



An Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.00pm

Minutes

Non Confidential items

3345/16 **Present**

Cllr Steve Edwards, Cllr Helen Froggatt, Cllr Paul Morgans, Cllr Vivienne Parnham, Cllr John Riley, Cllr Hilary Young

Kath Potter (PDNPA member) 1 member of the public

3346/16 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr Alyson Hill, Cllr Bill Storey, and Cllr Philippa Tilbrook (prior commitments)

3347/16 **Mayor's announcements**

The Mayor, Cllr Helen Froggatt, welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the business for the evening.

3348/16 **Declaration of Members Interests**

(a) **To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.**

None received.

(b) **To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.**

None received.

3349/16 **Items in Exclusion**

To determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded

It was not considered necessary to take any items in exclusion.

3350/16 **Public Speaking**

(a) A period of not more than 30 minutes will be made available for members of the public and members of the Council to comment on any matter (Representations are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person).

Cllr Hilary Young expressed concern that certain matters brought up in Public Speaking “get lost” and asked for updates on the Churchyard meeting, attachments to street furniture, and for a progress report regarding a meeting with Emergency Planning Officers about traffic management on Bank Holiday Mondays.

The Clerk was also asked to follow up concerns about the quality of finish of the repairs at North Church Street and blocked gullies.

Cllr Hilary Young understands a set of photographs have been taken from the scaffolding surrounding the church spire and asked if a copy could be obtained by the Town Council.

Cllr Steve Edwards reported that, as Deputy Mayor, he had attended the Decoy Carving Championships at the Agricultural Business Centre on 11th September 2016 to present trophies.

Kath Potter expressed her concerns that Backdale Quarry has received planning consent, and reminded members about the forthcoming Peak Park Parishes Day. Kath Potter then left the meeting.

Ros Stokes asked when repairs to Bakewell bridge are to be undertaken. The Clerk reported that from correspondence with DCC, Historic England did not consider the work to be an emergency repair as they deemed public safety is not being compromised and therefore required Historic Monument Consent to be obtained. Replacement stones have been ordered and the parapet will be rebuilt when the quarry has produced the stones.

A question was raised the number of permissible nights of caravan club rallies at the Bakewell Showground. The Clerk was asked to research the number control of such rallies with PDNPA.

Ros Stokes then left the meeting.

(b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County Councillor or District Councillor is in attendance they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

No items received.

3351/16 **To approve the minutes**

(a) Ordinary Meeting held Monday 18th July 2016

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Monday 18th July 2016 as a correct record.

(b) Planning Committee Monday 1st August 2016

Resolved: To amend minute 3329/16 paragraph five “ownership of the strip of land between the steps to the Church and Church Lane”, then to approve the amended minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Monday 1st August 2016 as a correct

record.

(c) Planning Committee Monday 5th September 2016

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held Monday 5th September 2016 as a correct record.

3352/16 **Reports**

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Steve Edwards reported that a meeting to review policies and to draft the Neighbourhood Plan to a common standard has been arranged for Thursday 6th October 2016.

Cllr Edwards reported on a meeting with Laura Sanderson of Manchester School of Architecture on the possible involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan of post graduate students as part of their studies.

Resolved: To note the report. Clerk to provide paper copies of early draft chapters of Neighbourhood Plan to members requesting them.

3353/16 **Clerk's Report**

To approve Clerks Report on action taken following the Ordinary Meeting held 18th July 2016

Resolved: To approve the Report.

3354/16 **Correspondence**

Resolved: To note receipt of the following items for information;

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 13 - 2016 - What does Vote Leave mean for Town & Parish Councils? -

Derbyshire Dales CVS Seminar on Automatic Enrolment for Employers - Chair Skills Training Course

Circular 14-2016 - Appointment of new CO for DALC, Change of Venue for Annual Executive Meeting & AGM - Chatsworth, Training & Events, NALC Smaller Councils Survey, Information Commissioner's Tool Kit

3355/16 **Planning**

To approve the Town Council's response to planning authority on the following planning application:

NP/DDD/0816/0837 Normanhurst Bed and Breakfast, Normanhurst, Ashford Road, Bakewell. Removal of condition 3 on NP/DDD/0308/0188. Applicant Mr John Hooper

Resolved: To raise no objection to the proposal.

