

# Bakewell Town Council

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## Meeting of the Town Council to be held remotely on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 6.30pm

### Minutes

Non-Confidential items

#### 4738/20 Present

Cllr John Boyle, Cllr Steve Edwards, Cllr Paul Miller, Cllr Paul Morgans, Cllr Bill Storey, Cllr Hilary Young, 1 member of the public

#### 4739/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence

**Resolved:** To accept apologies from Cllr Alyson Hill (District Council meeting) Cllr John Riley (internet connection issues)

#### 4740/20 Variation of order of business

**Resolved:** On grounds of expediency to take Matters for Decision "Speeding – Baslow Road" in Public Speaking.

#### 4741/20 Mayor's announcements

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Morgans reported that, as Mayor, he undertook the official reopening of The Rutland Hotel, laid a wreath at the war memorial to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day, and has attended the DALC Chair's Meeting.

#### 4742/20 Declaration of Members Interests

**Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member her/his partner, extended family and close friends. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.**

None received.

4743/20 **Items in Exclusion**

**To consider whether any items should be discussed in exclusion of the public and press.**

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

4744/20 **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**

Bernard Friar raised the issue of speeding on Baslow Road. Community Speedwatch had revealed:

| Date                               | Number of speeding vehicles identified |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2020  | 37                                     |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2020  | 36                                     |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 | 7 (in 20 minutes)                      |

A combination of the character of the road and the issue of speed is causing a dangerous situation.

Because there is no pavement going past Castle Hill residents of Castle Mount Crescent, Castle Drive, Aldern Way and much of Baslow Road have to cross the A619 when walking in to town. The usual crossing point is approximately 100m past a blind crest and a bend coming out of town.

Coming in to town the 30mph zone has a long downhill section and it is easy for even the most conscientious of drivers to allow the speed to creep up.

Going out of Bakewell towards Baslow the fields, open space and woods surrounding Aldern House gives a rural feel and many people may believe that they have left the 30mph zone as soon as they leave Bakewell Bridge.

A further feature of the road is that the lampposts are differently spaced and do not give a visual cue that it is a 30mph zone.

The situation is difficult to manage because the urban section of the A619 doesn't meet the official standards for a pedestrian crossing to be put in place, with both the vehicle and pedestrian numbers being considered too low.

It is understood that it may be possible to apply for a "Departure from Standards" when the situation and the circumstances are atypical. If this flexibility exists in law then the Town Council should pursue it and take advantage of it.

It is suggested that the Town Council is proactive and applies its pressure as an official body to the key decision makers, and a meeting held which should either achieve the desired outcome of improving safety on the road or minute publicly any organisation that felt this was not an issue worth pursuing.

Options including a pedestrian crossing, repeater or other signage, enforcement cameras, "dragon teeth" road markings, staged transition zones and gateway structures were discussed. Whatever the mechanism, it was felt that an imaginative scheme would have the greatest impact on driver habits.

Further to minute 4740/20 Matters for Decision "Speeding Baslow Road" was taken next.  
**Resolved:** The Clerk is to ascertain from DCC the extent of work on the current safety scheme and request the latest road monitoring data (volume of traffic, speed and times), and report this to Council.

**Resolved:** Subsequently to call a meeting to discuss the issue including the Project Engineer and Road Safety Representative from DCC, Town Councillors and Bernard Friar.

Cllr Steve Edwards reported that arrangements have been made for the stimming of Sheepwash, Castle Hill, the entrance to Catcliffe Woods from The Butts and Scot's Garden. This will be completed by 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr Bill Storey reported that the Royal British Legion had instructed branches not to instigate road closures for Remembrance Parades under any circumstances, following an incident and to request local authorities to organise them. The Chair of the Bakewell Branch is in talks with other chairmen across the Derbyshire Dales and is to approach the District Council. If that fails a request may be made to the Town Council. If local authorities do not take this up parades will cease.

The Clerk was asked to report damage to railings near Millets, Matlock Street and Outside the Old Post Office, The Square.

Cllr Paul Morgans reported that further to minute 4660/20 he had spoken to the Bakewell Show Office regarding the Giant Observation Wheel and understood this was something of interest to them if it could be done in partnership with the Town Council.

Cllr Paul Morgans will clarify with the Show Office the rationale behind their request and any liabilities or insurance implications this might mean for the Council.

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

None present.

4745/20 **Planning Applications**

**To approve response on the following applications;**

**4723/20 NP/DDD/0620/0541 Brookfield, Brookfield Lane, Bakewell. Proposed two storey extension comprising of ground floor lounge extension with first floor dressing room. Applicant: Mr D Taylor.**

**Resolved:** To raise no objection to the proposal

**4724/20 NP/DDD/0720/0659 2 Chapel Row, Bakewell. Double and single storey rear extension. Applicant L Noton.**

**Resolved:** To raise no objection in principle to this application at this Victorian terrace within the Bakewell Conservation Area, conditional to full compliance with any recommendations made by the Planning Authority Conservation Officer. This is to negate any negative impact on the Conservation Area.

**4725/20 NP/DDD/0720/0689 The Bakewell Show Office, Agricultural Way,**

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**Bakewell. Retrospective application for extension to existing car park.  
Applicant Mr P Hunt.**

**Resolved:** Bakewell Town Council cannot support this application as work has been carried out and completed prior to planning consent being given. This action totally undermines planning protection opportunities especially at a location so close to the a River Wye.

In addition our decision is based on three further points.

1. The substantial objection by the Environment Agency relating to no permit being issued at this location for such works.
2. There being no environmental report submitted regarding potential species habitats close to or on the site prior to works commencing.
3. Offsetting flood plain protection potential for the town by the works that have been carried out.

4746/20 **Matters for decision**

**(a) Casual Vacancy; to approve co-option procedure**

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

**(b) Speeding – Baslow Road**

See minute 4744/20 above.

**(c) Annual Governance and Accountability Review for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**(i). To receive Internal Auditors Report**

**Resolved:** That the Internal Auditors Report be received.

**(ii). To set the dates for the exercise of public rights**

**Resolved:** To set Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October as the dates for the exercise of public rights

**(iii). To approve the Annual Governance Statement**

**Resolved:** To approve the Annual Accounting Statements.

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**Resolved:** To approve the Annual Accounting Statements.

4747/20 **Risk Assessment**

**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.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

## Bakewell Town Council Co-option Procedure

Adopted at minute 4646/20(a)

To be reviewed annually at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council

Reference: NALC Legal Briefing L15-08 Co-option

1. Where a vacancy exists the Clerk will notify DDDC immediately and request a copy of the current procedure for advertising co-option.
2. Co-option will be advertised in accordance with the procedure received from DDDC.
3. Candidates are to certify in writing that they:
  - (a) Meet the criteria for eligibility set out in s.79 of the Local Government Act 1972
  - (b) are not disqualified, pursuant to s.80 of the Local Government Act 1972
4. Co-option will take the form of a short interview. Candidates will be provided a copy of this procedure when invited to the meeting.
5. An extraordinary meeting will be convened for the purpose of co-option (this may be immediately prior to an Ordinary meeting). In accordance with guidance in NALC Legal Briefing L15-08, other than in exceptional circumstances, the public will not be excluded.

### At the meeting

The Mayor (or chairman of the meeting) will explain to candidates that they will be seen individually, in alphabetic order by surname, and that the interview will take the form of a short question and answer session which will last approximately 5 minutes. Candidates will have the opportunity to ask the council any questions they wish.

Chair to invite first candidate to remain others are asked to leave, or in the case of remote meetings placed in the "waiting room".

Questions to all candidates

- (a) Are you willing to sign a declaration to abide by the code of conduct expected of members and to register relevant interests?
- (b) What experience do you have of meetings and committees?
- (c) What experience do you have of the working of local government?
- (d) Are you involved in any groups or organisations in Bakewell? If so describe your role and experience.
- (e) How do you see your role as a Town Councillor?

- (f) Are you willing to attend occasional training courses or meetings outside those of the Town Council? These are generally, but not always, in the evening. Training may be delivered remotely.
- (g) How would you like to see the town develop?
- (h) High profile issues can bring certain pressures. How well do you feel you react under pressure?

The candidate should then be asked if he or she has any questions for the Town Council

Candidate leaves. Next candidate invited to come in.

After final candidate has been interviewed the public will be asked to leave the meeting room (or in the case of remote meetings be transferred to the “waiting room”) to allow discussion of candidates to take place.

The public and candidates will then be invited back into the meeting room and a vote, by show of hands, will take place.

The appointment of a co-optee must be by an absolute majority. (i.e. he or she receive a greater number of votes than the aggregate of the votes for other candidates).

Members will be invited to vote for one candidate for each vacancy, one seat at a time.

Votes will be counted and if the candidate with the most votes does not have an absolute majority a second vote will be taken after eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes, this will continue until an absolute majority is reached. The Mayor or chairman has casting vote if two candidates are tied on votes.

Successful candidate(s) will be invited to join the Council

Successful candidates will be asked to complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and be given a Registration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form.