

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
14th MARCH, 2017 AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL,
EDLINGTON**

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

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk) and 21 members of the public present.

2017.31 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Councillors Alan Cross and Jim Mourning.

2017.32 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

RESOLVED to bring forward agenda item 8.2 to be taken in conjunction with residents wishing to speak about crime and anti-social behaviour on the Royal estate under "Public Speaking".

2017.33 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

2017.34 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

RESOLVED to exclude the public in relation to part of agenda item 7 relating to the appointment of a co-opted Member of the Council in respect of the consideration and debate on the attributes of each candidate following their speaking in support of their application, which was prejudicial to the public interest.

2017.35 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February, 2017 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2017.36 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).

A local parishioner and Secretary of Group 1 Allotment site spoke in support of his application for financial support towards the cost of erecting further security fencing at the site. Members were due to determine this request within agenda item 10.2c later in the meeting.

A local parishioner resident of Markham Road spoke in relation to the rat run used between Oaklands Terrace and Broomhouse Lane in which motorbikes were racing up and down it at speeds far in excess of the 20mph speed limit. The speed calming bumps had now been flattened by the combined efforts of buses, HGV's and articulated lorries. He asked the Town Council whether any additional traffic calming measures could be introduced such as shicanes. Not being on the agenda for consideration this evening, the Town Council agreed to schedule this matter for consideration at next months meeting.

A number of residents from the Royal estate spoke in relation to the ongoing criminal activity and ASB being experienced and commented as follows:-

- I have lived on the estate for 20 years, we are suffering daily break-ins, anti-social behaviours, smashed up properties/boarded up dwellings. What measures were being put in place to combat the ASB and deal with the private landlords?
- I have lived on the estate all my life. Things have never been so bad. CCTV cameras have been cut down off a lamp post, windows were getting smashed, youths riding about on motorbikes without any care or fear for local people

- I have lived on the estate for 33 years, motorbikes are speeding up and down roads, even when school children are coming out of School without any regard for their safety whatsoever. Garages and dwellings have been broken into.
- The motorbike gang are running drugs

In response to the representations made by local residents, Inspector Dave Jones, South Yorkshire Police was present and advised that:-

- He was the Temporary Inspector for the Doncaster West area. A new Area Inspector Dan Knight had started last week
- He acknowledged that motorcycles were being used to run drugs
- He had been actively working since last September to tackle the instances of crime & ASB being reported and as part of a multi-agency approach with DMBC, the Fire Service and other stakeholders having been requested by the Town Council to look in to the escalating nature of crime that was being reported
- This also had to be considered in the context of a significant cut in Police resourcing across the Force since 2015 and the move away from community policing over the last 18 months in particular as a result of the need to identify cost savings
- He acknowledged the significant levels of crime and ASB being encountered on Dukes/Kings/Princes/St John's as well as Staveley Street, in fact the whole of the Royal estate. To attempt to combat this, 2 additional CCTV cameras were funded by DMBC/put in place, increasing this to a total of 5, although 2 have recently been cut down by persons unknown
- Additional resources have been deployed in an attempt to address the reported occurrences, comprising a Sargeant and a team of 6 Officers. Extra funding had been received at the end of February and additional cars to patrol the area. Whilst it was appreciated that this was not and would never be enough, Edlington was receiving more Police input to the area than anywhere else in Doncaster
- Whilst he appreciated that this was of little comfort now, this additional resource would take some time to start to have an effect. The new Chief Constable for South Yorkshire who started just before Christmas, was keen to put Neighbourhood Policing back in place, although in what form this would comprise was not yet known
- The Police station at Mexborough had now re-opened and Edlington was able to access 4 additional staff from here. Under the "Police Now" initiative, 2 additional Officers would also be available from April and a further 2 from September
- Inspector Jones concluded by advising that as much physical resourcing as was available was being deployed to Edlington at the present time. In addition, selective Licensing was also being looked at in conjunction with DMBC to tackle landlords responsibility towards the actions of their tenants. He was also available to meet with any members of the local community privately to address any specific matters they wished to raise. He had also met with some members of the community last week. It was acknowledged that there was a real fear of residents not being prepared to give witness statements or provide evidence for fear of reprisals, however, it was critical for the community as a whole to come together against this and without their support and ultimately their evidence, the Police had one hand tied behind their back in terms of being able to take action and start prosecutions.