3356/16 **Matters for decision**

(a) Use of Market Place for up to four Community Events a year; report on meeting with Head of Parks and Car Parks, DDDC.

Cllr Paul Morgans reported that following a meeting held Tuesday 6th September with Keith Postlethwaite a decision is awaited from DDDC.

Resolved: To note the report.

(b) Consultation on possible closure of Newholme Hospital to approve response

Resolved: To approve the response at Annex A to this minute.

(c) To approve a formal request to DCC for further pavement work in the town centre

DCC Project Engineer, Paul Beckett, advises that there have been problems in procurement relating to settling conditions of contract and the tender for the work is yet to go out. The work, which combines the 2015 and 2016 budget allocations, is now likely to take place in March/April 2017. A further bid for funds is to be made for 2017-18 to enable another tranche of work to be undertaken. This will, of course, be subject to DCC budget approval.

Resolved: To note the report and to request that the next tranche of work is recommended to be the area from Alba Hairdressers to “Go” sandwich shop to include bollarding outside Bath Gardens with emphasis on the importance of the visitor experience to the local economy.

(d) Grant Application To approve a grant of up to £250 for 2nd Bakewell Rainbows

Resolved: To approve a grant of £250.

(e) Work to Devonshire Chambers

(i). To approve design of replacement gates

Resolved: To approve the design of the replacement gates.

(ii). To approve formal support creation of path from Bridge Street to Bath Gardens

Resolved: To give ‘in principle’ support for the creation of the proposed path.

(f) Public Celebration of Christmas; to approve provision of Christmas Trees for businesses and arrangements for the “Big Switch On” of the Public Christmas Tree

Resolved: To approve the following timetable for the provision of Christmas Trees for businesses

Wednesday 21st September 2016 onwards:
Print Christmas tree letters and distribute to businesses

Friday 14th October 2016
Closing date for orders

Friday 21st October 2016
Order Christmas Trees (in order to accommodate any late orders)

7th November 2016 (4th-9th acceptable)
Delivery of Christmas Trees (subject to agreement with supplier)

Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November 2016
Trees to be installed (the target is for installation to be complete a week before switch on).

Saturday 26th November – Sunday 27th November 2016
Christmas Event Weekend. Switch on of the Public Christmas Tree

Wednesday 6th January 2017
Trees to be removed and shredded

Resolved: Billingley Christmas Trees Ltd to supply trees (price £9.50/tree – as 2015)

Our installation contractor advises a small number of customers (including Town Hall) require external electrical boxes to enable the connection of the lights.

Resolved: Clerk to a separate issue letter to those concerned with the Christmas tree letter. Dependent on interest it may be possible to collate these orders and engage an electrician to undertake the installation as a single job.

Resolved: Clerk to seek the advice of a professional risk assessor for the switch on of the public tree Clerk to obtain a road closure from DDDC for the relevant period at a cost of £20.

(g) To note receipt of completed Annual Return from external audit

The Clerk reported receipt of the completed Annual Return with no matters reported. However, an item which does not affect their opinion has been drawn to the attention of the Town Council and is reproduced here in the interest of transparency:

“Annual Internal Auditor’s Report

The internal Auditor’s report sent to the external auditors was not factually correct. The Internal Auditor answered “No” to objective K. The Council has confirmed that it does not act as a sole trustee so the correct response is “Not applicable”.

The council should ensure that the internal auditor’s report is reviewed before sending the document to the external auditors. The Council should minute this process. If there are any errors in the report it should either be clarified or the Council should provide an explanation for the error.”

The Clerk advised that the Council’s Internal Auditor has been informed. As required by the audit regulations, the External Auditors certificate, including the above comments has been published on the Town Council’s website.

Resolved: To note receipt of the completed Annual Return and the action taken.

(h) The Pensions Act 2008, to note action taken to meet statutory duty

The Clerk advised that in compliance with the Act, and to meet its “staging date” an employee pension has been set up with matched contributions at a level provided for within the contract of employment.

Resolved: To note the action taken.

(i) Control of A Boards/street signage – to receive update and consider the way ahead

Resolved: Temporary barriers erected at The Wheatsheaf are to be discussed with PDNPA Enforcement officer Julian Hawley at a meeting about street clutter and A boards to be held on Thursday 29th September 2016

(j) To approve response to DCC pilot survey on residents travel plans
Resolved: Clerk to request Cllr Bill Storey assists in the completion and submission of the survey.

