

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
14th JUNE, 2016 AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON**

Present: Mayor Joan Briggs (Chairman) and Councillors Frank Arrowsmith, Alan Cross, Jim Mourning, Georgina Mullis, Ray Mullis and Maureen Patterson.

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk) and fifteen members of the public.

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, the Mayor reported that she had agreed to accept the following three items of urgent business:-

- Planning application consultation - 16/01386/FULM, Development of a 1,394sqm Class A1 convenience retail unit, customer car park, and service yard, The Ridings, Cross Street, Edlington, Doncaster
- Planning application consultation - 16/01465/FUL, Conversion of mid-terraced property to form 2 self-contained flats, 29 Church Road, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1AX. The grounds for urgency for these two applications being a 21 day consultation deadline which required a response prior to the next (July) meeting
- Nationwide investment account maturity – grounds for urgency being that the investment matures on 4/7/16 and the Council's instructions on maturity were required prior to the next (July) meeting.

2016.83 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Councillors Don Astbury and Bob Johnson.

2016.84 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

RESOLVED to bring forward correspondence item 14(7) "Complaints from local parishioners - New bus route on Markham Road" to be considered in conjunction with the "Public Speaking" item in which residents were in attendance to make their views known.

2016.85 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

2016.86 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None proposed.

2016.87 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May, 2016 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2016.88 Public Speaking Session – In accordance with Standing Order 3.e, a period not exceeding 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to speak & make representations (maximum of 3 minutes for each person).

Fifteen local parishioners were present to lobby the Town Council in relation to the new bus service that had been routed down their road (Markham Road) without any prior notification or consultation. Their spokesperson made a number of observations and outlined that this was unsuitable as a bus route for the following reasons:-

- Invasion of privacy, road not being wide enough resulting in buses not getting through when a car or van is parked on the road or when 2 buses meet coming from opposite directions
- Buses that are stood result in passengers being able to look directly into residents properties

- The Town Council in the 1990's had previously rejected a proposal for buses to be routed along Markham Road and this is particularly unsuitable due to the large speed bumps that are located
- Now that buses are using this route, this has encouraged others to use it as a rat run, for example HGV's and artic lorries accessing the Polypipe business
- The road is only 20 feet wide and not wide enough to support buses especially when any cars of 6ft or vans of 10ft width are parked on-street
- There is a 20mph speed limit restriction, yet the buses are flying down the road thus being a real risk to health and safety particularly to young children
- At weekends local residents often park on Markham Road to do their shopping on Edlington Lane resulting in buses not being able to get through
- The re-routing is allegedly to enable residents to access the Asda on Edlington Lane, but this is a red-herring. There are adequately located bus stops very close by on Edlington Lane and Broomhouse Lane and more than sufficient to support local residents needs and are on more major road routes
- Homeowners in the past have bought a house on Markham Road because it was a non bus route
- Noise is a real issue with buses running every 15 minutes until 11.30pm daily, many residents do not have blinds or shutters and their privacy is being invaded. Some residents used to leave windows open, but now the buses have created unacceptable noise pollution levels
- No prior awareness or publicity had been given prior to its introduction nor prior consultation by the operator or statutory transport authorities

The Town council noted the observations made and **RESOLVED** on behalf of local parishioners to write to First South Yorkshire the service provider of the number 10 service (Rotherham – Maltby – Doncaster) and SYPTE & DMBC as strategic transport authorities to complain firstly about a lack of any notification or consultation from First or the other strategic transport authorities and secondly, to highlight that this was unsuitable as a bus route for the reasons highlighted by residents and to request an urgent rethink and retraction of the service routing along Markham Road. The letter to be copied to Caroline Flint MP, the Edlington DMBC Ward Councillors, Mayor Ros Jones and to be accompanied by a supporting petition to be provided by the residents.

2016.89 Section 108 Expenditure – remaining funds for allocation in Edlington and prospective projects for environmental improvement (Ward Member discussion)

RESOLVED to defer this matter to the next meeting on 12th July, 2016 in the absence of the Ward Councillors.