The Mayor thanked those members of the community for their attendance and outlined that the Town Council had secured the attendance of the Mayor of Doncaster, Ros Jones and Sioned Mair-Richards the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner at a public meeting here at the Grainger Centre on Thursday 30/3/17 at 10.30am to hear first hand from residents about the recent occurrences of crime and ASB experienced on the estate. She advised that publicity would be given and residents were welcome to attend and outline their recent experiences. The Mayor re-iterated that as a Town Council, we have no statutory powers in respect of these matters and our role was to lobby those statutory agencies (the

Police, Fire Authorities and Doncaster Council) who had powers to act in this regard. The Town Council had carried out around 30 interventions since last September to lobby appropriate agencies as a result of activities drawn to its attention.

2017.37 To receive written applications for the office of Town Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy

Three applicants for the Co-opted Member vacancy spoke to the Town Council in support of their application, following which, they and members of the public withdrew from the meeting while the Council deliberated on the merits of each candidate.

Having returned to the meeting, the Council voted for the candidates as follows:-

Keri Anderson – 1 vote, Rob Reid – 3 votes, Sam Siddall – 2 votes. There not being an overall majority in favour of one candidate, Keri Anderson withdrew having the least number of votes and a fresh vote was taken, resulting in Rob Reid – 4 votes (including Chairs casting vote), Sam Siddall – 3 votes.

RESOLVED that Rob Reid be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Town Council.

(Rob Reid completed his acceptance of office declaration in the presence of the Town Clerk).

2017.38 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

a) DMBC reply re Small wooded area off Broomhouse Lane, (The Square)

RESOLVED (1) to note the response from DMBC Streetscene Team to the Town Council representations and (2) the Town Clerk be asked to respond to Streetscene Team advising that there was presently no established formal residents management group to be able to lobby/take forward the disposal option.

In addition, regarding their comment about a lack of resources for Streetscene to do anything about the current state of the site, to outline that Members of the Town Council feel that Streetscene have a responsibility to manage this area/a duty of care as they do with other open space areas in the Borough and feel that there were some practical measures that they could consider such as :-

Prune/trim the offending trees in the Square

Create a formal track through the centre of the Square

Turn the area into specific designated parking bays.

b) Preparations for Multi-agency task group meeting re action plan for addressing crime and ASB on the Royal estate – 23/3/17 & update from Inspector Jones (South Yorkshire Police)

RESOLVED to note that this matter had been considered within the “Public Speaking” agenda item at Minute number 2017.36 above.

c) Request to DMBC for imposition of weight limit for HGV’s on Lords Head Lane

RESOLVED to note the response of the DMBC Senior Highways Regulation Engineer that he would take forward the Town Council’s request for the imposition of a HGV weight limit restriction on Lords Head Lane.

2017.39 Planning – To consider any planning application consultations.

a) 16/03138/FUL - Proposed siting of a storage container for the storage of works equipment for grounds maintenance and street cleansing, Edlington Town Council Cemetery, Edlington Lane, Warmsworth

RESOLVED that the Town Council objects to this proposed development and declines to consent to the location of a storage container within the grounds of its Cemetery site.

b) 17/00446/FUL - Erection of single storey extension to side, 34 Kennington Grove, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1SX

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

c) 17/00300/ADV - The retention of 6 turquoise decals (retrospective), Co-op Petrol Filling Station, Edlington Lane, Edlington

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

d) 17/00299/FUL - Installation of freestanding Automated Teller Machine (retrospective), Co-op Petrol Filling Station, Edlington Lane, Edlington

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

e) 17/00214/FUL - Change of use of existing paddock with 5 touring pitches to a maximum 10 pitch touring caravan site including amenity block (11.5m x 6.5m) (without compliance with condition 5 of planning

application 11/03438/FUL, granted on 13.02.2012 - to allow for an

increase in touring caravans allowed to use the site to a

maximum of 20) (Without compliance of conditions 2-3 of

application granted under Ref: 16/00867/FUL) - to include siting of

warden accommodation and alterations to the approved layout, Sunnyview, Park Grange

Lane, Alverley, Doncaster – notification of referral to Planning Committee 7/3/17

RESOLVED to note that this application had been referred to the DMBC Planning Committee.

f) Notification from RMBC - RB2016/1492- Hybrid application for the erection of 100 No. dwellinghouses including access road, landscaping & open space (Phase I) and Outline application for the erection of up to 300 No. dwellinghouses including landscaping & open space with all matters reserved (Phase II) at land East of Grange Lane Maltby

RESOLVED to note the proposed development.

