

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD
ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2012

Present:

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

Also Present:

Liz Boswell – Clerk to the Council.
Five members of the public and press

1 Town Council Standing Orders

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

172/12-13 RESOLVED

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

2 Apologies

173/12-13 RESOLVED

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

Councillor M S Emmens - Other
Councillor P Widdowson - Work

3 Declarations of Interest

Conflicting advice has been received on the requirement for dispensations for the setting of the level of precept.

174/12-13 RESOLVED

To contact the LGA for the definitive answer.

Councillor A Foster joined the meeting at this point.

4 Public Speaking

a) Planning matters

None

b) General Matters

Adam Hoyes of Derbyshire Youth Council referred to the disbandment of the Skateboard Advisory Committee on 26 October 2012. He raised the questions of what consultation had taken place and what measures the Town Council would put in to tackle anti-social behaviour in the town.

c) Police Matters

A written police report was received

	Nov
Criminal Damage	7
TFMV	3
Burglary Dwelling	1
Burglary non-dwelling	2
Other theft	4
ABH	2
Common Assault	3
Possess Drugs	1

Fraud	2
Public Order	1
Total	26

The crime level has been very low in November; we continue to complete preventative projects in the Dronfield area. No ASB patterns have been identified we have had reports of isolated incidents. As the quarterly Community Partnership meetings are no longer taking place our priority setting will be assessed at our surgeries. These are advertised on the police website www.derbyshire.police.uk

175/12-13 RESOLVED

To contact the newly appointed Police Commissioner to enquire how the police will now liaise with the public through the Town and Parish Councils following the disbandment of the Community Partnership meetings and the limited attendance at Council meetings.

5 Council Minutes

176/12-13 RESOLVED

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

Councillor Smith reported that she had attended the Derbyshire PCT Planning and Health Priorities Workshop on the 14 November 2012. The meeting was attended by local people, General Practitioners, Practice Manager and a pharmacist. The main issue was the rise in elderly population and how best to improve health outcomes for an aging population.

6 Planning

Applications

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

177/12-13 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Town Council would raise concern on application 12/00999/FLH alterations and extensions to existing bungalow including increasing height to provide first floor accommodation at 12 Moorgate Crescent. There are concerns that the proposals may make the property out of character with the rest of the road and affect the street scene.

178/12-13 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Town Council would object to appeal 12/00026/REF in respect to the refusal of application 12/00523/FL for the application for a change of use from retail (A1) to hot food takeaway (A5) and installation of a fume extractor system (Conservation Area). It is considered that the area is already well served by takeaways and any further establishments would further exacerbate the problems experienced with litter in this location. There are also concerns over the lack of parking in the area and the growing problem of vehicles parking on double yellow lines in the evenings.

Decisions

179/12-13 RESOLVED

The Council received and noted the schedule of planning decisions.

7 Parking Restrictions in Dronfield

An issue was raised with regards to parking restrictions in Dronfield with particular regard to the removal of the parking restrictions at the Upper and Lower Car Parks at Callywhite Lane in Dronfield.

It was clarified that North East Derbyshire District Council are commencing a consultation of the matter and that the outcome is expected to be reported the District Council cabinet meeting during January 2013.

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 Christmas Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 November 2012

180/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting.

The Christmas Light Switch On will be held Friday 6 December 2012 and the Christmas Fest will be held Saturday 7 December 2012.

9.2 Minutes of Grant Awards Panel held on 26 November 2012

181/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting.

9.3 Minutes of the Properties Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2012.

182/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting

10 Outside Services Report

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

Litter Bins - Dog and Litter bins are emptied on a weekly basis.

Footpaths - All footpaths continue maintained during the winter months.

Flower beds - All the flower beds continue to be looked after, de-weeding and general tidy up each month.

Cliffe Park – The Outside Services team now open the Park in the mornings and put out the swings and general tidy up of the Park, open up for the various clubs that use the Lodge. This system is working well and gives all members of the team the opportunity to see different aspects of the work done in the Park. Rose beds have been pruned back.

MUGA Pitch - The refurbishment of the MUGA Pitch is well under way, the new surface has been laid, the next step is for the sand to be filled into the surface. The old fencing has been removed and new posts have been installed. The MUGA should be ready to play on week commencing the 3 December, (weather permitting).