(k) "Elephant Wi-Fi"; town centre Wi-Fi and footfall monitoring – to consider offer
Resolved: To note the opportunity.

(l) Cleaning of traffic signs – to establish a budget for cleaning and maintenance
The Clerk advised that following requests to DDDC and DCC it is apparent no central budgets exist for the cleaning and maintenance of traffic signage or street signs. It is understood that if the owner is notified of specific signs in need of attention then these will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

It was proposed that a budget be established by the Town Council for work to be undertaken independently. Concerns were raised at the implications of work being undertaken on non-BTC owned assets in the absence of consent of the owner. No resolution was moved on the matter.
Resolved: To move to the next business item.

(m) Notification of Planning Appeal Hearing
Application: NP/DDD/0415/0339
Appeal reference APP/M9649/W/16/3144163 Date of Hearing: Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th October 2016
Demolition of former mill buildings, associated structures and other buildings and dull planning permission for Class C1 (Hotel) development incorporating ground floor floorspace with flexibility to be used for class A3 and D2 uses, improvements to existing site access, parking, landscaping and other associated works at Riverside Business Park, Buxton Road, Bakewell.
To approve attendance and the making of an oral representation (deferred from minute 3332/16).

Resolved: Cllr Vivienne Parnham and Cllr Steve Edwards to attend Tuesday, Cllr Bill Storey to attend on Wednesday. Clerk to copy Town Council's minuted position to attendees.

3357/16 **Finance**

(a) Statement of account

Resolved: To note that per statement sheet 316 dated 30th August 2016 the Town Council's Business Instant Access Reserve Account stood at £92,007.59

Subsequently, on 5th September 2016 a repayment of VAT in the sum of £3109.91 for the year ending 31st March 2016 has been received from HMRC.

Resolved: To approve the following payments;

Cheque	Date	Payee	Amount	VAT	Total
4083	18/07/16	Peak Support	£250	£50	£300
4084	18/07/16	Premier 1 Hanging Baskets	£2234	£464.80	2788.80

4085	18/07/16	Spoiled			
4086	18/07/16	Butler Cook Internal Audit	£1821.00	£364.50	£2185.20
4087	18/07/16	One Stop Promotions	£402.42	£80.84	£482.90
4088	18/07/16	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	£51	£10.20	£61.20
4089	18/07/16	DALC Subscription	£729.19		£729.19
4090	18/07/16	R P Lownds	£223.34		£223.34
4091	01/08/16	PPPF Subscription	£24		£24
4092	01/08/16	HMRC July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
4093	01/08/16	Clerk July		<i>Not for publication</i>	
4094	01/09/16	BT&CT Quarterly Payment	£4500		£4500
4095	01/09/16	HA Briddon	£350	£70	£420
4096	01/09/16	J&J Learmonth	£634	£126.80	£760.80
4097	01/09/16	Premier 1 Watering June/July	£1500	£300	£1800
4098	01/09/16	Peak Support	£96	£19.20	£115.20
4099	01/09/16	R P Lownds	£111.67		£111.67
4100	01/09/16	Cllr Paul Morgans (Neighbourhood Plan)	£15.98		£15.98
4101	01/09/16	Petty Cash Recharge	£83.11		£83.11
4102	07/09/16	Design Print Banner Discount Displays NEST Pension repayment	£452.43		£452.43
4103	07/09/16	HMRC August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
4104	07/09/16	Clerk August		<i>Not for publication</i>	
4105	07/09/16	Butler Cook	£115	£23	£138

(b) To consider Risk Assessment and Insurance issues for decisions made above

All decisions taken in good faith. No new Risk Assessment or insurance items received.

3358/16 Time, date and place of next meetings

The next meetings of the Town Council will be as follows:

- Planning Committee 7.00pm Monday 3rd October 2016 in the Council Chamber
The agenda closes midday Thursday 22nd September 2016.
- Full Council 7.00pm Monday 17th October 2016 in the Council Chamber
The agenda closes midday Thursday 6th October 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

Better Care Closer to Home – Have your say

It is the view of Bakewell Town Council that the proposed closure of the Newholme Hospital would be detrimental to the well-being and care for patients in the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, which is a widespread rural community.

Proposal to expand community based care teams

This highly mobile proposal would be very costly and be under funded to provide sufficient trained staff to facilitate it being an effective alternative to hospital based services. There is extreme concern that patients would receive only a short time slot, given the large travel distances to visit patients, this would eat into the working day disproportionately.

Proposal to provide beds with care in residential and nursing homes

There are very limited places available for such a venture, locally the care homes have not been consulted and there would be no guarantee of a place when needed locally.

Care and nursing homes are no substitute as a short hospital recovery alternative. Care and nursing homes cannot provide the level of medical expertise as a hospital.

Proposal to close Dementia Day Care Units

Newholme – this facility is very accessible to the residents of Derbyshire Dales and the High Peak whether a patient, carer or family member. Closure would create excessive travel if such day units were to be in an area outside the above Districts. Provision of this in a patients home cannot be a realistic option or viable from a staffing point of view. If the day units remained, but at other local sites, they may well function effectively but would in turn reduce the overall viability of having a hospital such as Newholme in place. All services provided together create a bigger care picture which the community benefit from. Overall this proposal would not be of benefit to patient care.

Proposal to introduce Dementia Rapid Response Teams

To introduce such teams in isolation could only improve patient care and outcomes if they were to supplement existing care, not instead of existing care provision.

There would be too few staff to cope with the very rural Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, who would have to travel excessive distances taking up valuable patient care time and with potentially life changing or fatal consequences in the most urgent cases. Winter travel would be expected to exasperate the situation further.

This proposal as an alternative to hospital admission would be detrimental to patient care.

Proposal to create community hubs

This is believed to be an idealistic approach without a sound practical outcome. Whilst it would give a bulk of staff in number terms operating together out of one location, saving base costs, it would again incur travel from the hubs to patients incurring less patient care time. Potentially incorrectly qualified staff could be despatched to fulfil attendance target figures. This is no substitute for hospital based care.

Proposal to close community hospital beds

This proposal can in no terms be in any patient's best interest as it would be substituted with a vastly inferior service of home visits for a few minutes followed by hours of no care and monitoring. The use of care and nursing homes is not a viable alternative to community hospital care, other than to reduce costs at the expense of patient care and management.

Again there is a special case for retaining a community hospital for residents of such a rural area who need to be admitted.

Proposal to provide specialist rehabilitation hospital beds

Cavendish Hospital - this would go some way to facilitate local need in this rural area but in addition beds at the Newholme Hospital for the same purpose should be in place .

Chesterfield Hospital – this would save money centralising facilities but remove the local connection for ill people and their families. It would again remove another service of the Newholme Hospital, which offers many services overall in a bigger picture for a wide rural community. The risk of infection in hospital is believed to be higher in a larger facility such as Chesterfield Hospital. Overall a poorer service provision for patient outcome in this proposal.

Proposal to close 10 older persons mental health community hospital beds at Newholme Hospital

This proposal is a totally cost led initiative with a far less beneficial outcome for patients in this very rural area. It cannot be possible for rapid responders to physically see patients in sufficient numbers compared to staff managing a ward. Such ward based staff are constantly present, can call for urgent back up if needed and get to know the needs of each patient. This proposal is totally at the expense of proper patient care.

Proposal to create Centre of Excellence at Walton Hospital (Chesterfield)

The creation of a centre of excellence at Walton in theory is a good idea for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire patients. This proposal again does not benefit the High Peak or Derbyshire Dales patients, taking them an unnecessary distance with considerable travel complications. It is believed that a second centre of excellence should be created to cover the very rural Derbyshire Dales and High Peak utilising the Newholme Hospital site which in addition to all other services provided there would make it more viable as a whole.

Proposal to close Newholme Hospital

This proposal to replace all in patient and out-patient services with reduced care in the community, or excessive travel for ill or vulnerable patients to alternative areas, is a purely cost reduction led initiative. This, it is believed, will lead to a vastly reduced inferior health provision for the very rural Derbyshire Dales and High Peak. There will be greater risk and hardship for the most vulnerable if the proposals go ahead. Given the increase in aging population in this area, it is believed firmly that investment in the Newholme Hospital should take place not closure.

It is a very loaded consultation process with an option only to comment on one sided proposals which give no "either / or " choice and no description of what will happen if the proposals are rejected in part or in total.