

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD**  
**ON MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2012**

Present:

Councillors: S Allsop (The Town Mayor), G Baxter, L Blanshard, S Clark, M Emmens, M S Emmens, R Hall, S O'Donnell, D Oxspring, C Smith, R Smith, W Temple, P Widdowson.

Also Present:

Liz Boswell – Clerk to the Council.

**1 Town Council Standing Orders**

To confirm the activation of the Council's Standing Orders for all the remaining items of Council business.

**121/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to activate the Council's Standing Orders for all the items of business.

**2 Apologies**

**122/12-13 RESOLVED**

The following apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from the following members:

Councillor A Blackburn - Other  
Councillor P Blackburn - Other  
Councillor A Foster - Other  
Councillor N Foster - Other  
Councillor B Gachagan - Other  
Councillor A Talford - Other

**3 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Wendy Temple declared an interest in Item 10 Clerk to the Council's Report - Lea Brook Valley

Councillors S Allsop, G Baxter, L Blanshard, R Hall, C Smith, R Smith declared an interest in Item 6 Planning Application 12/00816/LDC as members of the Joint Burial Committee.

Councillor S Allsop declared an interest in Item 10 Clerk to the Council's Report – plaque for Bob Clough

**4 Public Speaking**

**a) Planning matters**

None

**b) General Matters**

Mr Roger Farleigh addressed the meeting with an ongoing issue with drainage at Hilltop Road in Dronfield resulting in properties in danger of flooding. He has had various correspondences with North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council with regards to the clearing of surface water. On 24 September 2012 Yorkshire Water admitted to an issue with the main sewer, but on 25 September 2012 a technician inspected the area and the water level was normal.

**c) Police Matters**

PCSO Glyn Lewis attended the meeting and presented the following figures:

Crime	September 2011	September 2012	Increase / Decrease
34 Recorded Crimes	70	34	Down 51.43%
Thefts	15	7	Down 53%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	6	No change

Burglary	10	4	Down 60%
Burglary Non Dwelling	2	2	No change
Violence	13	3	Down 76.93%
Damages	9	4	Down 55.5%
Drugs	2	1	Down 50%
Anti-social Behaviour	53	25	Down 52.84%
		9 Neighbour issues	
		5 Skateboarders at Glen Vale	

It has been a relatively quiet month for crimes in Dronfield.

The issues with skateboarders at Glen Vale continues to be monitored, however when it is children playing in the early evening this is not deemed to be anti-social behaviour; but is viewed differently later in the evening.

There have been a number of vehicle checks in operation at petrol stations and this has prevented fuel drive offs.

A question was raised in how the crime figures in Dronfield compare with Eckington and Killamarsh.

A question was raised as to whether there is a correlation between the number of activities and sports provided in a town and the crime rates, it is not thought that there is a connection.

A question was raised as to whether the Police are interested in reports of the cars in car parks late at night, when it is thought substance taking, may be taking place. The Police have asked for logs to be made of such incidents including date, time, location and registration plates.

**123/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to note the report

**5 Council Minutes**

**124/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on the 3 September 2012, they were adopted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

**6 Planning**

**Applications**

Members considered a schedule of planning applications submitted by North East Derbyshire District Council for consideration and comment.

**125/12-13 RESOLVED**

The Council received and noted the schedule of planning applications.

**Decisions**

**126/12-13 RESOLVED**

The Council received and noted the schedule of planning decisions.

**7 Youth Matters**

None

**8 Advisory Committees of the Council**

The Council considered the minutes of the following Advisory Committees.

8.1 Minutes of the Party in the Park meetings held on 7 and 21 September 2012

**127/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting.

8.2 Minutes of Christmas Events meeting held on 11 September 2012

**128/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting.

**9 Outside Services Report**

Bus Shelters - All the bus shelters have been cleaned and washed down.

Litter Bins - The Dog and Litter bins continue to be emptied on a weekly basis.

Grass Cutting - Grass cutting continues on a fortnightly basis, and also footpaths are being cut back and strimmed.

Flower beds - The flower beds are being maintained and de-weeded and will be emptied at end of September, they will be rotovated and prepared for the winter planting.

Hanging Baskets - All the hanging baskets have been removed and containers washed out and stored away ready for next year.

Play areas - The maintenance still continues on all the play areas, new swing seats have been replaced at most of the areas and we are replacing some of the wooden roofs on some of the small climbing frames. At present we are redoing the one in Cemetery Road.

Quoit Green - The area of Quoit Green has had all the shrubbery cut back and any dead shrubbery removed, also the perimeter hedge has been cut. The Dog bin will be moved to the area next to the grit bin.

Pat Testing - Pat testing has been done on all electrical equipment owned by the Town Council.

**129/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to receive the report

**10 Clerk's Report**

**Lea Brook Valley**

The meeting received the Minutes of the site visit on Tuesday 11 September 2012, the next meeting with the Lea Brook Valley Team and Yorkshire Water is scheduled for Friday 5 October at 10.00am in the Council Chamber.

**130/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to receive the minutes and note the next meeting

**Plaque in Recognition of Bob Clough**

The meeting received correspondence from the Lea Brook Valley Project Team. A plaque has been fixed to a seat in the wetland area of the Lea Brook Valley with the inscription "In memory of Bob Clough (1940 to 2011) A founder member of the Lea Brook Valley Project. In recognition of his significant contribution to the town". The Town Council are asked if they see fit to make a contribution of 50% to the £103.86 cost of the plaque.