We have cut out areas of the old pitch to refurbish the Pitch and Put and to protect the grass at the Library Garden during the Christmas Light Switch-On and Remembrance Sunday.

Christmas Lights - The Christmas lights have all been tested and been installed at Pentland Road shops, Greendale shops and the Library Gardens. As previously reported through Properties Advisory Committee, the lamp posts on Chesterfield Road are deemed by Derbyshire County Council to be of unsuitable construction for the Christmas Lights. The tree will be installed and lights put on Civic Hall the week commencing 3 December.

BMX Track - The BMX Track has had some remedial works done and areas highlighted in the RoSPA report have been either removed or made safe. We have yet to install a fence at the back of the BMX to stop the persons using the track from extending the track and to make a boundary where the track stops and to prevent from further ramps being man made. The BMX track will still remain closed until we have installed the fencing and had the track re-inspected by ROSPA.

Grit Bins - Grit bins have been re-filled.

Christmas Fest - All the Businesses in Dronfield have had letters delivered by hand ref the Christmas Fest and posters have been posted on the notice boards and on certain bus shelters informing the public of the events taking place.

Tree Works – Tree works have taken place at Dronfield Woodhouse Recreation Ground and around the MUGA pitch in Cliffe Park.

183/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report and to thank staff that Cliffe Park has been looking much tidier over the last few weeks.

Councillors A Blackburn and P Blackburn left the meeting at this point

11 Clerk's Report

Request from Dronfield Players

Dronfield Players in celebration of the 70th Anniversary are performing the comedy Dads Army in the Civic Hall the week commencing 15 April 2013. Request to put bunting inside and outside of the hall and a 1940's display in the foyer and request for concession towards the hire of the hall

184/12-13 RESOLVED

To grant the request for bunting inside and outside the hall and a 1940's display in the foyer and to give a reduction of £53.20 exclusive of VAT.

Request from Dronfield St John Ambulance

Request for free or reduced rate of the hall for a Saturday morning training session.

185/12-13 RESOLVED

To grant free use of the hall for one Saturday morning training session.

Information Received

Derbyshire County Council – Proposed 20mph Zone Extension – High Street / Wreakes Lane / Stubley Lane, Dronfield

Friends of Dronfield Station minutes of the meeting held 16 October 2012

Healthwatch Derbyshire – new independent consumer champion for patients and users of health and social care services

Rotary Club of Dronfield / Inner Wheel of Dronfield / Friends of Dronfield Barn minutes of Christmas meeting held on 2 November 2012

Town Twinning Federation Committee minutes of the meeting held 7 November 2012

NEDDC – Draft Choice Based Lettings Allocation Policy for consultation

186/12-13 RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the above information had been received.

Invitations Received

Derbyshire County Council – Clearing Hurdles – Celebrating International Day of Disabled People Monday 3 December 2012 10.30am to 3.00pm in the Members Room, County Hall, Matlock.

Rykneld Homes – Estate Walkabouts in Dronfield.

Stonelow / Hartington 3 December 10.30am at Corner of Hartington Road and Green Lane

Snapehill Crescent 10 December 10.30am at Bottom Garage Site Marsh Avenue

Smithy Crescent / Great Crescent / Moray Place / Lorne Close 10 December 1.30pm at Communal Room Moray Place

Grisedale Walk / Sheards Drive 10 December 2.30pm at Parking Area Adjacent to 1 Sheards Drive

Central / Fletcher Avenue / School Lane 12 December 11.00am at Corner of Gledhill Close

Coal Aston 12 December 1.30pm at Corner of Rawlins Court

187/12-13 RESOLVED

The meeting noted the invitations.

Publications Received

Clerks and Councils Direct

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

45/2012 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Dispensations and Precept Setting, Clerk

RFO Vacancy Duffield Parish Council

Derbyshire County Council – Applying for your child's infant / primary school place

Disablego.com – Promotional Materials

Linkline October and November 2012

NDVA - Network
Network Rail – Community Schemes Update- Autumn 2012

188/12-13 RESOLVED

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

12 Financial Report

12.1 Schedule of Payments

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

189/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the schedule of payments

12.2 Schedule of Receipts

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

190/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the schedule of receipts

12.3 Bank Reconciliation

Members considered the bank reconciliation as at 31 October 2012

191/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the bank reconciliation

12.4 Budget Monitoring

Members considered the budget monitoring report as at 31 October 2012

192/12-13 RESOLVED

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm