

ANNUAL MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL ON 17TH MAY 2016 AT 7.00PM

Present:

Councillors M Bennett, P Bennett, G Dolman, J Gdula, P Hunt, M Kerry, K Moss, C O'Brien, J Walker, S Walker and K Wood.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. To elect a Town Mayor

Resolved

That Councillor Mary Kerry is elected as Town Mayor for 2016/2017

Councillors Pat Bennett and John Walker were presented with gifts in recognition of their 25 years of service to the Town Council.

2. To receive the Town Mayor`s declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Mary Kerry accepted the position of Town Mayor.

3. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and **ACCEPTED** from Councillors S Marshall-Clarke(child care), A Richardson (illness), J Smith(work commitment) and P Woodhouse (holiday)

4. To receive any declarations of interest from Members

Councillor S Walker declared a personal interest (Governance Matters) in agenda items
27a) To receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2016, the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Return and to complete in that order.
27b) To receive the Internal Audit completed by the Lead Member for Finance & Personnel and to adopt the new format for 2016 onwards
27c) To receive a report from the Internal Auditor on the financial year 2015/2016.
27d) To consider renewal of DALC Subscription
but would remain in the meeting

5. To consider any variation in order of business

Members RESOLVED:

Agenda item 19 To hear from a representative from Derbyshire Police should one be available will be heard early in the agenda.

6. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED

Items to be heard in exclusion

27e To receive details of compensation order awarded to the Council

27f To receive a report on introduction of charges with Unity Trust Bank

27g Officer`s Report – Staffing Matters

7. To elect a Deputy Town Mayor

Members considered the nominations

RESOLVED

To elect Councillor John Walker as Deputy Town Mayor

8. To elect a Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED

To elect Councillor Scott Walker as Leader of the Council

9. To elect a Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED

To elect Councillor Gail Dolman as Deputy Leader of the Council

10. Public Participation.

There was none

11. To appoint Lead Members to the Executive Committee for the following

RESOLVED

Properties – Councillor Marlene Bennett

Environment, Sport and Recreation. – Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke

Finance and Personnel – Councillor Gail Dolman

Christmas Lights – Councillor John Walker

Village Green – Working Party: Councillors Gail Dolman, Peter Hunt, Steve Marshall-Clarke, John Walker and Scott Walker.

Health and Safety – Councillor Gail Dolman

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader will be ex-officio voting Members of the Executive Committee.

12. To appoint Lead Members with delegated powers for

The 2016 Christmas Event

Communications Committee

RESOLVED

Councillor Gail Dolman is appointed Lead Member for the 2016 Christmas Event.

Councillors Peter Hunt, Scott Walker and Josh Smith are appointed to the Communications Committee.

13. To appoint a Chair of the Planning Committee who will be an ex-officio voting member of the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED

Councillor Pat Bennett is appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee.

14. To appoint Five Members to serve on the Planning Committee

RESOLVED Councillors Steve Marshall-Clarke, Kat Moss, Cheryl O`Brian, Josh Smith and Phil Woodhouse are appointed to serve on the Planning Committee.

15. To appoint Support Members to the following portfolios

RESOLVED

Properties – Councillor Josh Smith

Environment, Sport and Recreation – Councillor Peter Hunt

Finance and Personnel – Councillor Keith Wood

Planning – Councillor Scott Walker

Christmas Lights – Councillor Josh Smith

16. To approve a programme of Ordinary Meetings of the Council and Executive Committee for the year (Draft calendar enclosed).

RESOLVED

To approve the calendar of Ordinary Meetings of the Council and Executive Committee for the Year 2016/2017.

