

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER, 2018 AT 10.00AM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STUBBINS HILL, EDLINGTON

Present: Councillors Rob Reid (Mayor), Keri Anderson, Joan Briggs, Maureen Patterson, and Daniel Sweeney.

Also in Attendance: Simon Oldham (Town Clerk).

2018.208 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

RESOLVED to note and accept the apologies of Councillor Linda Smith.

2018.209 Acceptance of Urgent Item of Business.

RESOLVED to accept the following item of urgent business in relation to a Planning notification requiring a response within 7 days from the date of notification on 4th December. The grounds for urgency being that this was the last day in which a response could be formulated :-

“18/02990/AGR - Erection of a portal frame agricultural building, Land To The North of Alverley Cottage, Grange Lane, Alverley, Doncaster”, to be considered under agenda item 9.

2018.210 To consider motions for the variation to the order of business (if any).

There was no variation to the order of business.

2018.211 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council’s code of conduct or Members register of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

2018.212 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any).

None.

2018.213 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November, 2018 as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a correct record.

2018.214 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 members of the public present.

2018.215 Partner Updates from DMBC Ward Councillor(s) or South Yorkshire Police representative (if present).

None present. Apologies from Inspector Dan Mcknight (South Yorkshire Police).

2018.216 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

(a) Update on representations to DMBC Portfolio holder for Communities re lease renewal Martinwells Lake and re provision of Constitution of Friends of the Lake Group.

RESOLVED to note the reply from the Property Manager (Strategic Asset Management) dated 4/12/18 which was deemed very disappointing and in light of this, the Clerk be asked to reply to Strategic Asset Management and the Portfolio Holder Councillor Chris Mcguiness in the following terms :-

“Town Council find this reply to the matters of local public concern that It has raised, to be quite pitiful and totally inadequate by way of explanation.

Therefore, could I please respectfully ask that you advise your Officers to provide a better explanation/response to the issues that the Town Council has raised and the rationale for the decision that the Asset's Board has arrived at in deciding to offer the renewal of the lake lease to the Friends of Group without considering the wider community interest of whether there might be other interested parties who would have liked the opportunity to have bid for the lease. I would like a response to the following points please and because of the unwillingness to previously respond to the enquiries that have been made, for the avoidance of doubt, can you please deal with this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1) Please respond formally to the two points set out in my previous FOI request dated 12/9/18.

2) Can you confirm if the reports to and minutes of the Assets Board meeting on 14/11/18 which made the decision to renew the lease with FOML Group are publicly available and if so, I would like to be provided with copies. If not, please provide an explanation of the rationale for arriving at this decision in light of conflicting Ward Member comments.

3) Your explanation as to why the view of the Senior Property Surveyor in his e-mail dated 20/6/18 and I quote "give the opportunity to other parties to bid for the rights and show we are doing what is best for the area. I suspect there are other parties out there who would like the opportunity to have a chance to look after this lake", was subsequently abandoned through taking this forward in your decision making process.

(b) Prospect of acquisition of CCTV for the Recreation Ground/Community Woodland – recommendations of the Council Working Group 26/11/18.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the following recommendation of the Council Working Group meeting on 26/11/18 :-

That approval be given to proceed with the quotation for the acquisition of CCTV cameras/infrastructure at a cost of £19914.00 as per Initiatec's quotation dated 11/10/18 to be met from accumulated Town Council reserves subject to further discussions with Initiatec/DMBC and a site meeting for Town Council Members to a) agree the precise siting of the CCTV columns, and the direction/range that cameras are to be positioned to cover/monitor; b) to be appraised of any ongoing revenue costs for the equipment servicing/maintenance and c) confirmation that the equipment can be monitored 24/7 by DMBC's Central Control and that there would be no associated costs incurred by the Town Council for this surveillance.

(c) Reply from DMBC re potential overflow parking off Hillside Drive for Hilltop School parents use and summary of Member site visit 26/11/18 on feasibility of making further representations about this.

RESOLVED that no further representations be made and the prospect of further representations re the scope of this area of open space being developed as an overflow parking area at School drop-off/pick-up times be abandoned as not being a feasible proposition based on the observations of Members having viewed the site on 26/11/18.

(d) Reply from DMBC Mayor re strategy for addressing burnt out shop – 2 Main Avenue, Edlington.

