

Alfreton Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2022 AT 06:30PM IN ROOM 1

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor J Walker

Councillors: M Bennett, H Jowett-Frost, M Kerry, S Marshall-Clarke, A Richardson, D Taylor

Staff: V Johnstone

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

## 132/22 To receive apologies for absence

**RESOLVED**

Apologies with reason were received and approved from Councillors;

G Dolman, J Gdula, C O’Brien, S Walker & K Wood

## 133/22 To receive any declarations of interest from Members

**RESOLVED**

Declarations of interests were received from Councillors;

S Marshall-Clarke

Item 148/22 Planning - To leave the meeting

## 134/22 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings

**RESOLVED**

a. For the purposes of minute taking the Assistant Clerk will record the meeting audially and delete the files once the draft minutes have been produced.

## 135/22 Public Participation

There were 4 members of the public present, two to ask questions and two to present for a grant application

There were 2 police officers present

A resident of Lincoln Street raised the issue of “boy racers”, delivery lorries & noise from the premises causing significant nuisance in the adjacent Tesco car park

**RESOLVED**

a. The resident will provide the council with a list of dates and times of incidents

b. On behalf of the resident, Officers will raise these issues with both Sally Price, Head of Communities, Amber Valley Borough Council & Planning Enforcement, Amber Valley Borough Council

c. Officers are instructed to write to the Improvement & Scrutiny Committee at Amber Valley Borough Council for this issue to be raised at the annual Crime & Disorder meeting.

d. Councillor Marshall-Clarke will also raise these issues with Sally Price, Head of Communities, Planning Enforcement and the Improvement & Scrutiny Committee, Amber Valley Borough Council in his role as a Borough Councillor.

**At this point item 142/22 d. was heard. 3 members of the public then left the meeting.**

**One member of the public and two Police Officers entered the meeting.**

The resident raised issues with anti-social behaviour at Firs Gardens sheltered accommodation, he specifically asked who allocated the housing in this area.

The Council responded that accommodation in this area is allocated by Futures Housing Group.

## At this point item 137/22 To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available was heard

The police attended the meeting and explained they are aware that there are ongoing issues with antisocial behaviour in this area, residents have been asked to complete questionnaires but that the response rate has been low.

Monthly esins meetings are held between the Police, Amber Valley Borough Council and Futures Housing Group to discuss anti-social behaviour, this issue has been raised at this forum.

The meeting then raised issues with parking on Limes Avenue, in particular a complaint from a resident who repeatedly has their driveway blocked.

The meeting heard that the new Police Station in Alfreton is due to open on 24th November.

**RESOLVED**

a. The council write to Lindsey Williams, Chief Executive of Futures House Group on behalf of the resident and ask her to attend a future meeting of the council to discuss their lettings and security criteria and the anti-social behaviour

b. PCSO Wragg will update the council following the esins meeting on 27th October 2022

c. When available, Officers will share the crime statistics for Alfreton & surroundings areas

d. Officers will report the parking issues on Limes Avenue to the Borough Council, County Council and ask the resident to continue to log the issue with the police

**At this point one member of the public and two police officers left the meeting.**

## 136/22 To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public

There were no items for exclusion

## 138/22 To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.

The minutes were read

## 139/22 After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 27th September 2022 by the person presiding as a correct record

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes were approve with the following amendment;

Item 131/22 Planning Committee – Councillor M Bennett removed from the Planning Committee, a replacement member will be considered at the November meeting.

## 140/22 To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting

There is none

## 141/22 To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees and working groups

1. Events Committee 26th September 2022 to be approved as follows

**RESOLVED**

The recommendation were approved

* + 1. That the Christmas Event scope is noted
    2. That the expenditure for the road closure is allocated to the Environment budget

1. Regeneration Committee on 26th September 2022 to be approved as follows

**RESOLVED**

i. That the Art Trail briefing is noted

ii. That the accrual figure from 2021/22 of £4,000 is vired from balances to this year’s budget

