

Minutes of the Harworth and Bircotes Town Council held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes, DN11 8JP.

Present: Cllr Evans (Chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr James, Cllr Harrison, Cllr Schuller, Cllr Jones, Cllr Gratten, Cllr Sidwells, Cllr Horrocks, Cllr A Harrison, Cllr Flynn and Cllr Whitehead

Others: Mrs Davies (Officer), PC Martin and members of the public

17468 To receive and consider any apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies and reasons received from Cllr Hughes, Cllr Barns and Cllr McLaughlin

Cllr S Harrison proposed to accept the apologies and reasons above; this was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

17469 To receive Declaration of Interest on any item on the agenda

No declaration of interest received.

17470 To suspend the meeting to hold a public session

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

Items to note:

PC Martin gave his police report – it was noted that drivers parking their cars on the pavement near the pedestrian crossing with white zig zags on the road (near the Hen House take away) will receive 3 points for doing so. If you see anyone parking there, please take a photo of the car and registration number and pass onto the police or Town Council.

The Chair then reconvened the Council meeting.

17471 The receive the Chair's report

The Chair circulated her reports as attached.

17472 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023

After spelling correction, Cllr Smith proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 4th September 2023 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Wratten and resolved by the Council.

17473 To receive the cemetery Health & Safety reports and consideration of:

- Update on the Tickhill Road cemetery's independent memorial inspection – The Officer reported that the first inspections at the cemetery has highlighted a considerable number of memorial stones failing the test. A report will be sent to us with the list of repairs and then it will be up to the owners of the memorial to contact the stone masons to repair.
- To discuss having runners or concrete stabs in phase 2 of the Styrrup Road cemetery – The Officer reported that one of the stone masons has passed on some information regarding the use of an addition large slab to site the memorial stones on instead of using runner. This is an option for the council to look at when starting the phase 2 of the new cemetery

- To discuss the installation of gates to the shelter in the Tickhill Road cemetery – The Officer reported that residents have suggested putting a gate on the shelter to prevent people from sleeping there. The Council considered this request and Cllr Flynn proposed to investigate the options of putting a gate on; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council
- Donation of a cemetery bench – The office reported that she has received a request from a resident to donate a bench in the last spot in the new cemetery. After consideration Cllr James proposed to accept the donation of the bench; this was seconded by Cllr S Harrison and resolved by the Council.
- To consider sale of the garage in the old cemetery – the Officer reported that the staff need the garage for storage as the hall garage is now full; and additional equipment will have to be moved there – particularly to cover staff when one of them is away. Storage of other event items e.g., Christmas trees are also stored there.

After consideration of taking the staff and officer's comments; Cllr Horrocks proposed to keep the garage, this was seconded by Cllr A Harrison and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Barns was not present to give his health and safety report.

17474 To approve payments as listed and receive financial reports for 31st August 2023

The Officer previously circulated payments for approve and financial reports, reserves, copy of bank statements, budget figures and variances for the Councillors to view. See bank balances & payments at the end of the minutes.

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

17475 To consider repairs to the old cemetery gates

Following the discussion from the previous meeting regarding repairs to the Tickhill Road cemetery electric gates, Cllr S Harrison proposed to appoint Tate Electrical Ltd to repair the cemetery gates as they originally installed it; this was seconded by Cllr Jones and resolved by the Council.

17476 To consider contribution to the fireworks event on 27th October 2023

Cllr Flynn proposed to contribute £1,000 towards the firework event; this was seconded by Cllr A Harrison and resolved by the Council.

17477 To consider planning applications as attached and planning correspondence

Application: 22/01339/RES

Proposal: Reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for the proposed development of 149 dwellings pursuant of outline application (18/01210/OUT) at land South of Scrooby Road, and North of Snape Lane, Harworth

Location: Land South of Scrooby Road, and North of Snape Lane, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

Application: 23/00795/RES

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the approval of appearances, landscaping, layout, scale, and access for 105 dwellings (phase 3a. Including condition compliance of 1,2,3,4,6,9,13,18,19,20,21,22,25 and 26 following outline application 18/01210/OUT

Location: Land South of Scrooby Road and North of Snape Lane

Consideration: No objections

Application: 23/01063/FUL

Proposal: Retain pre-school building and associated outbuildings to provide Early Years Childcare and Education

Location: Bircotes Pre-School, Thoresby Close

Consideration: No objections

Application: 23/01131/HSE

Proposal: Single storey side extensions

Location: Cemetery House, Tickhill Road, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

Application: 23/01144/HSE

Proposal: Single storey extension over existing garage

Location: 50 Sherwood Road, Harworth

Consideration: No objections

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

17478 Delegation to respond to planning applications with no objections

Cllr S Harrison proposed to delegate the response to no objection planning application to the Officer; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

17479 To approve submission of the Master Plan to the District Council

The Officer previously circulated a copy of the final version of the Harworth & Bircotes Master Plan.

