

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELPER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE HERITAGE CENTRE, ST JOHN'S CHAPEL, BELPER ON TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Sutton (Town Mayor) – in the Chair
Councillors: Allison, D Booth, J Booth, Charlton, England, Hillier, Hurst, Nelson and Spendlove

23 members of the public.

4036 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Arnold (holiday) and Bull (another AVBC meeting).

4037 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED To discuss the Town Clerk recruitment in the Confidential Section of the meeting as it may involve discussing individuals

4038 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Cllr Hillier proposed to leave the meeting for item 13 – planning applications as AVBC Planning Board member to avoid pre determination/bias.

Cllrs Hiller, D Booth and J Booth proposed to leave the meeting for Agenda Item 16 as AVBC Councillors to avoid pre determination/bias.

Cllr Sutton declared a Personal Interest in Item 14.2 as he is a member of the Accessible Belper group.

4039 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

As per agenda and Resolution 4037

4040 **RESOLVED** To suspend the Council's Standing Orders for the Public Participation Section

Public Participation

- Belper High School delivered a presentation on the student's voluntary work in Malawi. The students helped build a school amongst other voluntary work. The students are continuing to assist by making reusable sanitary towels and shipping them to Malawi. The students thanked the Council for the grant contribution.
- James Kerry reminded the Council about the Defibrillator training at Strutts on Saturday 16 February 2019 between 9am and 10.30am.
- Richard Bett spoke in support of the Belper Goes Green grant application.
- Siobhan Fennel and Sarah Barley-McMullan spoke in support of the Accessible Belper grant application.
- Borough Councillor Short updated the meeting on the Tea Rooms development –tenders had been opened and a developer selected. Planning Permission to be obtained. As County Councillor, he, after the flooding in Milford, has referred improvements to the path near Makeney Road to the DCC officers.
- County Councillor Makin reported that the RTOs for Goods Road, Church Street etc would be implemented by March.
- Cllr Nelson expressed frustration at the fact that cars were parked on

streets without tax and the lack of police response on this. He further enquired how long the pavement on Lander Lane would be closed for. Cllr D Booth (AVBC) stated that Planning Officers had attended the former Labour Club site and the footpath was closed in accordance with Planning requirements and all planning conditions were being complied with.

- 4041 **RESOLVED** To reinstate the Council's Standing Orders
- 4042 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS
RESOLVED To agree as a true record Minutes 4013-40135 of the Full Council Meeting held on 8 January 2019.
- 4043 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP
RESOLVED To note the draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 15 January 2019
- 4044 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE
RESOLVED To note the draft minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 22 January 2019
- 4045 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BLOOM GROUP
RESOLVED To note the draft minutes of the Bloom Committee held on 5 February 2019
- 4046 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Mayor reported his attendance together with his Consort at the following events-
12 January 2019 – BeCanto concert at St Faiths
25 January 2019 – Showmen's Guild Lunch at Nottingham
25 January 2019 – evening at Spencer Grove Care Home – Masquerade Ball – to celebrate 10 year anniversary
2 February 2019 – Treetops Nursery- Alton Manor – Ofsted Outstanding celebration
10 February 2019 – Codnor Parish Civic Service
- 4047 REPORT OF THE CLERK
The Clerk updated the meeting as follows
- Actions from last meeting – The Clerk reported the reply she had had from Pauline Latham MP
 - General correspondence received by the Council – the meeting noted the General Correspondence
 - DALC Circulars – 1,2 and 3/2019 – were noted.
 - Press Releases – Press Releases had been issued for the allotment provision – call for sites
 - Councillor emails - The Clerk reminded councillors to upload the new email account on to the tablets – otherwise call into the office for the Officers to do it.

- Date for Spring Clean – 30 March 2019. Clerk to ensure Rotary can assist and to organise the publicity.
- Defibrillator Awareness session – arranged by Rotary Club for 9am on 16 February 2019 at Strutts.
- Allotment Site update – The Clerk has engaged the contractor to undertake the allotment soil sampling. No sites had come forward as result of the request for additional sites, a few people have contacted the Clerk to express interest in the new site and there are 18 currently on the waiting list.
- As Tea Rooms redevelopment is likely to be over the Summer – Larks in the Park events will be held in the Memorial Gardens.

