

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8th AUGUST, 2017 AT 10.00AM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON

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

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

2017.122 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Councillor Rob Reid.

2017.123 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

None.

2017.124 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 an interest as an allotment plot holder in agenda item 10.2(a) "De-brief following Allotment sites annual inspection and competition judging" and a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 14.5 "Local Parishioner Letter - Matters relating to Group 5 Allotment Site" and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the latter.

2017.125 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None.

2017.126 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July, 2017 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2017.127 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 raised a number of points as follows:-

- I asked Ward Councillor Tina Reid about Markham Road 6 weeks ago and am still waiting for a reply
- The matter at the rear of the Bullseye shop with litter dumping is still in need of clearing despite asking DMBC FLAG Team 4 weeks ago to clear this
- I am still waiting on some skips putting around the village to help clear out gardens and I want everyone to get on board with this
- Grass outside Asda, I need to speak further with Frank (Mayor) about this, outside of this meeting
- We need to get everyone locally involved in the clear-up of Edlington and help to take some ownership of it. The Police also need to play a part, in the right way
- Public monies should be put in the right areas. Money spent on the upgrade of the Miners garden should have been spent elsewhere
- When is CCTV being re-instated

In response, the Mayor advised that the parishioner would be provided with a written response on the points he had raised.

2017.128 Partner Updates from DMBC Ward Councillor(s) or South Yorkshire Police representative (if present).

Inspector Dan Mcknight, (South Yorkshire Police) provided an update on the current downward trend in reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village advising of the

following statistics, 88 in March 2017, 75 in April, 69 in May, 55 in June and 45 in July. He also reported that incidences of criminal damage and burglary were also on a downward trend which showed that reported crime had reduced over the last few months. He also reiterated that they were deploying as much resource into Edlington as they could at present. He concluded by advising in response to a query about the positioning of Police vehicles, that Police cars were at a premium.

2017.129 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

(a) Reconsideration of draft S137 Grants policy and application form (copy of Maltby Town Council policy & application forms presented for consideration).

RESOLVED that (1) to note the application form and grants policy for small grants and main grants currently in existence at Maltby Town Council and in light of this (2) the Clerk be asked to modify the draft grants policy and application form previously presented, with an upper grant level being set at £250 and to incorporate some of the key elements from Maltby's policy including provision to accommodate "equal opportunity" and "appropriate safeguarding of vulnerable children/adults" for re-submission and further consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

(b) To consider sample ID badges and quotations for Town Councillors & Staff and a Deputy Mayor pendant.

RESOLVED (1) to note the quotations from 3 potential suppliers for the provision of Councillor/staff ID badges and a quotation for a Deputy Mayor pendant for use whilst deputising for the Mayor at any specific event and (2) approval be given to proceed with the quotation from Fattorini Ltd for the provision of ID badges for a quantity of 20 and if practicable, two of the lanyards to be personalised with the wording "Mayor" and "Deputy Mayor" which could be used as an alternative to procuring a separate Deputy Mayor pendant.

2017.130 Planning – 17/01789/TPO - Consent for works boundary of A4 subject to Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.30) 1987 Edlington. Embankment running from Gate 2 to Lords head lane- Cut back vegetation up to 2 meters from footpath & crownlift any trees growing over footpath/road to 5.2 meters, Polypipe Plc Broomhouse Lane, Edlington, Doncaster.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised regarding this proposed development.

2017.131 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

(a) Burial ground - i) Scope for dealing with complaint of rabbits causing a nuisance in the Cemetery grounds.

RESOLVED (1) to note the scope/options for tackling the reported nuisance of rabbits eating flowers left in the Cemetery as advised by the Clerk; (2) approval be given to the use of a contractor who will shoot rabbits free of charge for the Town Council whilst the premises are closed to the public, i.e. at dawn or dusk; (3) the Clerk be asked to prepare an appropriate risk assessment form to ensure that this was carried out in a safe manner and to mitigate against potential hazards and (4) enquiries also be made in to the scope for acquiring powder repellent as an additional deterrent.

ii) Clerks authorisation for urgent purchase of replacement Stihl Hedge Cutter as original beyond its useful working life.