Cllr James proposed to approve the submission of the Master Plan to the District Council; this was seconded by Cllr Harrison and resolved by the Council.

17480 To approve Christmas event expenses

Cllr S Harrison proposed to approve the Christmas event rides/games expenses over two days; this was seconded by Cllr James and resolved by the Council.

17481 To consider meeting dates for Full Council meetings for 2024

15th January 2024

26th February

8th April

20th May

1st July

9th September

21st October

2nd December

13th January 2025

Additional committee meetings will be advertised as and when required.

Cllr A Harrison proposed to approve the above meeting dates for 2024; this was seconded by Cllr Wratten and resolved by the Council.

17482 To receive updates on Town Council events

Cllr Sidwells gave a report on the successful Retro Bike Event which took place in September at the Town Hall and the event area. This event is growing and attracting more people, some of which are from abroad, plus sponsors. This could put Harworth & Bircotes on the international map for this event.

17483 To receive items for information

The Officer gave updates as noted below:

- The response from the Police regarding Air conditioning in the Information Centre
- The Officer is still waiting to hear regarding the help with the shot blasting and painting of the Miners Memorial white chain
- The large trailer is now advertised for sale but there hasn't been any interest to date
- This week is the first trial week for the District Council to take over the emptying of the village litter bins

17484 Time and date of the next Town Council meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be held on 6th November 2023 at 7.15pm in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes, DN11 8JP.

Chair's report below.

Tom Simpson Cycling Festival

I am pleased to report that, yet again, this weekend event proved to be an enormous success, thanks to the efforts of Chris Sidwells.

- Friday 16th Sept: cyclists sat down to an evening meal cooked by the Food Bank
- Sat. 17th: Cyclists market, collection of older support cars, and in the Town Hall was an exhibition of retro bikes used by famous cyclists. The afternoon saw interviews, films, and book signings.
- Sunday's highlight was the 50-mile bike ride for 150 riders.

It was interesting talking to people from different countries, including the daughter of Tom Simpson, who had travelled from Belgium.

Simpson Park Development Newsletter has been sent to update residents on the site about ongoing regeneration. Shaft No 2 will be filled and capped, work starts in October, and will require 24-hour working for 2 weeks.

Other developments include:

- A play area open by summer 2024
- The green wheel encircling the site for walkers, including access to Droversdale Wood and Lords Wood – this, and an area designated as
- A Country Park will be completed by 2026.

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- The Access Road from Blyth Road known as Brinsley Way – work will start soon, and should be complete by 2024

Energy Production in Bassetlaw - One Earth Solar Farm & Battery Storage

In September I joined colleagues in a virtual meeting organised by B.D.C. to learn more about this proposed project for High Marnham. Details are:

- The site is close to High Marnham sub-station and will link into the National Grid
- The site is flat and has many power lines
- The batteries will store energy, and release excess energy when needed
- The site, when complete, will power 200,000 houses

Their Masterplan demonstrates:

- The potential for solar panels and associated infrastructure
- The potential areas for scheme enhancement, such as cable routes
- Areas to avoid are known flood risks and Trent Valley Way

The Green Agenda

- The scheme will maximise green energy and reduce carbon emissions
- Areas valued by local people will be protected, therefore,
- The scheme will require a bespoke design

The company has started the consultation process and is meeting with local education providers to discuss employment and skills...I can see an energy/technology focus growing in Bassetlaw, including the National Grid Project (from N. Humber to High Marnham) and the S.T.E.P. project at West Burton.

N.B. This proposal, though involving different planning authorities such as Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood, and West Lindsey, relies on the final approval of the Secretary of State.

Finances as of 31st August 2023		<u>Meeting report 2.10.23</u>	
Net Income for August	£009,503.62		
Net Expenses for August	£042,350.33		
Opening bank balances 1st April 2023	£	£	
Current Account	£379,281.34		
Current Saver Account	£064,820.53		
Unity Trust Account	£091,879.43		
Unit Trust Savings	<u>£000,000.00</u>		£535,981.30
Plus income <u>to date</u> 31.8.23	£268,181.98		
Less expenses <u>to date</u> 31.8.23	£230,967.40		<u>£037,214.58</u>
Closing bank balances 31st August 2023			
Current Account @ 31 st August 2023	£417,244.92		
Current Saver Account @ 31 st August 2023	£065,146.09		
Unity Trust Savings @ 31 st August 2023	£000,000.00		
Unity Trust Account @ 31 st August 2023	<u>£090,804.87</u>		<u>£573,195.88</u>
	Made up of:		
	<u>Ear Marked Reserves</u>		£261,026.61
	<u>General Reserves</u>		£312,169.27
			<u>£573,195.88</u>