17. To receive nominations of Councillors and make appointments to serve on the following Outside Bodies

Members considered the nominations and **RESOLVED**

- i. ACTS – Councillor Marlene Bennett
- ii. Alfreton Business Club– Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke
- iii. Alfreton Community Forum – Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke
- iv. Alfreton & District Heritage Trust – Councillor Josh Smith and Scott Walker
- v. Amber Valley Access – Councillor Pat Bennett
- vi. Alfreton Air Cadets – Councillor Cheryl O'Brien
- vii. Pubwatch – Councillor Alan Richardson
- viii. Police Liaison – Councillor Pat Bennett and Steve Marshall-Clarke
- ix. Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre – Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke
- x. Alfreton Community Association – Councillor Scott Walker
- xi. Pentrich Revolution Group – Councillor Keith Wood
- xii. Fun Run- Councillors Gail Dolman, Peter Hunt, Cheryl O'Brien, Phil Woodhouse, Kat Moss and Steve Marshall-Clarke.
- xiii. Fracking Committee- Councillors John Walker, Scott Walker and Keith Wood

18. To set a date for the Tour of the Town

RESOLVED

That the Tour of the Town will take place on Saturday 2nd July 2016 from Alfreton House
All Councillors to confirm if they can attend and a mini bus is to be booked.

19. To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available.

Section Inspector P Howitt, Sergeant N Milner, PC M Scott and PCSO M Roger attended the meeting.

A commitment was made by the Police to attend Council meetings.

Inspector Howitt requested that a copy of the agenda for the meetings is sent to the Police a week prior to the meeting so they can make arrangements for a representative to attend.

Items raised were

- a) Parking issues raised at the Parish Meeting. Members **RESOLVED** to make parking issues the main focus of the Council Meeting on 14th June 2016 with the Police, Derbyshire County Council Highways, Bus Operators, Fire Service and Ambulance Service together with a representative from Amber Valley Borough Council.
- b) Parking near Railway Station – cars parking on nearby streets instead of using the station car park.
- c) Concerns from residents regarding 24 hour motorcycle nuisance on North Street and Bentley Close

20. To read and consider the Minutes of the last meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 12th April 2016, a copy has been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.

Members **APPROVED** the minutes

Agenda Item 3 Public Participation Footpaths 70 and 71

The footpaths are on the Definitive Map but are blocked. Members **RESOLVED** to contact Derbyshire County Council to get the footpaths opened .

Agenda Item 10B Alfreton Fun Run Working Group

The Town Clerk is aware that a meeting is to be arranged for this with Party in the Park and Ripley Running Club.

Agenda Item 11(l) To consider a response to street naming consultation.
Members heard that the Town Council's suggestion of Mansfield Terrace for the development had been agreed to.

Agenda Item 11 (m) Futures Homescape
Members heard that Futures Homescape have withdrawn the insurance proposal and that the Head of Housing Services for Futures Landscape will attend the meeting of the Town Council in July.

21. After consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes by the person presiding as a correct record.

RESOLVED

The minutes are confirmed as a correct record

22. To consider an update report from the Town Clerk on progress on the actions arising from the above minutes.

For information only.

23. To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting.

There was none

24. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees.

Regeneration of King Street 19th April 2016.

The minutes were recorded as a correct record and approved.

25. To consider resolutions, if any, from the Parish Meeting held prior to this meeting.

- a) **To request that car parking charges are suspended on Rodgers Lane Car Parks to encourage shoppers to the East end of High Street and reverse the trend of shops closing in that part of Town.**

That the east end of High Street has a number of empty shops and it seems that this end of the Town is missing out and suggested that the Borough Council be approached to trial for 12 months, free parking for 3 hours in the two car parks East and West on Rodgers Lane.
Members **RESOLVED** to approach Amber Valley Borough Council with this proposal.

- b) **Highways Issues- Salcombe Road- Meadow Lane area.**

The meeting discussed

- Problems with parking in the Salcombe Road Tavistock Square, Meadow Lane area where cars are overspilling from nearby factories and parking badly or inconsiderately and are blocking access for local residents and making it difficult for the Estate Bus to negotiate its route. Something needs to be done about the parking to stop residents of Tavistock Square being isolated. The estates were not built for the amount of traffic which is being generated.
- People with pushchairs and wheelchairs are also having difficulty negotiating past the parked vehicles.
- It was noted that the Police should have some responsibility for the obstructions however motorists parking inconsiderately is a civil matter the Police only have powers for obstructive parking.

