

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF DRONFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, DRONFIELD
ON MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2013

Present:

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

Also Present:

Liz Boswell – Clerk to the Council.
Four 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.

193/12-13 RESOLVED

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

2 Apologies

194/12-13 RESOLVED

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

Councillor A Blackburn - Other
Councillor S Clark – Other
Councillor M Emmens - Other
Councillor A Foster – Other

3 Standing Orders

Councillors considered the Standing Orders in light of information received from the District Council

195/12-13 RESOLVED

To Amend Standing Order 7 from:

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4 Declarations of Interest

None

Councillors questioned the need for the filling in of forms on an individual basis and asked whether the process could be done verbally or under a dispensation that covered all members of the Council.

196/12-13 RESOLVED

For further information to be sought on applications for dispensations.

5 Public Speaking

a) Planning matters

None

b) General Matters

None

c) Police Matters

A written police report was received

	Dec
Criminal Damage	9
TFMV	4
Burglary Dwelling	1
Burglary non-dwelling	3
Other theft	12
ABH	2
Common Assault	1
Possess Drugs	1
Fraud	1
Total	34

The crime level has been very low in December; we continue to complete preventative projects in the Dronfield area. Six "Other thefts" were shoplifting offences four of them have been detected. No ASB patterns have been identified we have had reports of isolated incidents and neighbour disputes. 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

Councillors also received a table of reported crimes for the last six months.

197/12-13 RESOLVED

For the Police Commissioner to again be contacted with enquire how the police will now liaise with the public through the Town and Parish Councils following the disbandment of the Community Partnership meetings.

6 Council Minutes

198/12-13 RESOLVED

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

It was noted that the matter of parking restrictions in the town is still to be considered by the Cabinet at North East Derbyshire District Council.

7 Planning

Applications

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

199/12-13 RESOLVED

To note the schedule and supplementary schedule of planning applications

The Clerk was asked to clarify the procedure for asking applications to be considered by the Planning Committee.

Decisions

200/12-13 RESOLVED

The Council received and noted the schedule of planning decisions.

8 Youth Matters

Discussion took place on the appropriate action following the visit of Adam Hoyes of Derbyshire Youth Council to the Council meeting on 3 December 2012 and the points he raised with regards to skate park provision in the town.

201/12-13 RESOLVED

To invite dialogue with the Youth Council on their ideas.

9 Advisory Committees of the Council

The Council considered the minutes of the following Advisory Committees:

9.1 Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on 21 December 2012

202/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the meeting.

10 Outside Services Report

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

Footpaths - All footpaths continue to be maintained during the winter months.

Christmas Tree - Christmas Tree collected and installed on the 3 December. Tree decorated and lights tested to ensure working prior to the Switch On.

Christmas Light Switch On - Light Switch On Friday 7 December. Three areas in town will be illuminated over the Christmas period.

Christmas Fest - Christmas Fest on Saturday 8 December. Ice rink and children's rides set up for 11.00am start. The weather was kind to us for a change and the day went well without any hitches.

Cliffe Park - The guttering around the Lodge and changing rooms has been cleaned and repaired.

MUGA Pitch - The MUGA Pitch open for the teams to play on. The refurbished pitch has received positive comments from most of the teams. There are still tidying works required around the outer perimeter.

Grit Bins - All the grit bins have been refilled week commencing 17 and 18 December. 16 tons of salt has already been used to re-fill the grit bins.

Culverts - The culverts along the Leabrook valley area have all been cleaned out and are being inspected on a daily basis, they have had to be cleaned out a few times due to the amount of rain that picks up debris.

Gorseybrigg Car Park - New edging stones have been installed along the perimeter and tarmac laid to make the area safer.

Cliffe Park - Two new notice boards installed in the park, one next to the MUGA, containing details of allowable footwear on the pitch. The other is at the front of the Lodge so that the Lodge windows can be kept clear.

Leabrook Valley - Repairs have been done to the bridge on the footpath leading up to the car park next to the sports centre.

203/12-13 RESOLVED

It was resolved to receive the report and to thank staff for the works on the Christmas Tree and Lights over the festive period.

11 Clerk's Report

204/12-13 RESOLVED

That the matter of the Civic Hall be discussed within the confidential session

Civic Hall

Councillors considered the running of the Civic Hall

205/12-13 RESOLVED

For a Civic Hall Advisory Committee to be set up comprising: Councillor Sue Allsop, Councillor Liz Blanshard, Councillor Michelle Emmens, Councillor Nick Foster, Councillor Roger Hall, Councillor Sue O'Donnell and Councillor Doug Oxspring.

Request from Cardio Club

Cardio Club requested that the Council consider a concession on the hire of the Civic Hall kitchen

206/12-13 RESOLVED

For two vacuum flasks should be purchased and rented out at £3.00 per session.

Information Received

Dronfield Hall Barn – update

NEDDC Thank you for donation to Chair's Appeal

Friends of Dronfield Station Information bulletin from Friends of Dronfield Station

207/12-13 RESOLVED

The meeting noted that the above information had been received.

Invitations Received

Friends of Dronfield Station Quiz 22 January 2013 7.30pm at Gosforth Lodge

Town Twinning Annual Quiz 8 February 2013 7.30pm Civic Hall

208/12-13 RESOLVED

The meeting noted the invitations.

Publications Received

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

46/2012 – What next for localism, new PAYE arrangements, Improving LG transparency, technical reforms of planning appeals, round up of funding opportunities, Clerk vacancy Carsington and Hopton PC, Clerk Vacancy Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay PC.

47/2012 – Council Tax Reduction Schemes, DALC website, Winter flooding, Sport England Small Grants, NEDDC Parish Liaison, DALC opening hours, Clerk vacancy Walton on Trent PC and Clerk vacancy Glenfield PC

Derbyshire First

209/12-13 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 November 2012

210/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the schedule of payments

12.2 Schedule of Receipts

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

211/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the schedule of receipts

12.3 Bank Reconciliation

Members considered the bank reconciliation as at 30 November 2012

212/12-13 RESOLVED

Members approved the bank reconciliation

12.4 Budget Monitoring

Members considered the budget monitoring report as at 30 November 2012

213/12-13 RESOLVED

To accept the Budget Monitoring Report

13 Exclusion of Public and Press

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214/12-13 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 Personnel Matters

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm