

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
10th JANUARY, 2017 AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL,
EDLINGTON**

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

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk), four members of the public present and Inspector Dave Jones (South Yorkshire Police).

2017.01 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Councillors Alan Cross and Bob Johnson.

2017.02 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

None.

2017.03 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.

2017.04 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None proposed.

2017.05 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December, 2016 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2017.06 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).

Three local parishioners spoke in relation to the recent incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour experienced in Edlington over recent months, made the following observations and asked Inspector Jones what was happening to address these matters:-

- Some youngsters are causing lots of problems for people in the Village and things are going downhill. What are the Police and the Town Council doing about this? We no longer have a Police station, we have houses being burned and many people live in constant fear.
- The feeling on Facebook is that not a lot is happening. There is now the facility on Facebook live to take video evidence of these activities and upload it.
- Six months ago as a result of activity at the bottom of Staveley Street, 22 Police Officers and 11 cars attended an incident and there was a big response to tackle this particular issue, but more lately people are coming and going from properties, there is glass everywhere, it is not safe to drive up some streets and people are doing 3 point turns and going back.
- Someone got glassed recently, was chased up the street and the person with the knife slashed both tyres on this person's car. The person glassed was attacked by a member of their own family.
- The Recreation ground has had to be closed due to persistent vandalism and a fire engine has been stoned when it attended a call out.

The Deputy Mayor outlined that over the last 3 months, a lot has been happening behind the scenes to address these issues. Following concerns expressed by a local resident, at the beginning of October, the Town Council undertook a walk round the Royal estate and established a multi-agency Task Group, involving Senior Officers from DMBC, the Police

and other key stakeholders. To follow up on this, next week the Town Council have a meeting with Dr. Alan Billings the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and a separate meeting of the Task Group to receive the action plan and an update on what measures have been taken to counter these activities.

In addition, Inspector Dave Jones re-iterated that he was working actively as a member of this Task Group and various actions had been taken to address this ASB and criminality behind the scenes. He advised that there were varying levels of criminality in Edlington. A series of warrants had been issued in December as a result of shootings, burned out vehicles, some of these had resulted in prison sentences and in other instances other measures applied. There were other lower level criminal activities being carried out by some well known Edlington locals. Some of the actions that the Police could take were limited without hard evidence and there was a clear fear factor and fear of retribution for reporting some of these activities.

In order to assist this, 2 cameras had been installed to help to identify the perpetrators and 2 further cameras were due to be deployed next week. These were not monitored 24/7 but were capable of being viewed at a later stage by downloading the recordings and were being deployed as a further preventative measure with the aim of dissuading potential culprits. Some of the activities were being carried out by young children under the age of 10. There were limitations in these instances as to what action the Police could take, but referrals were being robustly made to DMBC and Social Services were getting involved and taking appropriate action including the instigation of Parenting Orders. Inspector Jones concluded by acknowledging that whilst some actions had been taken against the perpetrators, this was clearly not enough and he was attempting and hopeful to secure more resourcing up to April to secure additional support in addition to the current 2 PCSO's on the ground. The new Chief Constable Steve Watson was keen to resurrect neighbourhood policing and put more support back in, following its withdrawal last year under the budget cuts. It was also hoped that with the multi-agency task force approach, that selective licensing of private landlords could be introduced locally in Edlington to address some of the root causes of the problems experienced.

The Mayor concluded by thanking the Parishioners and Inspector Jones for attending and advised that the Town Council would continue to lobby the statutory agencies to tackle these matters on behalf of Edlington residents.

2017.07 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

(a) Request to Highways re lack of Street lighting on former Thompson Ave leading up to Swallowdale complex

RESOLVED (1) to note the response received from Smartlights Manager (DMBC) dated 9/1/17 and in light of this, (2) the Clerk be asked to respond advising that the Town Council were very disappointed with this response as the area has been vacant/cleared for a considerable period of time and despite being marketed for sale/development, there appeared to be no imminent prospect of any developer taking this on anytime in the near future. In the meantime, the Town Council would question whether DMBC would incur liability in respect of potential claims against it should someone fall and injure themselves as a consequence of the very poor lighting right up Thompson Avenue, beyond the Swallowdale complex. In addition, the area was a haven for late night fly tippers as the area was so poorly lit and recent occurrences had been reported to the FLAG team requesting clear up.

(b) DMBC Highways response re representations re parking issues at Queens Park, Edlington

RESOLVED to note the response of the Highways Team supporting the residents request and advising that a leaflet drop would be delivered early in the new year reminding residents to be more respectful when parking their vehicles on the cul-de-sac.