RESOLVED to note the action taken by the Clerk to replace the hedgecutter that had reached the end of its useful working life..

(b) Allotments – i) De-brief following Allotment sites annual inspection and competition judging.

RESOLVED (1) to note the list of allotment competition winners at each of the four sites in the “best kept” and “most improved” categories and the scheduled presentation of prizes event this coming Sunday at 11am in the Grainger Centre; (2) that following inspection of Group 4 site, approval in principle be given to the Secretary’s request for an excavator to dig a hole to bury some material cleared from plots in the top corner of the site, subject to the submission of a quotation from a contractor to enable further consideration and consent to proceed from the Town Council and (3) Allotment Secretaries be canvassed as to their views on the appropriate time of the Summer or month for the competition judging to take place in future years, in light of a suggestion that this should be earlier in the season (possibly May).

ii) Community Woodland Project – update following Steering Group Meeting 1/8/17.

RESOLVED to note (1) the recent in-kind support provided by Holme Hall Quarry in the supply of an entrance gate, kissing gate and additional boundary fencing and plans for the supply of 50 tonnes of aggregate to facilitate the start of initial pathway creation and in addition that they had facilitated their contractor weed-spraying the site and (2) that the Steering Group had authorised further landscaping works and removal of unsightly non-native trees from the site following a meeting on site with a local contractor last week, to be met from remaining Woodland Trust grant/DMBC Environmental grant funding monies.

(c) Community Centre - nothing to report

(d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden – i)) Damage to Play area and surfacing - approval of DMBC quotation for repairs.

RESOLVED to note the action taken by the Clerk in authorising for these repair works to be swiftly undertaken in accordance with the DMBC quotation dated 25/7/17.

ii) DMBC repair quote to Alien unit and safety surfacing.

RESOLVED that approval be given to proceed with the DMBC repair quotation dated 27/7/17 in the sum of £550.

(e) Improvement Projects & Events – i) Minutes of the Activities Working Group meeting held on 19/7/17.

RESOLVED to note the minutes and approval be given to reserve the Armthorpe Brass Band to play at our Christmas Carol Service for a sum of £250.

(f) Preparations for Extraordinary Town Council meeting 9/8/17 re consideration of applications for three Town Councillor vacancies and advice from YLCA re co-option process and method of voting.

RESOLVED (1) to note the advice of YLCA re the suggested process and method of voting by “show of hands” and based on each prospective appointee needing an absolute majority of votes cast from Members present and voting at the meeting; (2) to note the practicalities of applying this as advised by the Clerk, which could potentially involve a series of votes being required to eradicate a candidate one by one until a simple majority outcome was achieved and (3) that five applications had been received and each prospective co-optee had been invited to attend and speak in support of their application at tomorrow’s extraordinary Town Council meeting.

(g) Request from Fr Edmonds re state of the overgrown land and dangerous trees at former Cemetery at rear of the Paddock, Old Edlington

RESOLVED (1) to support Father Edmonds request that joint responsibility be taken between the Town Council and St John’s Church for the future maintenance and upkeep of the land known as the former Cemetery at the rear of the Paddock in Old Edlington as an alternative to the Cemetery being formalised as a “closed churchyard”; (2) the Clerk be asked to seek advice from a specialised Tree Surgeon with regard

to the maintenance of the trees that overshadow the adjacent dwellings on Rectory gardens and that a quote for appropriate remedial works be met on a 50/50 basis between the Town Council and St John's Church and (3) the DMBC Tree Officer be consulted prior to any remedial work being carried out as this area fell within the Old Edlington conservation area.

2017.132 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that he had attended St Mary's Primary School Assembly on Thursday 20/7/17 and engaged with pupils regarding the recent vandalism experienced in the Miners garden. The Assembly and meeting with the Headteacher proved to be a very productive session.

