

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD
ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2012

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

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

Public Forum – for Planning Matters

None

Public Forum – General Matters

None

1 Town Council Standing Orders

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

311/11-12 RESOLVED

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

2 Police Matters

Inspector Shooter presented the crime figures for February 2012 as follows:

Damage	-	4
Fraud	-	1
Other theft	-	9
Theft from Motor Vehicle	-	3
Drugs Possession	-	3
Robbery	-	1
Non Dwelling Burglary	-	4
Dwelling Burglary	-	2
ABH	-	4
Common Assault	-	1

Crime has almost halved in February compared to January, there were 34 crimes in February. The most serious crime was a robbery; the offender has been charged with the offence. There have been six burglaries; one had electrical items stolen, two were attempts, two were damage to a disused property and the remaining burglary resulted in electrical items being stolen. Three vehicles were attacked; two for electrical items and the other for tyres. There is a trend at the moment on the division where vans are being attacked and power tools stolen. The key issue in the area at the present time is the theft of scrap metal and members of the public are asked to ring the police if any scrap metal dealers are in the area.

Inspector Shooter updated the meeting on the closure of the Police Enquiry Office, there has been a need to re-design services to make financial saving and this has so far been achieved without cuts to front line services. There are a number of methods for members of the public to contact the police including the Safer Neighbourhood Team Forums, phone and email. It was categorically stated that the Police Station is not closing. The comparative data that the Council has requested is being compiled.

Congratulations were given to Inspector Shooter on reaching the grade of Chief Inspector.

312/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

Inspector Shooter left the meeting at this point.

3 Declarations of Interest

313/11-12

Councillor Mrs S Allsop declared an interest in Planning Application Appendix 1 Item 1 11/01103/FL – Construction of 5 detached dwellings with integral garages (revised scheme of 11/00361/FL) (Amended Plans) at Land to the Rear of 14 to 22 Green Lane and 4 to 16 Park Avenue.

4 Apologies

314/11-12 RESOLVED

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

Councillor A Blackburn - Other

Councillor B Gachagan - Other

5 Council Minutes

315/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th February 2012, they were adopted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

6 Aldi Development

A question was raised over whether Aldi still intended to develop the site on Chesterfield Road

316/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved that the Town Council would ask the developers for an update of the situation.

7 Planning Matters

Applications

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

317/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would re-iterate objections outlined at the meeting of 3 January 2012 to the amended planning application 11/01103/FL – Application for the construction of 5 detached dwellings with integral garages (revised scheme of 11/00361/FL) (Amended Plan) at Land to the Rear of 14 to 22 Green Lane and 4 to 16 Park Avenue. Members feel that this proposal is unsuitable on this site. The proposal is a back land development for five huge houses. The houses are out of scale with the existing houses in the area. The proposal is on a green field site in the heart of Dronfield, the land was set aside for vegetable gardens and a paddock. It is strongly felt that the building of these dwellings would have a detrimental effect on the area on neighbouring properties. It is requested that a site visit is carried out prior to assessing this application and that the application is considered by the Planning Committee.

318/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would object to planning application 12/00068/FL – Erection of two detached dwellings with attached double garages and extension of existing private drive including demolition of existing walling and garden store (Conservation Area)

The proposed development is in the conservation area and is back land development. The houses are out of scale with surrounding properties. There are concerns over loss of habitat for wildlife and concerns over access to the site. It is requested that a site visit is carried out prior to assessing this application and that the application is considered by the Planning Committee.

319/11-12 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Council would request a site visit to assess planning application 12/00109/FLH – Proposed two-storey extension consisting of new bedroom, en-suite, sitting room, kitchen / dining utility, WC, balcony and garden store.

Planning Decisions

The meeting received information that application 11/00818/FL Erection of 4 No two bed, two storey terrace houses and the construction of a car parking area at Scout Hut Car Park to the rear of 1 and 3 Southcote Drive has been approved.

320/11-12 RESOLVED

To place on the April agenda an item to discuss this development

8 Youth Matters

A question was raised over progress with the Skateboard Park proposal, it was explained that an answer is still awaited from North East Derbyshire District Council with regards to the renewal of the lease. It was understood that the matter was to have been discussed at the February cabinet meeting. The matter has been followed up a number of times and will continue to be so until an answer is received.

9 Advisory Committees of the Council

The Council considered the minutes of the following Advisory Committees.

