

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

Present:

Councillors: S Allsop (The Town Mayor), G Baxter, P Blackburn, L Blanshard, S Clark, M Emmens, A 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.
Three 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.

149/12-13 RESOLVED

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

2 Apologies

150/12-13 RESOLVED

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

Councillor A Blackburn - Other
Councillor M S Emmens - Work
Councillor N Foster - Other
Councillor P Widdowson - Work

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Public Speaking

a) Planning matters

None

b) General Matters

None

c) Police Matters

A written police report was received

Damage	7
Fraud	1
Other Theft	10
TFMV	6
Possess Drugs	1
Non Dwelling Burglary	7
Dwelling Burglary	1
ABH	4
TOMV	1
Public Order	1
Total	39

Crimes have been relatively low in October. There has been one dwelling burglary and one car stolen, seven non dwelling burglaries and six cars broken into. The Community Safety Partnership are working on initiatives to prevent further offences. Police patrols are continuing to deter criminals from coming into the area. No patterns of anti-social behaviour have been identified. Now that the quarterly Community Partnership meetings have been disbanded priorities will be assess at Police Surgeries.

151/12-13 RESOLVED

Following the dissolution of the Community Partnership to enquire how the Police will liaise with the Town Council

5 Council Minutes

152/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on the 1 October 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. It was noted that application 12/00584/FLH had already been determined and therefore would not be considered.

153/12-13 RESOLVED

It was agreed that the Town Council would raise concern with the road access for planning application 12/00612/OL outline (means of access and layout not reserved) for construction of 22 business units if mixed use (B1, B2 and B8) and associated parking (Major Development) at land on the west side of Kilner Vacation Co Ltd at the west end of Callywhite Lane. There are concerns that the current access to Callywhite Lane is insufficient to accommodate this amount of additional units.

Decisions

154/12-13 RESOLVED

The Council received and noted the schedule of planning decisions.

7 Youth Matters

None

8 Outside Bodies

The Council considered an invitation for a representative to take part in a Derbyshire PCT Planning and Health Priorities Workshop on 14 November 2012

155/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved that Councillor Christine Smith represent the Town Council at the PCT Planning and Health Priorities Workshop.

9 Advisory Committees of the Council

The Council considered the minutes of the following Advisory Committees:

9.1 Minutes of the Properties Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 October 2012

156/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting.

9.2 Minutes of Skateboard Advisory Committee (all Councillors invited) meeting held on 26 October 2012

157/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved that unless there is a future change in circumstances the Town Council does not have a piece of land suitable for Skateboard Park.

158/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved that the Skateboard advisory Committee is disbanded.

10 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 - All areas have received the last cut. Footpaths continue to be maintained and assessed.

Flower beds - The flower beds have all been rotovated and planted out with winter pansies. This year the winter plants have been grown by members of Dronfield Horticultural Society.

Play areas – The maintenance still continues on all the play areas, some soft surface has been pulled up at Stonelow play area; this will be repaired as soon as weather permits.

Cliffe Park – The wooden bollards outside the Lodge have been replaced with removable posts to allow occasional access to the large grassed area.

Civic Hall - Faulty light tubes have been replaced, extractor fans have been cleaned out and the top window curtains have been repaired so all are now able to open and close.

Coal Aston – New sink installed in the office / store room

159/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report

11 Clerk's Report

Lea Brook Valley

The meeting received the minutes of the meeting on 5 October 2012.

160/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the minutes.

Arts@S18

The meeting received a request from Arts@S18 to work in partnership with the Town Council to run a town wide art competition.

161/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved that the Town Council would support an art competition for adults but would not wish a further competition to take away from the childrens competitions run by the Town Council and Dronfield in Bloom.

Hundall Cricket Club

The meeting received a request for a letter of support for an Indoor Cricket Tournament to be held with visitors from Inddia. The event will take place at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School during November 2012.

162/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved for a letter of support to be supplied.

Information Received

Derbyshire County Council – Temporary Road Closure at Gosforth Drive between 7.00pm 27 November and 6.00am on 28 November 2012

Friends of Dronfield Station Minutes of meeting held on 4 September 2012 and agenda for meeting scheduled for 16 October 2012

North East Derbyshire District Council – Suspension of Dronfield Community Partnership

North East Derbyshire District Council – Public Consultation for Successful Places – A Guide to Sustainable Housing Layout and Design, Interim Supplementary Planning Document – www.chesterfield.gov.uk/ResidentialDesignsSPD

Town Twinning Federation Committee Minutes of meeting held on 5 September 2012

163/12-13 RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the above information had been received.

Invitations Received

Twinning – Invitation received for five Councillors to attend the following events in Sindelfingen: 19 April – 21 April 2013 750th Anniversary of Sindelfingen and 20 July – 21 July 2013 Time Walk. Councillors will be expected to be self funded, anyone interested in attending please contact the office.

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils – Café Cluster informal discussion forum Outside Cafe, Baslow Road, Calver - Tuesday 27 November 10.00am to 12noon, Bramhall's Deli and Café, 20-22 Market Place, Ashbourne – Wednesday 28 November 10.00am to 12noon, Rosie's Tea and Coffee Room, 41 Kinder Road, Hayfield – Wednesday 5 December 10.00am to 12noon

North East Derbyshire District Council – District and Parish Liaison Group, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield – Wednesday 31 October 2012 at 6.00pm

164/12-13 RESOLVED

The meeting noted the invitations.

Publications Received

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

43/2012 – Pensions, LGPS 2014 Proposals, Derbyshire Gold Cards, New Resource for Communities wanting to set up a community shop, BBC One Show – Looking for community projects that need help, Iconic Facilities Fund, Community Right to Build, Business Group, Overhaul of County Ambulance Service, Pilsley Parish Council Clerk and RFO Vacancy, West Hallam Parish Council Clerk and RFO Vacancy

44/2012 – Code of Conduct, Café Clusters, Training, NALC Enquiry What next for Localism, Community Right to Bid, RTPI Map for England Pilot, South Wingfield Parish Council Clerk and RFO Vacancy

Lowland Derbyshire Biodiversity Partnership Newsletter

North East Derbyshire District Council – News

North East Derbyshire District Council – Housing Strategy 2012 - 2015

Rural Action Derbyshire – The Playing Field

Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership – The Campaign to reopen the Skipton Colne Railway Line

165/12-13 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 Annual Return

Members received the audited unqualified Annual Return

166/12-13 RESOLVED

Members noted the unqualified Annual Return

12.2 Schedule of Payments

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

167/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the schedule of payments

12.3 Schedule of Receipts

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

168/12-13 RESOLVED

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

12.4 Bank Reconciliation

Members considered the bank reconciliation as at 30 September 2012

169/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the bank reconciliation

12.5 Budget Monitoring

Members considered the budget monitoring report as at 30 September 2012

170/12-13 RESOLVED

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

13 Exclusion of Public and Press

171/12-13 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:

13.1 Personnel Matters

172/12-13 RESOLVED

Members resolved to receive the written Personnel Report.

The Meeting closed at 8.12pm