2017.08 Planning – To consider any planning application consultations.

(a) 16/03027/OUT - Outline application for the erection of two pairs of semi-detached houses on approximately 0.05ha (Approval being sought for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale), Land Off Howbeck Drive, Edlington

RESOLVED that the Clerk be asked to respond advising that the Town Council were in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Edlington and a draft has recently been published for statutory consultation for a 7 week period commencing on 16/12/16 and ending on 3/2/17. The Plan specifically addressed the need for and mix of housing within Edlington and our draft policy proposes that future developments on Howbeck Drive are deemed suitable for older persons type accommodation. The Town Council would not want to support any proposed development that departed from this.

(b) 16/03080/FUL - Two storey pitched roof extension to side, 3 Hill Top Crescent, Edlington, DN12 1HE

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

2017.09 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

(a) Request for replacement/upgrade of Town Council personal computer

RESOLVED that approval be given to the upgrade of a PC for the Town Clerk, estimated in the sum of circa £500.

(b) Determination of the Parish Precept/Budget for 2017/18 including proposed development projects

RESOLVED that (1) to note and support the draft projected income/expenditure estimates for 2017/18 and the current summary of the Council's reserves, prepared by the Clerk subject to removal of the Capital budget provision of £10000 and removal of the Elections budget provision of £300, resulting in a revised overall expenditure estimate of £205814; (2) estimates in respect of the funding of a new laptop computer (£500), tarmacking of the Cemetery car park (£15000) and widening of the Cemetery access gate (£1500), all to be met from the current years budget provision (2016/17) ; (3) budgetary provision in respect of funds for the conveyancing costs associated with the appropriation of the land for car parking at the rear of ECO £1500, community woodland £2500 and underpinning of the costs of producing Neighbourhood Plan £5000, be met from reserves as should the cost of a by-election in respect of the vacancy on the Town Council should this arise; (4) an Administrative Apprentice be not pursued in the foreseeable future unless the Clerks requests reconsideration by the Council in light of emerging work loads at that time and (4) in light of the projected income/expenditure estimates, the Precept be set at £111350 for 2017/18 representing a 1% increase on last year's precept (the budget shortfall of £7661 being met from projected reserves) and a total funding requirement of £132583 (i.e. Precept £111350 plus £21233 Council Tax Support Grant) and the Clerk be requested to notify DMBC Finance Team accordingly.

(c) Burial ground - i) Final determination of Cemetery staffing pay structure/roles and job descriptions and staff feedback following consultation;

RESOLVED to note the consultation feedback from staff supporting the proposal and in light of this, approval be given to the staffing pay structure/roles and job descriptions for implementation with effect from 1/2/17.

ii) Cemetery & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor- reimbursement for use of phone on Town Council business

RESOLVED that approval be given to the payment of a monthly allowance of £10 as an all-encompassing allowance in lieu of the use of the Cemetery & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor's phone on Town Council business.

iii) Quotations for surface tarmacking of car park designated area and for widening of access gate

RESOLVED that approval be given to proceed with the quote from Tickhill Labour and Plant Hire for the surfacing of the Cemetery car park, the Clerk to give authorisation to proceed and undertake these works and consideration be deferred pending a further quotation being sourced in relation to the widening of the Cemetery access gate.

(d) Allotments – i) Update on meeting with Woodland Trust 19/12/16 and planned start on site re clearance of former allotment land off Auburn Road

RESOLVED to note the meeting held with the Woodland Trust Officer, pre-commencement of the clearance works on site for his guidance in conjunction with the contractor "Dig it All Agricultural" and that a provisional start on site date of 16/1/17 had been agreed.

ii) Meeting with Allotment Secretaries 31/1/17

RESOLVED (1) to note that the Clerk had issued a letter to Allotment Secretaries advising that the 2017 rents were due by 1/2/17 and invited them to a meeting on 31/1/17 to discuss revisions made to the tenancy agreement and enforcement procedure and to outline the Town Council's proposals for full devolved authority for each Allotment Association/Secretary to robustly manage their site going forwards and (2) that there was an open invitation for any Member of the Council to attend this meeting between the Clerk and Allotment Secretaries.

(e) Community Centre - update on prospective hire of facilities

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Clerk of discussions he had held with representatives from Edlington Youth Direction further to the offer made for the use of Grainger Centre facilities at the last meeting and that Youth Direction were looking for the assurance of a form of contract guaranteeing use of the Centre for a minimum period of 12 months while their project was fully established and supporting funding streams accessed and (2) the Clerk be requested to advise Youth Direction that the terms of the original offer made at last months meeting remained and no form of 12 month contract could be entered into.

