

Minutes of the Harworth & Bircotes Town Council meeting held on Monday 11th September 2017, at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Scooby Road, Bircotes

County Councillor report - no report submitted
Police report - no report submitted

Present: Cllr Evans (Chair), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Flynn, Cllr Ashworth, Cllr Durdy
Cllr Jones, Cllr Smith, Cllr Wratten, Cllr Morgan-Kingston & Cllr Barns

Others present: Mrs Davies (Officer) Mrs K Tarburton (Community Development and Funding Manager)

16477 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Dean.

16478 To receive Declaration of Interests on any item on the agenda

No Declarations of Interests received.

16479 To receive update on the Harworth & Bircotes Intervention Scheme

KT went through the action plan for the H&S Intervention Scheme;

- Nexus are carrying out the scoping work for the Town Centre and also looking into the road infrastructure. We are hoping to have the initial report for the October meeting
- Launch of the Harworth & Bircotes Intervention Scheme was carried out on the 6th September at the cycling event
- Events area – work will start in October due to unforeseen circumstances this has been delayed and alternative arrangements have been put in place for the Christmas event

16480 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 24th July 2017

Cllr Robinson proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 24th July 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

16481 To receive District Councillor Reports

A cabinet paper was approved last week for Bassetlaw District Council to form a Special Purchase Vehicle. This is a Joint Venture Company (J.V.C), where the District Council is a 50% partner and the other partner in this case is Woodheads (currently building the Smith Square houses). This means District Council owned land can be put forward for housing, so smaller sites, if owned by the District Council, can be used – the big developers go for bigger, attractive sites, and they tend to build only ¾

bedroom houses. In a J.V.C homes more sensitive to the needs of a specific community can be built.

The District Council held a public consultation on the Harworth & Bircotes Intervention Strategy at the bike race; the resident's feedback raised the following issues:

- New housing – need play areas, too
- Improve cycle ways – re-use the railway line
- Shop fronts need improving
- Need a wine bar, pub, restaurant
- Interest in a Farmer's Market
- Information about future housing developments
- The brown bin is good

Information was also taken on noise complaints, Lifeline and older people's directory.

16482 To receive cemetery reports

Cllr Barns gave his report on the cemeteries. The old cemetery – complaints regarding birds on the trees leaving bird mess on cremation plaque; the Council will look at having the trees trimmed in the next budget. The new cemetery requires weeds spraying on the new car park area; the Officer will ask the contractors to spray this area. The lock on the hosepipe housing has been damaged. The area at the entrance turning circle has had repairs to the surface where something has caused damage; no new H&S issues.

16483 To approve payments and receive financial report

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

The Officer circulated copies of the finances as at 31st July 2017, copy of budget figures and bank statements for July.

16484 To consider any planning applications and note any decision notices, appeals and planning correspondence

Application: 17/01073/RES

Proposal: Reserved matters application to seek approval for appearance of the buildings and landscaping following outline application 12/01764/OUT for the erection of 24 dwellings

Location: Land off Hawkins Close, Harworth

Application: 17/01043/HSE

Proposal: Outbuildings with pitched roof in rear garden
 Location: 217 Scrooby Road, Bircotes

Application: 17/01023/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension to form pharmacy
 Location: 105 Scrooby Road, Bircotes

Application: 17/01102/OUT

Proposal: Outline Application with Some Matters Reserved Approval Being Sought for Access and Scale for Erection of 150 Dwellings
 Location: Land off Essex Road, Bircotes

Application: Notts County Council application V/3694

Proposed Development: Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 1/66/04/00004 to extend the timescale for inert waste disposal to cease by 22 August 2027, with enhanced restoration for a biodiverse nature conservation after use
 Location: Serlby Quarry, Snape Lane, Serlby, DN10 6BB

The Council considered the above planning applications and with no materials considerations to object to; Cllr Robinson proposed not to make any objections which was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

16485 To receive information on the criteria of CIL and S106 monies

The Chair circulated information on the criteria of CIL and S106 monies and how the Bassetlaw District Council (Planning Authority) and developers work together to come up with the legally-binding agreements.