2016.90 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

(a) Update on request for removal of parking signs adjacent Miners Memorial Garden and e-mail correspondence from Emms Transport

RESOLVED to note the correspondence between Emms Transport and the Clerk and Mr Paul Emms be invited to a meeting with the Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor on Tuesday 21st June at 2pm in an attempt to explore a mutually acceptable solution and an update be reported to the next meeting on 12th July, 2016.

2016.91 Planning – To consider any planning application consultations.

(a) 16/01376/FUL - Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of existing rear conservatory, 15 Hillside Drive, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1PN.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

(b) 16/01327/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of semi-detached house, 5 Tait Avenue, Edlington, Doncaster,

DN12 1HD.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

(c) Urgent Item - 16/01386/FULM, Development of a 1,394sqm Class A1 convenience retail unit, customer car park, and service yard, The Ridings, Cross Street, Edlington, Doncaster.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development and the Planning Authority be asked whether a condition of approval could provide for the resultant employment opportunities generated by the development to be made available to local Edlington residents.

(d) Urgent item - 16/01465/FUL, Conversion of mid-terraced property to form 2 self-contained flats, 29 Church Road, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1AX.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

2016.92 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

(a) Burial ground - a) E-mail request from non- Parish resident to waive 2nd interment of ashes fee

RESOLVED to decline the request to waive the fee.

(b) Allotments – i) Group 1 Allotment fencing – to consider potential support following recent site visit.

RESOLVED (1) to note the outcome of the site inspection and to support the Allotment Group in their desire to attract new security fencing on the basis set out in the Clerk's e-mail to them dated 9th June on how to pursue Lottery Awards for All grant funding and the assistance that the Town Council could offer in this regard and (2) the Clerk be asked to approach DMBC Neighbourhood Officers to request removal of the gate outside to the allotment entry point and adjacent the access route in to Martinwells lake area as this had no lock and served no useful purpose and was being used as a lever to climb in to the allotment gardens.

ii) to consider Allotment fees for 2017

At this point, Councillor Jim Mourning declared an interest as an allotment holder and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.

RESOLVED not to apply a change to the existing allotment fee rents for next year (2017).

iii) Group 4 Allotment hedge cutting perimeter along Edlington Lane

RESOLVED that approval be given to request Mr R. Miller to undertake the hedge cutting along the Allotment perimeter with Edlington Lane.

(c) Community Centre

RESOLVED to note that the new Town Council noticeboard/sign had now been erected and that the Clerk had met with a representative of DMBC Streetscene Team and confirmation had been given that they remained interested in reaching an agreement for utilisation of the Grainger Centre porta cabin and it was hoped that terms could be presented to the next meeting for further consideration.

(d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden - a) YMHT Annual Memorial Event 24/6/16 & Invitation to Mayor.

RESOLVED to note and accept the invitation to this event.

(e) BDO Annual Audit Return 2015/16 – to approve the annual accounts and governance statement return for submission to the External Auditor and the report of the internal auditor for year ending 31/3/16

RESOLVED (i) to approve the annual governance statement and accounting statements as presented by the Clerk and for submission to the External Auditor, BDO and (ii) to note and accept the report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31/3/16.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan Update – (i) Steering Group meeting 6/6/16

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June and that a consultation event with pupils at St Thomas Wharton Community College was scheduled for Monday 20th June between 11.30am 6.30pm. Members were welcome to attend. In addition, further public consultation was also scheduled for the Edlington Gala on Saturday 25th June.

(ii) Status update on application to DMBC to designate Neighbourhood area

RESOLVED to note that the period for public representations on the designation ended on 6th June and no objections were raised. DMBC now had to confirm the order which it was hoped would be agreed via delegated authority in the near future.

(g) Improvement Projects & Events – i) Gala Preparations– 25/6/16

RESOLVED to note that preparations were progressing and a final meeting of the Working Group would be held next Tuesday 21st June, prior to the Gala on the following Saturday.

ii) Preparations for Commemorative Service, 100th Anniversary of the Somme 1/7/15

RESOLVED that arrangements were in hand and the Clerk was due to meet with Fr Edmonds tomorrow to agree the final order of service.