2017.40 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

(a) Burial ground i) increase in non-domestic rates and transitional relief for 2017/18.

RESOLVED to note the increase in the rateable value and consequent NDR charge for 2017/18 which would be mitigated via transitional relief for this year only.

ii) Approval to purchase two new Strimmers for grounds maintenance work.

RESOLVED that approval be given to purchase one strimmer initially and the prospect of the purchase of a second be subject to re-consideration at the next meeting along with a business case for two machines being required for operation at the same time in light of managed work streams.

iii) Quotation for line marking on newly tarmacked car park area.

RESOLVED that approval be given to proceed with the quotation received from Road Marking Services Limited in the sum of £300 plus VAT.

(b) Allotments – i) correspondence and request for support from Secretary of Group 4 Allotments.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the temporary storage of a digger on Group 4 Allotment site for a period of 12 months pending further clearance works on allotment plots and for a small scale shop on the site to sell surplus produce/seeds to assist with fundraising for the Allotment Management Committee.

ii) advice of the DMBC Tree Warden re leaning Silver birch tree on Group 4 Allotment site.

RESOLVED to accept the advice of the DMBC Tree Warden and authority be granted for the Allotment Management Committee to arrange for its felling.

iii) To consider a request from Group 1 Allotment Secretary for financial assistance re provision of fencing for site security.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the award of a sum of £2700 plus VAT to enable the purchase of additional security fencing at Group 1 Allotment site.

iv) Minutes of the Community Woodland Steering Group meeting 21/2/17.

RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meeting held on 21/2/17.

(c) Community Centre – nothing to report.

- (d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden - DMBC repair quote for play equipment at Recreation ground.
RESOLVED that (1) approval be given to proceed with the repair quotation from DMBC for replacement Play area equipment and (2) in light of the safety surfacing repairs having been completed and the Play area now back open and fully functional, an official re-opening event and publicity in conjunction with ECO be arranged for the Mayor to re-open the facility.
- (e) Neighbourhood Plan Update – i) Minutes of the NPSG Meeting 15/2/17
RESOLVED to note the minutes of the NPSG meeting held on 15/2/17.
ii) To approve the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for submission to DMBC
RESOLVED that approval be given to the submission draft of the Edlington Neighbourhood Plan for submission to DMBC.
- (f) Improvement Projects & Events - Gala 24/6/17.
RESOLVED to note that a Gala Working Group meeting was held on 8/3/17, preparations were progressing for this years' event coordinated by Debbie Tuby and the next meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for 12/4/17.
- (g) To consider the Annual Risk Assessment - 2017
RESOLVED to note and support the annual risk assessment document prepared by the Clerk.
- (h) Advice on dealing with Public participation under the "Public Speaking" agenda item (YLCA Guidance note and Council Standing Orders) & Members items taken on notice.
RESOLVED (1) to note the YLCA guidance note and extract from Town Council Standing Orders relating to public speaking; (2) in light of this, approval be given to the draft Protocol on how Public Speaking would be managed at future Town Council meetings as drafted and tabled by the Clerk, for placing out at future meetings for the general awareness of local parishioners attending and wishing to speak to the Council and (3) Members agenda items to be taken in future by advance notice only for inclusion on the agenda dispatched for the meeting.

2017.41 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that she had attended the Scarborough Barracks Opening Evening on 23/2/17 and the Old Coldstream Corps of Doncaster Drum Practice 4/3/17 which were both excellent events and the Town Mayor's attendance was greatly appreciated. In addition, the Mayor reported that she had received the presentation of an old Edlington Pit Check found in Rossington by Mr Graham Mcguigan in the Summer of 2016 which he had agreed to donate to the Yorkshire Main Heritage Trust (YMHT) who have handed the Check to the Town Council for display in the Grainger Centre. This was presented to her by Mr Mcguigan on 26/1/17 which she had omitted to report to last months meeting.