9.1 Properties Advisory Committee 21 February 2012

A question was raised over whether improved cricket netting is now in place at Stonelow.

321/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept all the recommendations of the meeting of the Properties Advisory Committee held on 21 February 2012

9.2 Road Safety Advisory Committee 21 February 2012

An invitation was extended to all Councillors to join in the Speed Watch initiative. Suggestion was made for repeater signs in the 20 mph zone, parking restrictions on Scarsdale Road to prevent obstruction, but not on Eckington Road as in this vicinity they aid in traffic calming.

322/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the minutes of the meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Committee held on 21st February 2012.

9.3 Budget Advisory Committee 24 February 2012

323/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee held on 24 February 2012.

10 Outside Services Report

Play areas

Maintenance in the play areas continues.

Springy at Sindelfingen has been removed for maintenance works

Bus Shelters

All the bus shelters have been cleaned and washed down.

Grit Bins

Grit bins have been topped up.

Litter Bins

The dog and litter bins continue to be emptied on a weekly basis.

Cliffe Park

Grounds are being tided and hedges maintained.

Sanding of woodwork in the café area has commenced.

Notice boards

Notice boards for Pentland Road, Sports Centre Car Park and Post Office Chesterfield Road have been installed and the notice board at Holmesdale shops has been taken down in preparation for re-siting.

Lighting Columns

We are waiting for the inspection of the lighting columns, once the report has been received flowers will be ordered for the hanging baskets.

Marsh Ave

Quotes are being received for new play equipment.

A question was raised as to whether or not dog bins are utilised

324/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

11 Clerk to the Council's Report

Clean –Up

Councillors received the notes from the Clean-Up meetings 6th February and 20th February were received. A site visit is scheduled with the Probation Service on Friday 9th March at 10.00am starting at the car park in Cliffe Park. Assurances were given that these works are part of a project would not affect the establishment of the Town Council.

325/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors receive notes from the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 9th February 2012

326/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

Snow Warden Scheme

Having undertaken a further drive for volunteers to enable the scheme to run; the uptake has been disappointingly low and the scheme is not able to run. The County Council have been informed that the scheme cannot be run at present and the volunteers have been thanked for their interest.

327/11-12 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report.

Information Received

Derbyshire County Council – Youth Service Consultation 2102

328/11-12 RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the above information had been received.

Invitations Received

North East Derbyshire District Council – District and Parish Liaison Meeting 4 April 2012 at 6.00pm in the Council House, Saltergate

329/11-12 RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the above invitations had been received.

Publications Received

If you wish to see any of the publications they will be held in the office for a period of three months.

Chart LSP - Newsletter

Clerks and Councils Direct

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

8/2012 – Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2012/2013, The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – Fields in Trust, Community Commissioning, Information Commissioners Office Guidance on Information held in Private Email Accounts, Mapperley Parish Council Clerk Vacancy, Marston Montgomery Parish Council Clerk Vacancy, Stanton by Dale Parish Council Clerk Vacancy.

9/2012 – Neighbourhood Planning - All you need to know Training – The Thomas Bates Hall, Little Eaton Village Hall DE21 5EA – Wednesday 21 March 2012 6.00pm, Neighbourhood Planning – CPRE/NALC Planning Champion for Derbyshire

10/2012 – Meetings of Local Councils – A summary of the various types of meetings held by Local Councils

11/2012 – Prayers at Council Meetings, Repeal of the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 1996, Chesterfield Police Community Safety Planning Day at Chesterfield Town Hall at 10.00am on Friday 2nd March 2012

Derbyshire Constabulary - Have your say

Derbyshire County Council - Sacre Annual Report 2010/2011

Linksline

North East Derbyshire District Council - Homing In

Rural Action Derbyshire

Annual Report 2010/2011

The Playing Field

330/11-12 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 for January 2012

12.1 Schedule of Payments

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

331/11-12 RESOLVED

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

12.2 Schedule of Receipts

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

332/11-12 RESOLVED

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

12.3 Bank Reconciliation

Members considered the bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2012

333/11-12 RESOLVED

Members approved the bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2012

12.4 Budget Monitoring

Members considered the budget monitoring report as at 31 January 2012

334/11-12 RESOLVED

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report at 31 January 2012

13 Exclusion of Public and Press

335/11-12 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 Evaluation – verbal update

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm