

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE, 2017 AT 10AM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON

Present: Mayor Frank Arrowsmith (Chairman) and Councillors, Alan Cross, Jim Mourning, Georgina Mullis, Ray Mullis and Rob Reid.

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk), Councillor Tina Reid (DMBC Ward Member), Inspector Dan Mcknight (South Yorkshire Police) and one member of the public present.

2017.88 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Councillor Maureen Patterson.

2017.89 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

None.

2017.90 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

Councillor Jim Mourning declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 16 "Recent events on Group 5 Allotments – correspondence and decisions of Group 5 Allotment Committee from Secretary and handling of confidential information" as a plot holder on the allotment and withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2017.91 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of agenda item 16 "Recent events on Group 5 Allotments – correspondence and decisions of Group 5 Allotment Committee from Secretary and handling of confidential information" which was prejudicial to the public interest and therefore, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

2017.92 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May, 2017 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2017.93 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).

There were no observations raised.

2017.94 Partner Updates from DMBC Ward Councillor(s) or South Yorkshire Police representative (if present).

DMBC Ward Councillor Tina Reid advised that she was now up and running following her election and return from holiday and was starting to get to grips with local issues. The Mayor reported that he and the Deputy Mayor had met twice recently with Tina with regard to taking forward items of mutual interest.

Inspector Dan Mcknight (South Yorkshire Police) informed the Town Council on the downward trend of ASB activity, burglaries and damage on the Royal estate and whilst indicating some caution, outlined that this was very encouraging although we could not become complacent in keeping up the pressure on tackling these matters. He circulated a copy of the most recent figures which backed this up. In addition, he also advised that a closure order had been put in place regarding a property on Princes Street which was being used for a variety of horrendous activity. PC Matt Cowling was now on board full-time and offering a greater presence locally in Edlington as a first port of call for any unsavoury activity that was witnessed. Inspector Mcknight acknowledged that many of the issues

around private landlords could start to be addressed through Selective Licensing that was now being consulted upon and being progressed. He indicated that the Police had now started to intervene in some neighbour disputes and there was one issue last week in particular which he highlighted involving an off-road Quad colliding with a car. Emanating from this, a number of young children around the age 12 mark were on their radar and action was being taken, including the issuing of warning letters. He advised that the injured children from last weeks collision were all from the Rossington area.

The Mayor flagged up to Inspector Mcknight damage to the Miners Memorial garden last week caused by local children, bouncing around using it as a playground, and five big plants that had effectively been written off beyond repair. Some CCTV footage was available to view and Inspector Mcknight agreed to follow up with PC Cowling to request that he viewed this and investigate to try to identify the culprits. He also advised that any further ASB or criminal activity should be reported centrally via 101 or enquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk. Inspector Mcknight concluded by advising that a further dedicated Edlington police resource was coming on stream on 20th June with PC Matt Bolton joining the service.

2017.95 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

There were no outstanding issues.

2017.96 Planning – To consider any planning application consultations.

(a) 17/01105/FUL - Change of Use from Engineering Workshop and Offices to Two Dwellings, Unit 1, Manor Farm Buildings, Edlington Lane, Edlington

