

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ROOM 1 OF ALFRETON HOUSE ON TUESDAY  
12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7:00PM**

Present:

Councillors M Bennett, G Dolman, P Hunt, M Kerry, S Marshall-Clarke, C O'Brien, J Smith, J Walker, S Walker, K Wood

1. To receive apologies for absence

Councillor P Bennett, J Gdula, K Moss, P Woodhouse

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

Councillor G Dolman	Item 11c & 11k
Councillor M Bennett	Item 11a, 11b, 11c & 11k
Councillor C O'Brien	Item 11a
Councillor J Smith	Item 11a
Councillor J Walker	Item 11c, 11k & 11l

3. Public Participation

John Rayson

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

There were none

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

PC M Scott & Sgt N Milner attended the meeting to discuss the following:

Speeding; Prospect Street and Mansfield Road- the police had attended.

Parking Firs Avenue – police had contacted the headteacher regarding parking.

Meadow Lane Car Park Charges – police had spoken to a local company who will stop parking the trailers, and has also erected signs.

Parking Grange Street – trying to work with the schools to resolve the problem.

Nottingham Road One Stop Parking – Police cannot enforce double yellow line parking.

Parking Gee Jays – DCC are looking to put a Traffic Restriction Order on the whole of Mansfield Road. It was also reported that there were problems near the Kitchen Shop.

The Police reported that they would put out an advisory newsletter on the cars in that area and would log the registration numbers.

Shakespeare Drive – an email has gone to Leys Junior School asking to include this in the next newsletter.

Members thanked the police for what they are putting out on social media.

Concerns were raised with badge users who are parking outside Gee Jays causing problems for their customers. There are unscrupulous builders working in the area, and a resident has given £700 for work not completed correctly. The police would look into this.

**Item 11j 'To consider the following grant applications: Amber Community First Responders presentation would be taken at this point in the agenda.**

Councillor Valerie Thorpe's apologies were received.

A very concise presentation was given on the work and activities of the First Responders. Since 2014 over 1500 incidences and more than 6000 hours have been worked. The group started with nothing and applied for loans and grants, and has now grown from 8 to 20 responders recently, each responder really needs their own kit. Volunteers come from all backgrounds and give CPR through to First Aid.

The Responders were thanked for their presentation and attending the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That a grant is awarded for £1500

**Item 11a 'To hear an update from Futures Housing Group on the Recharges Policy offered to tenants (Paul Whittingham, Head of Housing Services & Luke Standing, Project Worker)**

The Town Council had received comments from constituents regarding the flyers handed out in relation to the 'recharges policy'

Paul Whittingham explained that there had been no change to the policy, as tenants have always been responsible for damage cause, but Futures have not always collected the income. They are now working to tenancy agreement and enforcing them, it is tenants responsibility to have insurance, if they are not insured then they have to pay for any damage or mess caused. The flyers have now been withdrawn due to the confusion. PW had been contacted by telephone direct over some queries.

Paul Whittingham also informed the Council that there were to be changes from housing benefits to universal credits in the near future, and he offered to come and discuss this with the Council.

Query raised regarding OAP properties do not always have OAPs' as tenants. PW informed the Council that around 80% of over 60's in AVBC are owner/occupiers, but he would email the exact figures to the Clerk.

Members thanked both Paul Whittingham and Luke Standing for attending the meeting.

**Item 11l Mansfield Road Roundabout was taken at this point.**

**Councillor J Walker left the meeting.**

John Rayson spoke about the design, it is quite a big change, plans for a painted island. A Safety Audit completed on Friday confirms the design will work.

John Rayson thinks that the self set trees on the railway bridge will obscure the view, signs need to be installed on Carnfield Hill, DCC want to start work very soon.

Carnfield Hill approach is obscured by vegetation which is the responsibility of the landowners.

No formal consultation at this stage, the Town Council will view when a final plan is out for comment.

**Councillor J Walker returned to the meeting.**

**John Rayson also spoke about the Village Green** – Contractors are proposing to start work in the autumn, they are also putting a maintenance schedule in place. They are looking at putting a gate at the Birchwood Road end and gifting a small plot at the end house to extend the house.

This was in line with the Town Council's understanding.

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6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on:

a. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were amended at Item 5, then recorded as a correct record

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7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Full Council Meeting Minutes of:

a. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016

by the person presiding as a correct record.

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were approved and signed

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

There was none

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9. **To consider an update report from the Town Clerk on progress on the actions arising from the above minutes (Monitoring Report).**

The Assistant Town Clerk informed the meeting that there would be a footpath diversion order coming in in relation to outseats Farm and the Town Council would be formally notified once received.

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10. **To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees.**

a. Fun Run 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

The minutes were recorded as a correct record and **approved**.

Councillor Hunt gave thanks for the hard work that Councillor Dolman has undertaken.

b. Village Green 21 June 2016.

The minutes were recorded as a correct record and **approved**.

Councillor S Walker would keep Members up to date with progress.

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

- a. **To receive a request from Royal British Legion: Commemorating the Battle of the Somme**

Councillor Bennett gave information that the British Legion want a small service to lay a wreath.

**RESOLVED:**

That a meeting be held between the Lead member, Support Member and the British Legion.

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**Councillor J Walker left the meeting**

- b. **To consider a relocation of Polling Station in Alfreton**

There significant concern regarding the siting of the polling station, electors had to pass a station to get to their own station, there should be a third officer to 'police' this during school hours, and a suitable sized portacabin should be used.

**RESOLVED:**

To write to the Deputy Returning Officer about the situation, copies to Leaders of both parties.

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**Councillor J Walker returned to the meeting.**

- c. **To receive an update of rental costs for existing and vacant offices at Alfreton House and other rented properties.**  
This item is still under discussion.
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- d. **To receive an update on the 2016/2018 Pay Award**  
The Assistant Town Clerk's appraisal has been undertaken.  
**RESOLVED:**  
To award a six month increment following a successful appraisal, and to adopt the Pay Award.
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- e. **To receive correspondence from Unity Trust Bank on the withdrawal of the Alto top up card facility.**  
In the past this could not be sourced on line, but if a new card is purchased this will result in reduction of bank charges.  
**RESOLVED:**  
To purchase a new card.
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- f. **To review Legionella requirements at Alfreton House.**  
Some work is required to comply with legislation.  
**RESOLVED:**  
To seek quotations for the work from Legionella Accredited plumbers, quotes to be brought back to a further meeting.
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- g. **To consider a request for additional funding of Christmas Lights in the Market Hall.**  
Members considered the request  
**RESOLVED:**  
Not to award extra funding.
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- h. **To consider a response to the Amber Valley Borough Council proposal to close town centre offices.**  
**RESOLVED:**  
To write to AVBC with concerns, AVBC should consider part time opening during the busiest times.
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- i. **To consider the purchase of a desktop computer and router for the Office.**  
**RESOLVED:**  
To purchase both items.
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12. To authorise the signing of orders for payment.  
The accounts shown in the minutes were received and Payments for June were approved for £19079.37
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13. To consider Planning Applications  
No objections or observations made
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14. To consider 4 topics for communication.  
Polling Station  
Futures Housing  
Town Centre Offices Closures  
Grant to First Responders.