

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD
ON MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012

Present: Councillors: D Oxspring, (The Town Mayor);, G Baxter, A Blackburn, P Blackburn, L Blanshard, S Clark, M Emmens, M S Emmens, A Foster, N Foster, B Gachagan, S O'Donnell, C Smith, R Smith, A Talford, W Temple, P Widdowson.

Also Present: Liz Boswell – Clerk to the Council, four members of the public and representatives of the press.

Following complaints from Councillors that they had been unable to hear all the proceeding at the March Meeting The Town Mayor reminded members of the public that they were able to speak within the public session, but were reminded that once Standing Orders had been activated that there should be no disturbance or interruption from the public gallery.

Public Forum – for Planning Matters

None

Public Forum – General Matters

Darren Bradwell from Dronfield Town Football Club spoke with regards to public access on the Football pitch at Stonelow. There have been a number of cases of vandalism including fires in the dug out and the stand, the roof has been ripped off the dug out and the side of the stand demolished. There was also a continuing problem with dog waste on the pitch and around the perimeter; prior to each match between two and five amounts of waste were removed. There was a concern for the health of the players and children watching the matches. As a result of the health concerns the gates have been kept locked.

1 Town Council Standing Orders

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

336/11-12 RESOLVED

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

2 Police Matters

None

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Apologies

337/11-12 RESOLVED

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

Councillor S Allsop - Other

Councillor R Hall - Other

5 Council Minutes

338/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th March 2012, they were adopted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

6 May Meetings

6.1 Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall

6.2 Annual Meeting and Annual Town Electors Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15th May at 7.30pm in Gosforth Lodge, Cliffe Park

7 Planning Matters

Applications

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

339/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would again object to planning application 11/00646/OL 9 Moorgate Crescent for the demolition of existing dwelling house and the erection 4 dwellings and associated garaging and car parking appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved (Amended Plan) (Further Amended Plan) (Additional Plans). The Council reiterated the objections outlined at the meeting on the 6th February that two pairs of semi-detached houses are out of keeping in an area of single storey dwellings. That the placing of four houses on a site currently housing one dwelling is overdevelopment. There are concerns about limited parking for four dwellings. There is a concern over the loss of mature trees.

340/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would request a site visit to assess planning application 11/01148/FLH construction of a two storey front extension at 24 Paddock Way.

341/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would request a site visit to assess planning application 12/00165/FL construction of 4 no 4 bed semi-detached dwelling houses with associated parking and landscaping on land adjacent at 144 Chesterfield Road.

342/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would request a site visit to assess planning application 12/00252/LB Application for Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement window frames to north and east elevations and addition of two roof lights to southern elevation (Listed Building / Conservation Area) at 26 Hallows Lane.

Planning Decisions

343/11-12 RESOLVED

The Council received and noted the Schedule of Planning decisions provided on Appendix 2 of the meeting agenda.

8 Youth Matters

None

9 Advisory Committees of the Council

The Council considered the minutes of the following Advisory Committees.

9.1 Minutes of the Road Safety Advisory Committee – Sign De-cluttering held on 8 March 2012

344/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to agree with Derbyshire County Council that the 20mph zone should be extended slightly to include Sainsbury's roundabout and a short section of Wreakes Lane

345/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that the Town Council is not to take on any maintenance of the proposed new roundabout at Wreakes Lane.

9.2 Minutes of Party in the Park meeting held on 9 March 2012

346/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive minutes of the meeting of the Party in the Park meeting held on 9 March 2012.

9.3 Minutes of Civic Service meeting held on 13 March 2012

347/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive minutes of the meeting of the Civic Service meeting held on 13 March 2012.

9.4 Minutes of the Grants Awards Panel held on 20 March 2012

348/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting of the Grant Award Panel held on 20 March 2012.

9.5 Minutes of the Christmas Advisory Committee held on 22 March 2012

349/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive minutes of the meeting of the Christmas Advisory Committee held on 22 March 2012.

9.6 Minutes of the Gala meeting held on 27 March 2012

350/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive minutes of the meeting of the Gala meeting held on 27 March 2012.

10 Outside Services Report

Play areas

Maintenance in the Play areas continues.

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.

Cliffe Park

The Tennis courts have had the wire that holds up the fencing replaced and tightened.

The shrubs around the entrance to the park have been removed ready to install new fencing, this will be steel posts with have round wood fixed to the top rail and mesh fencing covering the bottom of the posts.

The sand pit fencing has been sanded down ready for painting. The top will be wood stained and the bottom will be re-painted the same 5 colours.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting has commenced. The first cut having being done w/c 26 March.

Gosforth Lodge Café

The café area has now been decorated - walls painted and white gloss, new ceiling lights have been installed and the wall lights removed, new tables have been taken from the Civic Hall and new carpet tiles fitted. The delivery of chairs is awaited.

Lighting Columns

All the lighting columns that support the hanging baskets have now been inspected, and the report shows that we are able to use 43 columns this year.

Other Duties

The new fencing for Cliffe Park has been cut ready and brackets welded on ready to install.

351/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

11 Clerk to the Council's Report

Aldi Development

The Clerk was asked for an update on the Aldi Development. It is understood from the company that construction is due to start later in 2012.

Stonelow Playing Field Complaint

The meeting considered a complaint from a resident regarding being prevented from dog walking on the football pitch at Stonelow Playing Fields. On 29th March 2010 (Minute

reference 233/09-10) agreed that the gates would be locked on match days only. Due to concerns over vandalism, fire setting and health issues with dog excrement on the pitch the gates have been kept locked. Councillors considered whether the gates should be locked at all times to prevent anti-social behaviour or kept open, apart from match days, to allow public access.