1. Staffing Review working party 19th October 2022

**RESOLVED**

i. That the quote is accepted from ALCC at a cost of £1312.50 from the budget: Employment Costs £90,000.00 noting that this is expected to be over budget for 22/23 by approximately £6,000.00

ii. That Councillors Mary Kerry and Steve Marshall-Clarke are nominated as the two selected members for interview

d. Christmas Lights Portfolio 10th October 2022

i. That the recommendations are approved

ii. That the accrual figure from 2021/22 of £2,965.00 is vired from balances to this years budget

## 142/22 To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

1. To receive a report on the upgrade to CCTV

**RESOLVED**

1. That the council fund the balance of £1,990.00 for quotation 1 to implement the more comprehensive CCTV system
2. That the cost is allocated to a budget at the November meeting following a review of all budgets
3. To receive a report on the Printer contract and alternative provisions

**RESOLVED**

a. That the quotation is accepted from Supplier 1

b. That the cost is allocated to the Administration Budget

1. To note that no applications were received for the Casual Vacancy

**RESOLVED**

The information was noted

1. To consider a grant application from South Normanton and Area Foodbank for £2,583.00

**RESOLVED**

* + 1. Following the presentation by representatives of South Normanton Area foodbank the grant application is approved

1. To receive a report on tree works at Alfreton House

**RESOLVED**

1. That the expenditure of £575.00 for the tree survey is ratified and approved from the Alfreton House & Properties budget

2. That the removal of the two trees identified in the tree survey is approved at a cost of £420.00 the from the Alfreton House & Properties budget

3. In consultation with the Lead Member of properties, appropriate replacement trees are selected and planted

1. To consider a response to the Amber Valley Borough Council – Consultation on a Public Space Protection Order (Control of Dogs)

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Council support the proposal to declare a Public Spaces Protection order (PSPO) across Amber Valley to introduce the following restrictions:

**Prohibition 1** - a person in charge of a dog to pick up and remove dog fouling within public areas in the borough.

**Prohibition 2** - a person in charge of a dog, if challenged by an authorised officer, must have the means on them to pick up dog waste (i.e. a dog waste bag).

**Prohibition 3** - dogs within specified cemeteries must be kept on a lead.

**Prohibition 4** - dogs are not allowed to be taken into or be permitted to enter or remain in specified children’s play areas

## 143/22 To ratify the signing of orders for payment

1. To receive and approve payments for August 2022 and September 2022

**RESOLVED**

That the payments are ratified and approved

1. To approve the bank reconciliation for August and September 2022

**RESOLVED**

That the bank reconciliation is approved

## 144/22 To receive reports from Members who may have attended Outside Bodies meetings

There were none

## 145/22 To note correspondence received

Correspondence was noted

## 146/22 To consider 4 topics for communication

**RESOLVED**

Grant to South Normanton and Area Foodbank

Town Council Litter Pick

Updated policies

Tesco issues

## 147/22 To review and approve the following policies:

**RESOLVED**

The following polices were approved

## Dignity at work policy

## Code of Conduct

## Financial Regulations

**Councillor S Marshall-Clarke left the meeting**

## 148/22 To consider Planning Applications – 4 applications have been received since the last meeting:

**RESOLVED**

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| [AVA/2022/0641](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2022-0641) |
| STAR KEBAB HOUSE, 114 High Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7HH, |
| Ground floor layout, external extract position (rear) aircon unit position (rear) – No comments made |
| [AVA/2022/0817](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2022-0817) |
| Land North Of Alfreton (South Of B6025), Meadow Lane, Alfreton, Derbyshire, |
| Non material amendment to AVA/2021/0313 to uplift the capacity from 19.657MWp to 20.012MWp due to changes in technology used: 105KTL to 185KTL inverters and 535W Modules to 545W Modules – No comments made |
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| [AVA/2022/0867](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2022-0867) |
| 7 Tavistock Square, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7FE, |
| Non material amendment to AVA/2022/0654 for the addition of roof lights – No comments made  AVA/2022/0800  The Kitchen And Bathroom Company Mansfield Road Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 7JQ  Reserved matters submission for the erection of 9 dwellings – Previous comments made on this application are reiterated |

**Date of next meeting: 15th November 2022**