16486 To receive update on Health & Safety training and provision of Competent Person service

The Officer reported that the staff are attending fire awareness and fire warden training the following day. The Competent Person consultant will be here on the 20th September to carry out training with the staff and reviewing policies.

16487 To consider funding from the other events budget

The Chair asked the Council if they would like to make donation towards the fireworks for the Bonfire event that the Sports Club facilitate. After discussion the Chair proposed to donate £1,000 towards the fireworks; this was seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved by the Council.

K Tarburton reported on a meeting to set up a cinema club; initially three events this year. Then next year looking at putting on media workshops for the young people during the school holidays. Cllr Ashworth proposed to allocate £1000 towards the project set up fees and delivering the events; this was seconded by Cllr Jones.

16488 To receive Councillors and Community Development Manager's reports

- Cllr Robinson reported that the Community Action Group will be running elderly residents monthly lunch club; named the Vintage Luncheon Club. The first will be the 13th October, then 3rd November and a Christmas lunch in December
- Cllr Durdy - Comments on the parking issues on Scrooby Road
- Cllr Wratten - Comments on the overgrown hedge between the Medical centre and Alidi; it was noted that the District Council are already dealing with this issue
- Cllr Barns - The wooden seats require re varnishing; Cllr Ashworth will attend to them

The Chair – reported that the travellers left a pile of litter on the site; sincere thanks to Jane Vernon/Dorothy Reed and Roy Hutchinson who cleaned the area up. They also left two abandoned cars on Milne Road which have now been removed.

The Chair has been approached by a local resident who feels there should be other types of housing, particular bungalows, not just 3 and 4 bedroomed houses on the new development area. The resident has contacted Harworth Estates, Jones Homes and the District Council's Planning Dept and is now asking local people about their views via social media; the Chair agrees with him and is discussing this with the District Council.

Anxiety about the future town centre – Harworth & Bircotes Town Council intends to have a new town centre in the future. The District Council is supportive of this – hence the Harworth Strategic Intervention Plan, which builds on the Neighbourhood Plan, and the involvement of Nexus. You will recall Nexus is a firm of town planning experts who have been commissioned to look at our town centre and identify future development options.

The first meeting with Nexus was simply an information-gathering exercise by them; one major problem will be the shops which are owned by absentee landlords – this will limit the potential to improve our current shopping outlets. We don't yet have the date for a follow-up meeting.

The Community Events Area is a 'first step' in establishing a town centre, we need the help of Bassetlaw District Council and we need their agreement to future use of land they own behind the Medical Centre, as well as their negotiation skills in dealing with Harworth Estates.

It is early days, attracting developers and securing funding will be a major challenge, but first, we need the blueprint. None of this is going to happen overnight.

Community Development Manager's report

Karen gave a brief update as follows;

- Working with the Harworth Community Action Group to develop the Vintage Club and also the community cinema project
- Remembrance Service – the Town Council will be supporting Royal British Legion with the logistical aspect and marshalling of the service which is to be held November 12th 2017
- Christmas event – this will be held on the Friday 1st December with an ice rink staying until Sunday 3rd December. The car park will be closed for the entire weekend

16489 To receive items of correspondence for information and future agenda items

No items of information put forward for the next agenda.

16490 To exclude members of public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable discussion/consideration of:

No members of the public present.

Additional staff requirement

After discussion; Cllr Evans proposed to extend the agency contractor for a further month and then employ Mr Folegnali as a permanent member of staff. This was seconded by Cllr Barns and resolved by the Council.

Update on building and insurance matters

The Officer gave an update on the building issues; she has arranged a meeting with N.C.C on the 27th October to consider their options regarding their Sure Start room.

The professional indemnity insurance was approved.

To consider tenders

After consideration of tenders received for the work on the events area; Cllr Flynn proposed to accept SPF Ironwork as contractor due to being the only contractor that can carry out the whole project; this was seconded by Cllr Evans.

To consider legal information

The Officer circulated a copy of a letter from a resident regarding an historic complaint from 1998 when the BMX track was installed.

A discussion followed and a policy will be put into place setting out dealing with abusive, persistent or vexatious complaints and complainants.

16491**Time and date of the next Town Council meeting**

The next Town Council meeting will take place on the 23rd October 2017 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Scrooby Road, Bircotes.