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FINANCE

RESOLVED

- A) To note the 31 December 2018 bank reconciliation figures.
- B) To note and agree the income of £374.79 and expenditure £25834.36 as at 11 February 2019.
- C) To note the Council's monthly bank statements

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr Hillier left the meeting

The Council considered the applications and decisions circulated and tabled at the meeting and received an update regarding the Green Belt Review and Belper Lane Appeal

RESOLVED

- To make no comments on the other applications
- To note the Planning application decisions
- To note the comments submitted to the LPA by the Planning Response Coordinators since the last meeting – AVA/2018/1178

Cllr Hillier returned to the Meeting.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

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TRANSITION BELPER - BELPER GOES GREEN APPLICATION

The Council considered the application and was concerned that the cost for erection and dismantling was high, that there was no recouping the cost from stall holders

RESOLVED To reconsider at next meeting with Transition providing additional quotations and reconsidering costs of hire.

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ACCESSIBLE BELPER

THE Council considered the application from Accessible Belper

RESOLVED To refuse the application on the basis that the activities were not a standalone project and as such it did not comply with the grant conditions.

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COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr Hurst reported that he had attended a Drop Inn meeting and the project was being well run
- Cllr Nelson reported that he had attended a Blue Box meeting and that

- the project was being well run
- Cllr Spendlove reported that the scouting movement was recruiting a new District Commissioner
- Cllr Sutton had attended an Accessible Belper meeting.

Cllrs D Booth, J Booth and Hillier left the Meeting.

4053 CONSULTATIONS

AVBC Asset Management Strategy – The Council considered the Strategy and the proposal for a hotel in Field Lane site.

The Council were concerned with this proposal as the land is to be allocated for housing in the Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED To object to the proposal as the site is to be allocated for housing in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllrs D Booth, J Booth and Hillier returned to the Meeting

4054 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Committee and the Town Clerk updated the Council on progress. A Strategic Environmental Assessment was being undertaken by AECOM. Referendum date was likely to be in November 2019.

4055 FAIR LICENCES

The Council considered the draft licences

RESOLVED

- To approve the Licences with the addition of a clause that the operator be bound by the Showmen’s Guild rules.
- To approve the fees of £600 for Spring Fair and £2600 for Autumn Fair.
- To delegate to the clerk to settle the licences.

4056 SALUTING BASE

The Clerk updated the meeting that Planning Permission was still awaited and that the Council had received one response to the quotation request which the Clerk recommended to accept.

RESOLVED To appoint Alliance Ltd to undertake the installation of the new Saluting Base in the Memorial Gardens at a cost of £8264.59 plus the uplift for different slabs (excluding VAT)

4057 ALARM SYSTEM

The Clerk updated the Council on the recommendation of the Facilities Committee and further information from the current provider.

RESOLVED – To approve the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to appoint JHC to upgrade the alarm system at St Johns and the Coppice Lock Up and to provide maintenance and key holder service.

4058 COPPICE CAR PARK GARAGE

RESOLVED–

To appoint David Brown Surveyors to provide a valuation of the Garage for a fee of £300.

4059 MOBILOO
The Council considered a request to site a Mobiloo on the Coppice Car Park for the duration of the Arts Trial.
RESOLVED To agree to the request to site a Mobiloo on the Coppice Car Park for the Arts Trial (5 and 6 May 2019) and to delegate to the Clerk to settle the License.

4060 MEMORIAL GARDENS – SACRIFICE SCULPTURE INSTALLATION AND GROUNDWORKS
The Council noted that Belper Arts Festival had confirmed that there will be sufficient funds to build and install the sculpture by June 2019 and that the unveiling of the sculpture was provisionally set for 30 June 2019. The Clerk reported that the area around the site needed renovation. Plans have been drawn up to include removing vegetation, moving seats and ironwork, lifting and resetting the brick work sets replacing broken and damaged brick sets and installing new edging stones. Indicative costs including installation – which will be recovered from Belper Arts Festival are £9,000 excluding VAT. The Council noted that Planning Permission had already been granted and that £2000 was already budgeted for the works in the 2018/19 budget.
RESOLVED

- To increase budget for the works to £6,000
- To delegate to the Clerk to advertise the quotation opportunity
- For the quotations to be considered at the April Full Council meeting.

4061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
RESOLVED that the next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at St Johns Chapel

4062 **RESOLVED**
In view of the confidential nature of the following items - as it might disclose private information and staff information - to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

4063 STAFFING MATTERS – Town Clerk Recruitment
The Clerk updated the meeting as follows

- Quite a lot of responses/interest
- Timetable for recruitment as follows
 - Closing date – 22 February 2019
 - Shortlisting – 25 January 2019 – Clerk and Cllr Nelson
 - Interviews – 7 and 8 March -Cllr Hillier/Cllr Sutton and Cllr Hurst
 - Appointment – Full Council meeting on 12 March 2019 on recommendation of the Interview Panel
- Current Clerk has agreed with new employer to clerk Full Council meetings up to and include July meeting if required.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed
Cllr Sutton Date 12 March 2019