- Parking on the bend from the Railway Station and on nearby streets instead of the Railway Station Car Park

Members **RESOLVED** that the next Full Council meeting would be mainly on the issue of parking and to invite Derbyshire County Council –Highways, Civic Enforcement, the Police, Bus Companies and East Midlands Trains to that meeting to discuss the issues raised.

c) To receive a letter from a local resident who was unable to attend the meeting on Proposed Car Park, Rear of High Street.

The meeting received the letter and discussed the contents and the state of the land.

Members **RESOLVED** to write to Amber Valley Borough Council asking them to use their powers to bring the land up to a reasonable standard.

26. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies.

Amber Valley Access

Councillor Pat Bennett gave a report on the Access meeting which raised concerns about the height of counters at Ripley Hospital and the proposed siting of the new entrance to Lidl at Ripley.

27. To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified

a) To receive and approve the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2016, the Annual Governance Statement. the Annual Return and to complete in that order.

Members **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 2016 and completed the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Return.

RESOLVED

- That the Town Mayor as Chair of the meeting signs the completed Annual Governance Statement for 2015/2016
- That the Town Mayor as Chair of the Meeting is authorised to sign the completed Annual Return (Accounting Statements) for 2015/2016.

b) To receive the Internal Audit completed by the Lead Member for Finance and Personnel and to adopt the new format for 2016 onwards.

Members **RESOLVED** to

- Approve the Internal Audit for 2015/2016
- Adopt the new format for Internal Audit from 2016 onwards

c) To receive a report from the Internal Auditor on the financial year 2015/2016.

Members **ACCEPTED** and **NOTED** the report

d) To renewal of the DALC Subscription

Members considered the report and **RESOLVED** to renew the subscription at a cost of £859.05.

**e) To receive details of compensation awarded to the Council
Item taken in exclusion.**

**f) To receive a report on introduction of charges with Unity Trust Bank
Item taken in exclusion**

**g) Officer`s Report – Staffing Resources
Item taken in exclusion**

28 To authorise the signing of orders for payment.

RESOLVED

- i. The accounts shown in the minutes were received and Payments for April were approved for £25092.50
- ii. That regular payments throughout the year are required to:

BUDGET	REASON/PAYEE
Personnel	Staff salaries HMRC – Tax and NI DCC – Pensions GMB – Union fees Rockfall Ltd – PPE Equipment
Environment	Shelter Maintenance – cleaning EON – unmetered supply JRB enterprises – dog bags Belmont Mower – repairs Growell – fertilisers and compost Bedding plants
Properties and Utilities	British Gas – gas and electric Severn Trent – water AVBC – Rates Zedal and Achem – Housekeeping Amicus Pest Control D Basta – Windows Keepsafe Security – alarm and keyholding O Heap – Extinguisher servicing Gee Security – CCTV repairs and servicing Veolia – confidential shredding
Admin	Sterling Business Group- photocopier TALKtalk- Broadband British Telecom – telephone Viking and Key – stationery AVBC – Trade Waste Inspire Web Design – web hosting B Woodcock – Audit
Allotments	Vernon Maltby - Skip Hire Forest Farm Tree Servicing- Hedge Cutting Crabtree
Membership	NALC –(National Association of Local Councils) Allotment Society DALC-(Derbyshire Association of Local Councils) AA Open Spaces Society SLCC – (Society of Local Council Clerks) A.C.T.S. Amber Valley Access Group
Motor Vehicle	MOT and repairs Service and repairs

29. To consider Planning Applications

Members NOTED the Planning Applications

30. To consider topics for Communication

Audit

Parking

Mayor`s Appointment

31.EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the business set out in the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs indicated and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:-

a) Item 27e also refers

To receive details of compensation order awarded to the Council

Members **NOTED** the details.

b) Item 27f also refers

To receive a report on introduction of charges with Unity Trust Bank

Members **NOTED** the report and **RESOLVED** to look at alternative banking arrangements which does not involve bank charges.

c) Item 27g also refers

Officer`s Report – Staffing Resources

Members received the report and **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the recommendations.