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

2017.97 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

- (a) Burial ground
 - i) Review of Adopted Burial Ground Regulations to revise the definition of a non-parish resident and inclusion of an appeal process.
RESOLVED (1) to defer this matter for further consideration by the Cemetery Working Group for subsequent recommendation back to the Council and (2) to note that the Mayor would put a number of his concerns on this matter in writing, for consideration by the Cemetery Working Group in due course.
 - ii) To consider quotes received for the supply of a visitor car park sign.
RESOLVED that approval be given to proceed with the quotation from Sign of The Times in the sum of £824.84 plus £55 carriage, plus VAT.
- (b) Allotments –
 - i) Update on Community Woodland development
RESOLVED to note the summary update from the Clerk of the Community Woodland Steering Group meeting held on 23/5/17 and the promising discussions that he had, had with the Quarry Manager at Holme Hall Quarry and their willingness to support our community project with in kind support, possibly for the supply of boulders, a gate entrance way, weedkilling on site and the supply of aggregate material that may assist with the start of footpath creation through the site.
 - ii) Request from Secretary of Group 4 site for excavator for use on site.
RESOLVED to note the request of the Group 4 Secretary and this matter be deferred pending viewing of the proposal at the same time as the July annual site inspection and judging of the allotment competition.
 - iii) Allotment Competition and arrangements for carrying out site inspections.
RESOLVED that (1) the Clerk be asked to make arrangements and notify the allotment secretaries of the intention to carry out the annual site inspection and judging for the allotment competition on two consecutive days 25th & 26th July, provisionally at 9.30 and 10.30am with two sites being visited on each day by a collective Sub Committee of Town Councillors and the Clerk and (2) provisionally either Sunday 13th or 20th August be reserved for the allotment competition winners

to be invited to a formal presentation of their award, at the Grainger Centre commencing at 11am, a final decision on the preferred date being agreed at the next Town Council meeting.

(c) Community Centre - nothing to report

(d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden – i) Quotations for repairs to damage to Recreation ground fencing outside play area.

RESOLVED (1) to note the initial quote for the recreation ground fence repair and additional alternative quotes be pursued and (2) in relation to the vandalism to the Miners garden last week, the Clerk be asked to write to the Headteachers of the Edlington Schools with regard to this damage caused by young children, together with a request for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Ward Councillor Tina Reid to attend a suitable School Assembly in the near future to speak to pupils with regard to the resultant damage and the effects caused.

(e) Neighbourhood Plan Update – To note advice received from Neighbourhood Plan Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIERS) on the Appointment of an Independent Examiner.

RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk that a request for an Independent Examiner to examine the draft Neighbourhood Plan had been made to NPIERS and a referral was expected shortly.

(f) Improvement Projects & Events – i) Gala 24/6/17

RESOLVED to note that a Gala Working Group meeting was scheduled for tomorrow evening commencing at 6.30pm to put final arrangements in place for this years Gala to be held a week on Saturday.

(g) Update on progress of conveyancing transaction to acquire a piece of land at rear of ECO.

RESOLVED to note that the referral of this transaction to St Leger Homes Solicitor to engage with the Town Council's Solicitor to complete the appropriation of this piece of land had seemingly fallen in to an abyss, following the departure of the SLH Case Officer last December and the Clerk was pursuing confirmation that this was now being addressed and was back on track and would update the Council accordingly as this matter progresses.

(h) Notice of Town Councillor vacancy and to agree a replacement Councillor nominee to serve on:-

- **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

- **Gala Working Group**

- **Community Woodland Steering Group .**

RESOLVED (1) to note and support the notice of vacancy placed following the resignation of Town Councillor Bob Johnson and the suggested timeline for recruiting to this, should DMBC Elections Team confirm that the Council were free to co-opt after the notice expired on 22/6/17 ; (2) to note the two further vacancies arising as a consequence of Town Councillors Ray and Georgina Mullis resigning immediately following this meeting and the Clerk be asked to place a further notice of two vacancies and notify the Council in due course of the suggested timeline for recruiting to these, if possible to coordinate this alongside the existing vacancy described in (1) above and (3) the following replacement appointments be made in the interim as a consequence of these resignations:-

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Councillors Joan Briggs and Rob Reid
Community Woodland Steering Group – Councillor Frank Arrowsmith.

- (l) **Attendance of the Clerk at the SLCC Regional Training Seminar – 16/8/17**
RESOLVED that approval be given to the Clerk's attendance at this Regional Training Seminar.