RESOLVED to note the response from Mayor Jones advising that 2 Main Avenue was one of a number of properties that was currently being considered as part of a review in to how the Council could use its powers in relation to compulsory purchase, although the compulsory purchase route was at an early stage and it would be inappropriate to infer that any decisions had been taken, or timescales attached, to the process at this time.

(e) Town Council representation on the Project Civitas operational group.

RESOLVED (1) to note the circumstances leading to the Town Council having been invited to attend the Bronze Group of Project Civitas and the attendance of two representatives in

an observer capacity over the last couple of months and (2) following a wide ranging discussion on the Town Council participation, a decision be made to withdraw from ongoing attendance although this situation to be kept under review.

2018.217 Planning Application Consultations – Urgent Item.

RESOLVED that no objections be raised in respect of Planning notification 18/02990/AGR - Erection of a portal frame agricultural building, Land To The North of Alverley Cottage, Grange Lane, Alverley, Doncaster.

2018.218 Report of the Clerk – To receive updates and consider matters in respect of:

(a) Burial ground – nothing to report.

(b) Allotments – i) Fly-tipping at Group 4 Hilltop Allotments and request for support with signage .

RESOLVED that it be viewed inappropriate at the current time to erect formal posts/signs of no fly-tipping within the allotment site and more robust self-management of the site was required including serious attempts to tackle the pile of debris accumulated in the top corner perimeter bordering the Hilltop School field.

ii) report of cockerels on Group 4 site and enforcement action.

RESOLVED to note the update from the Clerk of the resident complaint of noise nuisance from cockerels on site early in the morning, and the visual inspections and enforcement action being taken in warning respective plot holders to remove the cockerels concerned which could not be permitted on allotment gardens in accordance with the Allotment Act 1950.

(c) Community Centre – nothing to report.

(d) Recreation Ground/Miners Memorial Garden - i) DMBC quotation to remove the steel skate park ramp.

RESOLVED (1) to note the quotation from DMBC for removal of the skate ramp and (2) the situation be kept under review with a view to remedial work to paint and treat the ramps with rust-proofing in early Spring 2019 to prolong their operational lifespan in the short-term.

(e) Improvement Projects & Events – Preparations for i) Senior Citizen's Bingo event 14/12/18.

RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk of the preparations made for this coming Friday's Senior Citizen Bingo event, the numbers of tickets sold to date and those still remaining and that a de-brief would be held at next months meeting in light of the success of Friday's event.

ii) Carols in the Park 17/12/18.

RESOLVED to note the preparations being made for the Carols in the park carol concert next Monday, the order of service being finalised in conjunction with Father Edmonds and the participation of pupils from the Hilltop and Victoria Academy.

iii) Christmas entertainment/singer provision at Swallowdale and Headingley Care Homes 15/12/18.

RESOLVED to note the arrangements made for singer Lottie Simone to perform for residents at Headingley Park and Swallowdale Care Homes this coming Saturday.

(f) Community Woodland Project – i) Aviva Community Fund Bid outcome.

RESOLVED that the bid had attracted over 1100 votes but regrettably had proved to be unsuccessful.

ii) Volunteer Project Lead Coordinator and volunteer re developing the concept of learning classroom opportunities .

RESOLVED to note the reporting by the Clerk that a Lead Coordinator volunteer had come forward and had met with the Clerk and Chair of the Community Steering Group for initial discussions and had agreed to join the Steering Group and carry out this role with effect from the next meeting on 28/1/19 and in addition a further individual would also participate in the Steering Group and was keen to develop the Forest School learning concept on site.

(g) Review of outstanding issues schedule.

RESOLVED to note the schedule presented and verbal update of the status of pending decisions requiring implementation.

2018.219 Mayor's Announcements (if any).

The Mayor announced that following the recent resignations of Councillors Frank Arrowsmith and Jim Mourning, that he had asked the Clerk to write to each of them thanking them for their service to the Council and residents of Edlington over the last few years and wished to place on record his own gratitude for the contributions they had made.