(h) To consider and agree a date for meetings of the Cemetery, Allotments and Finance Working Groups – suggested daytime meetings during July/early August

RESOLVED to schedule the Working Group meetings as follows:-

Cemetery - Monday 18th July at 10am

Allotments – Monday 18th July at 11am

Finance – deferred to next meeting pending Councillor Bob Johnson's attendance

2016.93 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that (1) she had attended the Queen's 90th birthday party celebration event at ECO last Saturday which had been very successful and (2) that following Town Council representations, at the Holme Hall Quarry meeting yesterday, her nomination had been formally agreed for her to open the Gin Race re-erection in the Museum in York scheduled for Monday 4th July.

2016.94 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) Potential Litter pick event in Edlington and award of a suitable prize

RESOLVED to note discussions regarding the prospect of a potential litter pick event being arranged in the Autumn in consultation with the local Schools.

(b) Potential application to DMBC to lease an area of land behind ECO as parking space provision for parishioners attending events at Centre

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to enquire with DMBC Assets Team on the prospect for donation or lease of an area of land behind ECO and a site visit be requested to explore this opportunity with them further.

2016.95 Financial matters

(a) To note & receive schedule of payments made – June 2016

RESOLVED to note the following payments made:-

			£
PAYMENT SCHEDULE - JUNE 2016			Payment ref
1. Wages (including pay award backpay -1/4/16)		various	7,905.47
2. SYPA		32633916	2,225.42
3. Imprest			400.00
4. 1&1 Internet web hosting - June		32841524	8.39
5. M&S PLC Prize draw gift voucher - N.Plan		32617026	50.00
6. BT - phone&broadband 26.5.16			55.58
7. Yorkshire Water - Rec Quarter 1 to 30/6/16		32617185	12.21
8. AWS Landscapes		32633411	46.66
9. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec April			14.20
10. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec May			12.45
11. Total Gas&Power - Elec Cemetery Mar/Apr/May			122.88
12. YLCA - Annual subscription		32778042	834.00
13. Farmstar Ltd - Rat poison		32743889	35.40
14. Gala expenses			680.00
15. Staples - Stationary		32843786	63.71
16. Yourlocale - N.Plan Consultant Work		32901645	1,380.00

(b) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 31/5/16

RESOLVED to note the budgetary control report and bank reconciliation for the period ending 31/5/16.

(c) Nationwide investment account maturity

RESOLVED that approval be given for the Clerk to extend the investment on maturity for a further 12 months investment on the terms set out in the maturity notice.

2016.96 Correspondence/information items.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following items:-

1	YLCA	National salary award for local council employees 2016-18
2	YLCA	NALC Strategic Development Plan 2016-17
3	YLCA	New External Audit Regime for Smaller Authorities- Chairs briefing No 4
4	DMBC	Civic Service & Parade 10/7/16 – Invitation to Mayor
5	Holme Hall Community Liaison Meeting 13/6/16	Agenda & minutes of last meeting
6	E-mail from Young local Parishioner	Volunteer support for management of Edlington Woods
7	Complaints from local parishioners	New bus route on Markham Road
8	Edlington Victoria Primary School	Summer Fayre 21/6/16 – Invitation to Mayor
9	UK & Maine	Planning application submission to DMBC re former Ridings site
10	Woods Properties	Legacy Centre, Main Ave, Edlington
11	DMBC Assets Team	Community Letting Opportunity – Youth Centre premises, Edlington Lane
12	Edlington Youth Direction	Communications re lease opportunity – Edlington Youth Centre
13	The Pensions Regulator	Staging date 1/7/16 Getting Ready & Actions required

- (2) The Mayor to attend DMBC Civic Service & Parade 10/7/16 and the Edlington Victoria Primary School Summer Fayre 21/6/16;
- (3) The Clerk to respond to the parishioner in respect of item 14(6) by directing him to the owner of Edlington Woods.

2016.97 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting
RESOLVED that Members notify the Clerk of any matters requiring inclusion on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting on 12th July.

2016.98 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th July, 2016 at 6.30pm.
The meeting closed at 8.28pm.