(f) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden

RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk that the vast majority of the surfacing replacement work had been completed and it was hoped that the remaining section would be completed within the next week or so, after which the play area could be re-opened.

(g) Neighbourhood Plan Update – Statutory consultation 16/12/16 – 3/2/17

RESOLVED to note that the 7 week statutory consultation period was underway and following its conclusion, a meeting of the NPSG would be convened to review the responses and modify the Plan for submission to DMBC for Independent examination with a view to hopefully proceeding to referendum alongside May's local elections.

(h) Improvement Projects & Events - Gala 24/6/17

RESOLVED to note the scheduled date for the Gala and that a database of request for stalls had been established and a date for the Gala Working Group would be determined for late January/early February.

(i) Process re filling a casual vacancy on the Town Council

RESOLVED (1) to note the advice from YLCA regarding the process for recruiting to a Town Council vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Don Astbury: (2) that a notice of vacancy as advised by DMBC Election Team had been posted, dated 6/1/17 and (3) in the event of no by-election being called following the expiry of the notice on 26/1/17 and the ability of the Town Council to co-opt to this position, a further notice be displayed inviting applicants to apply in writing by 28/2/17 advising what they could bring to the Town Council as a co-optee and also to be invited to attend and speak in support of their application at the following (March) Town Council meeting at which a candidate would subsequently be chosen.

2017.10 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that the Christmas Senior Citizen's party/meal had been well attended and proved very popular as did the Christmas Carol Concert on 20/12/16 attended by around 55 local residents. The Clerk agreed to send a thank you letter to Graeme Smith for calling out the bingo numbers and to Frank Oliver for the use of the TARA bingo equipment.

2017.11 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) DMBC School Crossing Patrol Officer – Junction of Broomhouse Lane/Bernard Road

RESOLVED to note the response from DMBC advising that this School Crossing Patrol Officer role had been vacant at this location since October 2015 and would not be replaced having been assessed in accordance with its policy formula.

2017.12 Financial matters

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

RESOLVED to note the following payments made:-

1. Wages			various	7,408.76
2. SYPA			36945552	2,528.14
3. Imprest				150.00
4. 1&1 website hosting Nov				11.99
5. HMRC Q3 PAYE/NI Contributions				5,104.82
6. Simon Oldham - Mileage 1/10/16-31/12/16			36934886	85.05
7. Aldi - Wine Senior Citizen's Xmas Dinner			36935109	54.71
8. Staples - Copier paper			36935152	17.95
9. BT - Phone&Broadband				58.93
10. Yorkshire Water - Cemetery 5/10/16-19/12/16			36935260	47.25
11. Festive Lights - Addit LED's Memorial Garden			36935409	82.69
12. Chubb Fire & Security Ltd - New extinguisher			36941427	28.80
13. Chubb Fire & Security Ltd - Servicing Fire Equip			36941515	122.75
14. Parish Online - Mapping for N'hood Plan Preps			36941564	292.80
15. Complete Catering - Senior Citizen's Dinner			36941644	1,272.00
16. DMBC - Trade waste collection- Grainger			36941712	237.00
17. DMBC - Trade waste collection-Cemetery			36941772	237.00
18. Communicorp - Sub Renewal C&C Direct			37027273	75.00
19. Allstar Fuels			37027419	56.91
20. Allstar Fuels			37027533	90.01
21. Total Gas&Power - Elec Cemetery				69.51
22. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec				10.07
23. Total Gas&Power - Elec Grainger Centre				808.77
24. Yorkshire Main CC - Hire of Hall Carol Concert				25.00

(b) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 31/12/16.

RESOLVED to note the budgetary control report and bank reconciliation for the period ending 31/12/16.

2017.13 Correspondence/information items.

RESOLVED to note the following items:-

1	DMBC	Confirmation of Traffic Regulation Order 20mph – Tait Ave
2	DMBC	Prohibition of through traffic – Carr Lane, Conisbrough Temporary Order 2017
3	South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue	Section 41 Member briefing December 2016
4	South Yorkshire Pensions Authority	Actuarial/Fund valuation 2016, Funding strategy consultation and projected fund deficit
5	YLCA	Grants and Funding Bulletin December 2016
6	YLCA	No extension of Referendum Principles following recent consultation exercise
7	YLCA	Membership fees 2017/18
8	Clerks & Councils Direct	Subscription renewal 2017
9	Orthodox Church of SS Columba & Kentigern	Thank you letter re grant award

2017.14 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

RESOLVED (1) that the Clerk be notified of any items Members wish to be considered as an item for the next meeting on 14/2/17 and (2) the following items be scheduled:-

- i) To consider convening a meeting of the Activities Working Group

2017.15 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th February, 2017 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.