2017.133 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) Feedback from Mayor on his and Deputy Mayor's meeting with DMBC Mayor Ros Jones held on 20/7/17 and associated issues.

RESOLVED (1) to note the reporting by the Mayor of the following summary of the key points raised at his and the Deputy Mayor's recent meeting with DMBC Mayor Ros Jones and Communities Portfolio holder Councillor Chris McGuinness where they had expressed the view that:-

- The multi-agency Task Group had become ineffective and was lacking in credibility
- The action plan had become sanitised
- Attendances and commitment were dwindling
- The matter of industrial fly-tipping on an organised scale had barely got a mention
- Private landlords and the level of activities they were involved in was not been tackled effectively nor been taken seriously
- Private officer meetings were being held with different partners and the Town Council excluded

(2) in light of this and the Town Council's collective view that an alternative approach/strategy was needed, the Town Council withdraw its participation in the Task Group and the Clerk be requested to notify the Communities Manager accordingly in view of the forthcoming meeting scheduled for 17/8/17 and (3) to note the outcome from the meeting with Mayor Ros Jones and the portfolio holder that they had undertook to consider the matters raised and potential for an alternative approach and to reconvene a further meeting with the new Head of Service for Communities in the next week or so, following her return from leave.

2017.134 Financial matters

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

RESOLVED to note the following payments made:-

1. Wages				various	8,312.28
2. SYPA				39792709	2,251.58
3. 1&1 website hosting Aug					11.99
4. BT - Phone&Broadband					59.88
5. Allstar Fuels					178.09
6. AWS Landscapes - oil/lubricants			41020900		23.03
7. DMBC - Trade waste collection Grainger			41020782		243.00
8. AWS Landscapes - New Stihl hedgecutter			41247936		225.00
9. AWS Landscapes - Chain loop			41247997		29.71
10. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec					54.38
11. Sign of the Times - New Cemetery Sign			41248085		1,055.81
12. SLCC - Clerk attendance Regional Seminar			41265089		41.40
13. DMBC - repairs to Rec Play Area			41265176		378.00
14. Imprest - petty cash					200.00
15. Allotment competition prizes					400.00
16. YPO - Grainger Cleaning supplies			41319385		193.68
17. Total Gas&Power - Gas Grainger 30.4.17-31.7.17					215.11
18. Total Gas& Power - Elec Rec 1.7.17-31.7.17					13.67

(b) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 31/7/17.

RESOLVED to note the budgetary control report and bank reconciliation for the period ending 31/7/17.

(c) Nationwide investment account – statement for period 4/7/16 – 14/7/17.

RESOLVED to note the annual investment statement.

2017.135 Correspondence/information items.

Councillor Jim Mourning withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of item 6.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following items:-.

1	Civil Aviation Authority	CAA Aviation Noise Impacts Survey
2	DMBC	Local Plan Consultation
3	Hilltop Centre	Summer Fayre & Car Boot 19/8/17 10am-4pm
4	HS2 Limited	HS2 Phase 2B announcement
5	Local Parishioner Letter	Matters relating to Group 5 Allotment Site
6	Local Parishioner Correspondence	Parking issues outside the Southery, Edlington Lane and correspondence with DMBC Highways Team
7	A-ON Insurance	Withdrawal of service to Local Council Sector on next renewal
8	YLCA	Reform of Data Protection Legislation & introduction of General Data Protection Regulations

(2) in relation to item 5, a mediation meeting be offered with plot holders and Group 5 allotment plot holders, to be attended by the Town Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor in an attempt to improve relationships and behaviours amongst the allotment members and their Committee.

(3) in relation to item 6, the Town Council support the view expressed by the parishioner in correspondence to DMBC Highways and the Clerk be requested to ask that additional bollards be deployed on the grass verges on this stretch of land on Edlington Lane, to alleviate the problems being experienced.

2017.136 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 12/9/17.

2017.137 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th September, 2017 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 11.42am