services in S. Yorkshire – e. g. Doncaster and Sheffield – would not be available to Bassetlaw residents; instead, we would look to services in Nottinghamshire.
- As you can imagine, this would have an impact on the Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Trust and local residents. I understand discussions are taking place, there is no confirmation of the final outcome.

Transforming Mental Health Care in Bassetlaw.

I believe you have all received information on this; it’s important that everyone is aware of the implications.

- The Mental Health Unit at Bassetlaw Hospital is not fit for purpose and cannot meet the required standards – this relates mainly to the design of the building.

- Bassetlaw Hospital does not have enough funds to build a new unit, they have looked at a number of options, and feel the best solution is:
- To close the unit, and accommodate those requiring Adult Mental Health Care at a new unit at Sherwood Oaks.
- Older patients e. g. with Dementia, would be treated at Millbrook Mental Health Unit at Mansfield.
- There would be investment in Community Mental Health Services, intended to give early interventions and support, which hopefully would reduce the number of people requiring in-patient care.
- The current Mental Health Unit would then facilitate improvements to A/E and another service.
- A Public Consultation exercise has started – I think it is important that people make their views known.

County Cllr Sheila Place reported:

- that more pole holes are appearing daily; she is reporting them as soon as she is hearing about them.
- The new Zebra crossing on the Scrooby Road shops fronts is due for completion; Cllr Place will be visiting the site shortly; at this point it was noted from K Tarburton that some residents have complained about the standard of the crossing. Cllr Place will investigate.
- It was noted that Sandrock Road is on the Highways list for resurfacing.

District Cllr Challinor gave additional information to Cllr Evans and Cllr Schuller reports later in the meeting, but minuted here.

- Fire risk assessments are being carried out on District Council's properties, particularly the shelter accommodations
- Throughout the district and Bassetlaw there is a tree mapping consultation; which is to identify trees that are owned by the District Council

16998 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 25th January 2021

Cllr Jones proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 25th January 2021 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

16999 To approve the resolutions made at the meeting held 21st December 2020

The Officer reported that due to a website issue and the publishing of the December agenda; asked the Council to approve all the resolutions made at that meeting.

Cllr Flynn proposed to approve the resolutions made at the meeting held 21st December 2021; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

17000 For HR Committee Members to approve the minutes of the meeting held 26th October 2020

Cllr Jones proposed to accept the minutes of the HR Committee meeting held on the 26th October 2020 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council. Cllr Barns as Chair of the HR Committee signed the minutes.

The Officer gave an update of actions from the meeting:

- Contact has been made with a council that runs its own Lengths man scheme; it would not be feasible for the Town Council to take this on
- Contact has been made with Via regarding applying for the grass cutting grass grant that other parishes receive; this was agreed with Via and we are now waiting for a survey of the area the Town Council cuts to calculate a cost. Currently the repayment is 2p per square mtr

17001 To consider any planning applications listed and note any appeals and planning correspondence

Application: 21/00098/LBA

Proposal: Repair to existing boundary wall and replace metal railings to walling facing Blyth Road/Main Street

Location: Grange Farmhouse, Main Street, Harworth

Consideration: No Objections

Application: 21/00028/FUL

Proposal: Dropped kerb

Location: 6 Bawtry Road, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

Application: 21/00176/HSE

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

Location: 46 Tickhill Road, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

Application: 20/01571/FUL

Proposal: Erect detached bungalow and retain siting of a mobile home

Location: Land to the west of The Coach House, Tickhill Road, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

Application: 21/00215/FUL

Proposal: Erect detached dwelling, boundaries and private driveway

Location: Land adjacent to Rose Cottage, Common Lane, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

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

Cllr Schuller did not take part in this agenda item.

The Chair commented on information received regarding Simpson Park as follows:

Today, I was contacted by Harworth Group with some good news.

- They are currently in discussion with a major house builder about the next phase on Simpson Park, and it seems they are confident about future build for the next 2 years.

There have been a couple of concerns raised by local people:

- Regarding security of fencing between the Recreation Ground and Keir Housing; people are worried that children or pets can access the site and get injured. Harworth Group have responded to my request and asked Keir to contact me, and I know B.D.C. Planning have also been in touch with Harworth Group.
- This weekend, there was an incident involving thieves and security personnel; I understand the Police are involved.
- The other concern was about Keir knocking down trees, which I believe has to be done before March/bird nesting season. I am assured the trees are self-setters and shrubs.
- Harworth Group do have a Woodland Management Scheme for the site, with tree planting and the Green Wheel scheme, but we won't see this for several years.

17002 To approve payments and receive the financial reports as of 31st January 2021

The Officer previously circulated a list of payments for approval and the financial reports, bank statements, budget and variances for the Council to view.

Cllr Flynn proposed to approve the payments and accept the financial reports as above; this was seconded by Cllr Fear and resolved by the Council.

17003 To receive the interim Internal Audit Report

The Officer circulated copies of the interim Internal Audit report carried out by the Internal Auditor on 3rd February 2021. Only comment was to put on the website missing minutes and agendas following a website problem; this has since been done and the IT company has solved the publishing of articles problem.

Cllr Barns proposed to accept the Internal Report; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council.

17004 To approve the opening of a new internet bank account for project funds

The Officer reported that four banks were approached for the Council to open a new internet account for the additional funding money due in before the end of the financial year. Two banks did not respond; one bank is not taking on new accounts at the moment and the fourth bank has accepted our request which is the Unity Trust Bank. This bank covers all the specific legalisation that councils must adhere to regarding the signatory rules and security.

Cllr Smith proposed to go ahead and open the new internet account; this was seconded by Cllr Jones and resolved by the Council.

17005 To receive items for information or the next agenda

- Officer appraisals
- Consultation on the District Council's – Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2018
- Report on the H&S Audit taking place 23rd February 2021
- Request for early time for meetings to start whilst on Zoom

17006 Time and date of the next Town Council meeting – 8th March 2021

The next Town Council meeting will be held on the 8th March 2021; time to be advertised nearer the meeting.

17007 To exclude Members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable consideration of the following agenda item

Cllr Jones proposed to exclude the members of the public to allow discussion on the following agenda item; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

17008 To discuss staff pay review and look at re-structuring of the way of working

The Officer reported on the 2021 living wage increase of 2.02% for staff members in April 2021.

The Officer went through the Zone areas suggested; an initial action was decided before moving forward with the suggestions.