2017.98 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that he had recently attended:-

- Headingley Court Care Home and met residents
- The Hilltop Centre and met Lord Mawson during his inspection of the Centre on 7/6/17
- Presentation ceremony held yesterday at the Cenotaph garden for Mr Don Astbury in commemoration of his long service given to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

In addition, the Mayor reported that he had asked the Clerk to act on behalf of the Council and swiftly send future condolences on behalf of the Town Council following significant tragedies such as the recent Manchester and London Terror Attacks to the relevant Authorities which were not practicable to wait until debated at the next subsequent Town Council meeting.

2017.99 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) Town Council use of social media/Facebook.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred pending the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Regional Training Seminar on 16/8/17 where a discussion topic included "Town and Parish Council's use of and engagement via social media".

(b) HGV's on Lords Head Lane.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to send copies of recent communications/representations sent to DMBC Highways, to Ward Councillor Tina Reid for her to follow up and lobby appropriate Officers to impose a weight restriction limit on Lords Head Lane and/or to conduct a site meeting to view the current difficulties being experienced.

(c) New speed limit laws & implications.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to lobby South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership and DMBC Highways Safety Team for more repeater signs of speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph on Edlington Lane and Broomhouse Lane and its objections to the mobile speed camera vans attempts to catch out local residents and impose hefty fines in what was a very deprived local community and the locations in which these were being deployed.

2017.100 Financial matters

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

RESOLVED to note the following payments made:-

1. Wages				various	8,311.48
2. SYPA				39792709	2,251.58
3. Imprest					100.00
4. 1&1 website hosting June					11.99
5. BT - Phone&Broadband					61.74
6. Allstar Fuels					205.10
7. A-on UK Ltd (Addit premium updated schedule)					380.36
8. Total Gas&Power - Elec Grainger Centre					236.32
9. Allsopps CTF - Wooden crosses Cemetery				39574941	346.49
10. Yorkshire Water - Rec				39575076	8.24
11. Woodberrys - Bench order Cemetery				39562177	676.80
12. AWS Landscapes - Strimmer oil & wire				39872189	163.86
13. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec					5.16
14. The Sign Studio - Gala Banner					72.00

(b) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 31/5/17.

RESOLVED to note the budgetary control report and bank reconciliation for the period ending 31/5/17.

2017.101 Correspondence/information items.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following items:-

1	DMBC	Invitation for Mayor to attend Civic Service & Parade 18/7/17
2	DMBC	Invitation for Mayor to attend Civic Mayor's Inaugural Banquet & Ball 16/6/17
3	Parishioner letter & reply	Motorcycle activity near Martinwells lake/Community Woodland area
4	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Presentation Event for Don Astbury 12/6/17
5	South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority	S41 Member Briefing May 2017
6	YLCA	White Rose Update May 2017
7	YLCA	Successful Event Management – 1 day seminar
8	DMBC West Area Team	The Great Get Together (Jo Cox) 17/6/17
9	DMBC	Traffic Regulation Order – 35A Nelson Road, Edlington
10	Seafarers UK	Merchant Navy Day – 3/9/17

2017.102 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 11/7/17.

2017.103 Confidential Item - RESOLVED that In view of the confidential nature of the following item which was prejudicial to the public interest, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item:-

2017.104 Recent events on Group 5 Allotments – correspondence and decisions of Group 5 Allotment Committee from Secretary and handling of confidential information.

Prior to the formal consideration of this item, the Clerk reminded all Members of the Town Council about the requirement to observe confidentiality in respect of all information that came in to their possession and was labelled accordingly, including any matter included on the agenda for a Council meeting. In addition, he reminded Members of the consequences of releasing confidential information to a third party individual and the consequent risk of an allegation of a breach of the Member Code of Conduct being made against them to Doncaster Council's Monitoring Officer.

Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Councillor Jim Mourning then withdrew from the remaining part of the proceedings and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

RESOLVED to note the correspondence and decisions of the Group 5 Allotment Committee relating to changes to Committee positions as advised by the Secretary.

2017.105 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11th July, 2017 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 12.03pm