2017.42 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) Jo Cox legacy "Get Together and Party" – to consider coordinating a local event on 17/18 June 2017

RESOLVED to raise this matter at the next Gala Working Group meeting in terms of the scope for combining some form of activity at the Gala on 24/6/17.

(b) Royal estate clean-up – to consider provision of two skips to assist clean-up
RESOLVED that in-principle support be given to fund the provision of separate 2 skips on different days to assist in the clear up of debris on the Royal estate. Craig Porter to liaise with the Town Clerk to procure a skip to be delivered and collected on the same day for surplus debris to be filled and taken away off site.

(c) Littering at rear of Baines Ave & Thompson Ave

RESOLVED to defer this matter in the absence of Councillor Jim Mourning.

(d) Proposed presentation for Don Astbury

RESOLVED that Mr Astbury be invited for 6pm prior to the next meeting on 11/4/17 to receive a certificate to commemorate his service and contribution to Edlington over many years.

2017.43 Financial matters

(a) To note & receive schedule of payments made – March 2017.

RESOLVED to note the following payments made:-

1. Wages				various	8,360.85
2. SYPA				37917346	2,810.84
3. Imprest				105772	150.00
4. 1&1 website hosting Mar					11.99
5. BT - Phone&Broadband					58.68
6. Allstar Fuels					91.64
7. Tickhil Labour & Plant Hire- Cemetery Tarmacking			39716793		9,684.00
8. Farmstar Ltd - Kubota 1 annual service				38154565	288.69
9. Farmstar Ltd - Kubota 2 annual service				38154723	252.33
10. Farmstar Ltd - Digger annual service				38154775	226.95
11. DMBC - Recreation ground surfacing repairs				38154842	1,480.80
12. Yourlocale - N'hood Plan Consultancy Fees				38278634	4,080.00
13. HMRC - Q4 PAYE/NI					5,577.98

(b) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 28/2/17.

RESOLVED to note the budgetary control report and bank reconciliation for the period ending 28/2/17.

(c) To review the Council's banking arrangements with Co-op Bank and advice on the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and limits.

RESOLVED (1) to note the advice from the FSCS that the Town Council's investments with the Co-op Bank were secured up to a threshold of £85000 and in light of this, the Council's banking arrangements be retained with them and (2) consideration be given on maturity of the Nationwide 12 month investment in July 2017, to split this investment if a suitable interest bearing account could be identified.

2017.44 Correspondence/information items.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following items:-

1	DMBC	Playing Pitch Strategy Consultation & response
2	DMBC	Update on timescale for preparation of Local Plan
3	Legacy Church	Launch of former Youth Club – Opening Event 8/3/17
4	Inserterservice.co.uk	Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs Initiative
5	SYPA	2016 Final Actuarial Valuation & Deficit
6	Local Parishioner e-mail	Report of fly-tipping
7	NHS Doncaster CCG	Providing FREE NHS Health Checks to your residents and visitors
8	SYFRA	Section 41 Member Briefing March 2017
9	DMBC	Grounds Maintenance SLA – increase in costs for 2017/18
10	HS2	E-mail communications re a proposal for re-routing

11	Warmsworth Parish Council	Request for resourcing support for erection of Christmas lighting/decorations
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(2) in relation to item 5, the Town Clerk be authorised to pay the whole 3 year projected SYPA deficit in the sum of £14000, up-front and

(3) in relation to item 11, the Clerk be asked to notify Warmsworth Parish Council that Edlington TC do not have sufficient resourcing to be able to support them with the erection and illumination of their Christmas tree lights/diplay.

2017.45 To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

RESOLVED that the Clerk be notified of any items Members wish to be considered as an item for the next meeting on 11/4/17 and (2) the following items be scheduled:-

- Fly-tipping on Lords Head Lane
- Developing a policy on the level of Town Council reserves
- Communication modes with the local community

2017.46 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11th April, 2017 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.