352/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that minute 233/09-10 should be rescinded and that the gate should be locked to prevent anti-social behaviour and dog waste, Dronfield Town Football Club are to be requested to put a sign on the gate explaining the reasons for the action.

Allotment Complaint

Complaint received from a resident regarding the storage of gas canisters and tractors on a plot of Cecil Road Allotments. The Horticultural Society have arranged for the gas canisters to be moved and risk assessments are being carried out.

353/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to note the complaint and the associated actions.

Request to use Coal Aston Cricket Pitch

Request received from Apperknowle Junior Cricket team to use the bottom cricket pitch at Stonelow on Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 April 2012. The grounds maintenance contractor advised that the pitches would not be ready for use; accordingly officers refused the request and an offer of the use of Hilltop at the cost of an additional grass cut was made. Further representations were made by the Cricket Team and a Member as to the reasons for the refusal.

The meeting received a report from the contractor as to why the pitch would not be ready for play on the 10 April 2012 including the application of weed killers and fertiliser which are scheduled to take place in early April to allow enough time to work before any play takes place. The cricket square lies on a bed of heavy clay subsoil which is still very wet. The moisture content of the square was just under 40% on 23 March the moisture content is too high to compact the soil. Ideally a prepared pitch would have a moisture content in the mid teens to a depth of 75mm minimum. Man hours have not been schedule to enable appropriate pitch preparation this early in the month.

354/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that the Contractor be instructed to get the pitch ready for the match on the 10 April 2012

Clean –Up

Councillors received the notes from the Clean-Up Site Meeting of 9 March 2012. It was suggested that larger scale projects could also be considered including works on Alma. It was re-stated that the project would not affect the establishment of the Town Council.

355/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

Information Received

Health and Wellbeing Priorities Consultation (forwarded to Councillors on 14 March 2012)

House to House Collections Policy (forwarded to Councillors 23 March 2012)

Friends of Dronfield Station minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012

Town Twinning Federation Committee minutes of the meetings held on 1 February 2012 and 7 March 2012

356/11-12 RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the above information had been received.

Publications Received

Chart LSP - Newsletter

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

12/2012 – Audit 2011/12, Clerk’s Day, Government Fast-tracks General Power of Competence to permit prayers at Council Meeting, Clerk Vacancy Castleton Parish Council, DALC subscription Invoices

13/2012 – VAT, Local Government Pay 2012/2013, Campaign to secure a share of business rate for Parish / Town Councils, East Midlands Allotments Officers’ Forum, Tuesday 24 April 2012 9.30am to 3.30pm The Pavilion, Titchfield Park

14/2012 – Workshop “Towards a Waste Plan for Derby and Derbyshire” County Hall, Matlock, 29 March 2012 10.00am to 1.00pm, Consultation on Changes to National Park Governance, Redundant Skate Park Equipment, Derbyshire Broadband, Development of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Consultation of the proposed high level priorities – www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthPriorities

15/2012 – Changes to Police Enquiry Offices, Public Sector Mapping
Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire First

357/11-12 RESOLVED

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

Request for use of Cliffe Park

Request from the Village Games Coordinator at North East Derbyshire District Council to run a weight loss inspired boot camp in Cliffe Park on Friday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am. Following a public consultation there are around 20 people interested in attending this outdoor event.

358/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that North East Derbyshire District Council be granted permission to hold an outside weight loss inspired boot camp in Cliffe Park on Friday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am

Request for use of Cliffe Park

Request received from Assistant Director of Leisure and Culture at North East Derbyshire District Council to host a bandstand event in Cliffe Park as part of the National Bandstand Marathon to celebrate the close of the Paralympics and Olympiad on the 9th September 2012. The scheme involves a four hour series of performances in the afternoon involving a number of bands. The cost incurred for the event will be incurred by North East Derbyshire District Council. It is intended to be a community event visited free and will add value to cultural activity in Dronfield plus be a further contribution to promoting the District and Dronfield as a great place to live and visit. The event will also raise awareness of the Brass Band Charity Concert, which is scheduled for the following week.

359/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that North East Derbyshire District Council be granted permission to host a band stand event in Cliffe Park on 9th September 2012.

Request for use of Old Town Well site on Carr Lane

Request received from the Dronfield Woodhouse Welldressing Group for the use of the Old Town Well site on Carr Lane for this years well dressing. The well is to be blessed on Friday 13th July 2012 and the charity is Ashgate Hospice.

360/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that Dronfield Woodhouse Welldressing Group be granted permission to use the Town Well site on Carr Lane for this years well dressing.

Invitation Received

Invitation received from Dronfield District Scout Council to attend the annual St Georges Day Parade on Sunday 22nd April 2012 at the Dronfield Parish Church. Attendees should be at the Church by 2.45pm and the Scouts will parade through Dronfield to arrive by 3.00pm. After the service the Scouts will parade back to Moonpenny Way

361/11-12 RESOLVED

The invitation was noted and Councillors will notify the Clerk if they are able to attend.

12 Financial Report for February 2012

12.1 Schedule of Payments

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

362/11-12 RESOLVED

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

12.2 Schedule of Receipts

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

363/11-12 RESOLVED

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

12.3 Bank Reconciliation

Members considered the bank reconciliation as at 29 February 2012

364/11-12 RESOLVED

Members approved the bank reconciliation as at 29 February 2012

12.4 Budget Monitoring

Members considered the budget monitoring report as at February 2012

365/11-12 RESOLVED

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report at February 2012

12.5 Unused Funds

Member considered a request for two items to be earmarked for use in 2012/13

366/11-12 RESOLVED

To earmark the two items for used us 2012/13

13 Exclusion of Public and Press

367/11-12 RESOLVED 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:

13.1 Play Equipment Quotations

13.2 Gorsey Brigg

The Meeting closed at 8.51pm