**131/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to ask them to submit a S137 grant award

**Dronfield Advertiser**

The meeting received correspondence with regards to concerns on the lack of local news and information the activities of local groups and societies within the Dronfield Advertiser.

**132/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to ask the Clerk to write to the editor expressing disappointment with the news coverage.

**Snow Warden Scheme**

Invitation from Derbyshire County Council to participate in the Snow Warden Scheme for 2012/13 on the routes proposed for last year. Members to consider whether to undertake a further recruitment of volunteers.

**133/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved for the Town Mayor to include a call for volunteers in her next column in the Dronfield Eye.

### **Public Transport and Road Safety**

Correspondence received with regards to the provision of public transport and road safety around the Aldi site and public transport in the town.

#### **134/12-13 RESOLVED**

That once the store is opened any requirements for a crossing or additional bus service can be adequately assessed and brought to the attention of Derbyshire County Council.

### **Coal Aston War Memorial**

A request has been received from the Coal Aston war memorial project group that the Town Council submit a planning application on their behalf for the proposed memorial. The site is not owned by the Town Council.

#### **135/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to support to give the project administrative support.

### **Request for free use of MUGA**

A request has been received from NEDDC for free use of the MUGA on Saturday 24 November 9.00am to 11.30am to support weekly football session delivered by Chesterfield Football Club whilst the annual badminton competition is hosted.

#### **136/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to grant the request

### **Request for continuation of reduced price MUGA**

A request has been received from FDC Dronfield under 11 team for the continuation of a weekly hour use of the MUGA at the reduced rate of £17.87 per week (standard rate £28.09 per week)

#### **137/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to grant the request

### **MUGA, Cliffe Park**

It was reported that Sport England have given the go ahead for works to commence, we are now liaising with the contractors as to the exact requirements and lead times for the manufacture and delivery of the surface and fencing.

#### **138/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to note

### **Tennis Courts, Cliffe Park**

The funding application has been rejected by Sport England as the amount of the funding for the project was below the minimum required

#### **139/12-13 RESOLVED**

It was resolved to note

### **Information Received**

Audit Commission – Appointment of Grant Thornton UK as external auditor from 2012/13 to 2016/17

Derbyshire County Council –

Temporary Road Closure – Soaper Lane from 15 October to 17 October 2012

Consultation for Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Draft Statement of Action 2012 to 2017 – Closing date 29 October 2012

Sign de-cluttering – plan of final proposals

Dronfield Civic Society Newsletter

Town Twinning Federation – Minutes 4 July 2012

#### **140/12-13 RESOLVED**

The meeting noted that the above information had been received.

### **Invitations Received**

Rural Action Derbyshire – AGM 19 October 2012 at 1.30pm at Willersley Castle Hotel, Cromford.

**141/12-13 RESOLVED**

The meeting noted the invitations.

**Publications Received**

Clerks and Councils Direct

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

40/2012 – Community Right to Challenge, CLG Cash boost for neighbourhood Planning, PAYE changes, Consultation for Derbyshire’s Rights if Improvement Plan – Draft Statement of Action 2012 to 2017, Youth Action Grants, End of Section 106?, CiLCA Section Training, Contacting DALC

41/2012 – Auditor Appointments to Small Bodies (England) 2012/13, English Heritage publishes Local Plan Guidance, Cumbria Neighbourhood Plan Area Approved, Lottery Small grants, Planting the Need for Community Grown Food, Unstone Parish Council – Clerk Vacancy

42/2012 – Standing Orders, Quality Council Status, Electoral Reviews of Derbyshire and Swale – final recommendations, Council Tax Base and Funding for Precepting Authorities

Derbyshire County Council

Young Achievers Award 2012

Linkslane

**142/12-13 RESOLVED**

The meeting noted that the above publications had been received and are available for Councillors inspection in the Town Council Office.

**11 Financial Report**

11.1 Schedule of Payments for August 2012

Members considered the schedule of payments for the month of August 2012

**143/12-13 RESOLVED**

Members approved the schedule of payments for the month of August 2012

11.2 Schedule of Receipts for August 2012

Members considered the schedule of receipts for the month of August 2012

**144/12-13 RESOLVED**

Members approved the schedule of receipts for the month of August 2012

11.3 Bank Reconciliation at 31 August 2012

Members considered the bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2012

**145/12-13 RESOLVED**

Members approved the bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2012

11.4 Budget Monitoring at 31 August 2012

Members considered the budget monitoring report as at 31 August 2012

**146/12-13 RESOLVED**

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report at 31 August 2012

**PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**12 Exclusion of Public and Press**

**147/12-13 RESOLVED** To move the following resolution – “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

It was resolved that the public and press be now excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business in order to avoid the disclosure to them of

exempt information as defined by Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2004).

**NOTE** The minute record for these final items of business is recorded in a confidential final page of the minutes for Town Councillors attention only. The Public/Press then withdrew from the meeting. The items of business related wholly to:

12.1 Personnel Matters

**148/12-13 RESOLVED**

Members resolved to receive and accept the minutes of the Personnel Advisory Committee held on the 25 September 2012.

The Meeting closed at 8.17pm