The Mayor reported that since the last meeting he had attended :-

- A meeting with Father Edmonds on 15/11/18 on the prospect of attracting funding from the Sheffield Church Diocese for the provision of a Youth worker
- Chris Mitchell, his Consort had received an award from Halifax in recognition for the support he had given to the Mayor as Consort over recent months
- The Edlington Stingrays Swimming Club presentation evening on 1/12/18
- 2/12/18 St John's Church and Legacy Church Big Giveaway event and Santa's grotto and Healthy Workshop

In addition, he was due to attend the following forthcoming events :-

- 11/12/18 Old Edlington Carol service at St Peter's Church
- 14/12/18 Senior Citizen's Christmas Bingo extravaganza and Colind Wheat's funeral at St John's Church
- 15/12/18 Headingley and Swallowdale Care Homes Christmas singer performance by Lottie Simone
- 16/12/18 Warmsworth and Edlington Lions – Children's presentations for their local contributions
- 17/12/18 Town Council Carols in the park event
- 17/12/18 & 20/12/18 Christmas Carol Services at Victoria Academy
- 21/12/18 Briggs Shaw High School, Ollerton Bywater – invitation to Mayor and Consort

2018.220 Matters requested by Councillors.

(a) Request to DMBC Pest Control – feral pigeons in burnt out shop 2 Main Avenue.

RESOLVED to note the response of DMBC Environmental Services (Senior Environmental Health Practitioner) dated 26/11/18.

(b) Update on request to Wates re removal of hedging at Group 5 Allotment entrance perimeter.

RESOLVED to note the response of the Wates Site Manager that the hedging would be cut down to ground level by its contractor with a few days following the removal of razor wire from the hedging along the perimeter.

(c) Wates development – muddy quad/mire/state of ground outside Group 5 Allotments entrance and on the Lane down to Community Woodland and Lake.

RESOLVED to note the response of the Wates Site Manager dated 27/11/18 to the Town Council's representations.

(d) Ex- Town Centre public realm seating relocated opposite shops on Edlington Lane near Legacy building .

RESOLVED to note the response of the DMBC Communities Manager (West) to the representations made by the Town Council.

2018.221 Financial matters

(a) To note & receive schedule of December payments.

RESOLVED (1) to note the following December payments made:-

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1. Wages			various	9,334.26
2. SYPA			50978207	2,175.32
3. HMRC - PAYE/NI Nov			50978253	2,648.78
4. NEST Pension contributions				66.75
5. 1&1 website hosting				11.99
6. BT - Phone&Broadband				65.39
7. Applegreen Fuel				229.34
8. Imprest - petty cash				300.00
9. J.Morris Building - Cemetery store			50688568	2,200.00
10. J.Morris Building - Miners bandstand			50768680	500.00
11. AWS Landscapes - Grounds supplies			50768827	7.32
12. Tigetatz Clothing - Staff workwear			50789983	830.00
13. TH White Group - rat bait			50919995	150.00
14. Bestway Wholesale - Stationary			50920216	23.39
15. Amazon - Bingo game tickets			50978310	13.00
16. Amazon - Ink cartridges			51129344	66.10
17. ICU2 Security - Intruder alarm servicing			50790163	201.60
18. Thomas Fattorini - Deputy Mayor pendant			50790094	350.25
19. YPO - Cleaning supplies Grainger				206.40
20. Plevy & Son				435.00
21. Total Gas&Power - Elec Rec				75.19
22. Total Gas&Power - Elec Cemetery				124.86

(b) to note the following receipts during November :-

£

1. Community Centre				700.00
2. Remembrance Sunday donations				390.00
3. Cemetery - burial fees				1,105.00

(c) Budgetary control/bank reconciliation as at 30/11/18.

RESOLVED to note and accept the budgetary control statement and bank reconciliation for the period ending 30/11/18.

2018.222 Correspondence/information items.

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

1	Deputy Lieutenant of South Yorkshire	Letter of thanks for Remembrance Sunday invitation
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2	Parishioner e-mail	Request to lobby DMBC for concrete bins to be placed out outside Hilltop Academy re litter and cigarette ends littering
3	YLCA	White Rose Update November 2018
4	St Thomas Wharton Academy	Senior Citizen's Christmas Party 18/12/18 12-2.30pm
5	DMBC	Playing Pitch Strategy – Now on-line

(2) that item 2 be drawn to the attention of the Principal of the Hilltop Academy.

2018.223 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 requiring scheduling for consideration at next months meeting and (2) the following issues be scheduled :-

- Enquiry to Keepmoat on the timescale for the re-opening of Roberts Road
- 246 Broomhouse Lane – property damaged by vehicle collision
- Polypipe access next to former Old Granby pub /now car park
- Potential site visit to Polypipe.

2018.224 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 15th January, 2019 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.