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Alfreton Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

held on 19th March 2024 in Room 1,

Alfreton House at 7pm

# **Present:**

Town Mayor – Councillor H Jowett Frost

Councillors

J Bate

M Bennett

J Gdula

M Kerry

J Walker

S Walker

J Whetton

K Wood

Staff:

T Crookes – Town Clerk

V Johnstone – Deputy Town Clerk

# **MEETING OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL**

# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## 168/23 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors

S Marshall-Clarke - personal

D Taylor – personal

C Morecombe – will arrive late

## 169/23 To receive any declarations of interest from Members

A declaration was received from Councillor:

S Walker – 176/23 – to remain in the meeting but not vote

## 170/23 Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings

1. For the purposes of minute taking an Officer will record the meeting.

## 171/23 Public Participation

There were none

## 172/23 To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public

1. Item 179/23f refers To receive a report on Fire Risk Assessments – **CONFIDENTIAL DUE TO COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY**

## 173/23 To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available

1. To receive a response from the Local Policing Team to issues raised in February

The information was noted and it was acknowledged that the signage had been updated

**RESOLVED**

That the following matters are raised;

The Council write to shops on Institute Lane to remind them to report any disturbances/intimidation in the Town to the Police on 111

That

That Councillor G Dolman will contact AVBC regarding consent and permission to use

**174/23 To read and consider the Minutes of the Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting were read

Councillor C Morcombe joined the meeting

## 175/23 After consideration to approve the signature of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday 20th February 2024 by the person presiding as a correct record

**RESOLVED**

The minutes were approved as a correct record

**176/23 To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting**

There is none

## 177/23 To consider the co-option to fill a councillor vacancy in the West Ward

**RESOLVED**

That the co-option is readvertised due to an invalid application

## 178/23 To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees and working groups

There are none

## 179/23 To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

1. To consider a member request regarding member safety

**RESOLVED**

That the Officers contact AVBC to request a copy of their member safety training for Alfreton Town Council

1. To consider a member request regarding the Foodbank

**RESOLVED**

The officers contact AVBC to request a free parking pass for the Foodbank

1. To consider a report from a professional bid-writer

**RESOLVED**

That this item is deferred to May 2024

1. To consider a report on issuing of agendas for Full Council

**RESOLVED**

1. That members note the meeting dates as attached – these will be confirmed at the May meeting in 2024. This is an advance notice for all members of the meetings to be held.
2. That agendas are issued meeting date -12 days
3. That the cut-off for items on the next agenda is meeting date -19 days
4. To receive an email from Remedi

**RESOLVED**

Accept the offer and invite them to the Full Council Meeting in April

1. To consider a report on Fire Risk Assessments

**THIS ITEM WAS HEARD IN EXCLUSION**

1. To consider a report on the Town Council newsletter

**RESOLVED**

* + 1. That members approve the cost of £200 for a half page advert from the Newsletter/website budget
    2. That Officers prepare an editorial piece celebrating the Town Councils achievements over the last 12 months
    3. That the balance of £500 is transferred to earmarked reserves to be utilised to produce a newsletter in June

1. To consider a report on Christmas Lights

**RESOLVED**

1. That members approve the increased spend of £157.77 for the installation of a Lucy Pillar at the Breath of Life from the Christmas Lights budget 24/25
2. That should the out of seasons works not be completed prior the end of the financial year, the remaining balance will be transferred to Earmarked reserves until completion

## 180/23 To ratify the signing of orders for payment

1. To receive and approve payments for February 2024 £11,686.40

**RESOLVED**

That payments were approved of £11,686.40

1. To approve the bank reconciliation for February 2024 £63,145.44

**RESOLVED**

That the bank reconciliation was approved of £63,145.44

**181/23 To receive reports from Members who may have attended Outside Bodies meetings**

There were none

## 182/23 To note correspondence received

East Midlands Railways

**RESOLVED**

That Officers write to a Senior officer at East Midlands Railway expressing concerns with the disingenuous response to the persistent closure of the ticket office

## 183/23 To consider 4 topics for communication

Re-advertise the co-option

Markets – 30th March and White post farm

Bloomer

Police – reporting of issues

## 184/23 To review and approve the following policies:

1. Retention Policy
2. Training & Development Policy

**RESOLVED**

That the policies are noted and approved

## 185/23 To consider Planning Applications – 5 applications have been received since the last meeting

1. To consider a response to the Amber Valley Borough Council Local Plan Consultation

**RESOLVED**

Planning meeting 20/03/24 at 10am

Local Plan response to be prepared and agreed with the committee

1. To consider an update to the Bus Gate on Outseat’s Farm

**RESOLVED**

1. That the concerns are raised with AVBC as planning authority to consider;

That it is noted that the positioning was to safely provide a crossing place for the bridleway

That the roundabout was designed on the flow of traffics anticipated with the current planned location

The burden on tax payers money for the bus gate and roundabout adjustments

That there is some deterrent and that the bus gate is not completely removed

That the residents are informed to contact DCC and AVBC as the Highways and planning authority respectively

1. That the letter is noted

**RESOLVED**

That the following planning applications are noted

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| Ref: | [AVA/2024/0075](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2024-0075) | | |
| Address: | Granfield, Nuttall Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7AY, | | |
| Proposal: | Non material amendment to AVA/2023/0024 to raise the height of the roof to the rear extension | | |
| Date Valid: | 13/Feb/2024 | | |
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| Ref: | [AVA/2024/0086](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2024-0086) | | |
| Address: | Unit A3 And A4, Salcombe Road, Alfreton, Derbyshire, , | | |
| Proposal: | Change of use from B1 to B2 (car mechanics and MOT) | | |
| Date Valid: | 12/Feb/2024 | | |
| Consultation Date - 21/Feb/2024 | |  |

Ref: [AVA/2023/0840](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2023-0840)

Address:3 Chesterfield Road, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7DT

Proposal: Listed building consent for renewal of flush doors x 12 internally as existing. Supply of 2 x cameras to 2 external door entrance/ exit

Date Valid:21/Feb/2024

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|  | Consultation Date - 26/Feb/2024 |  |

Ref: [AVA/2024/0101](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2024-0101)

Address:29 High Street, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 7DR

Proposal:C hange of use of store rooms to provide extension to existing residential accommodation

Date Valid:22/Feb/2024

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|  | Consultation Date - 6/Mar/2024 |  |

Ref: [AVA/2024/0136](https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planapps?refval=AVA-2024-0136)

Address: Land South Of, Wingfield Road, Alfreton, Derbyshire

Proposal: Non material amendment to AVA/2020/0317 to amend the first floor layout of plot 15

Date Valid:6/Mar/2024

## 186/23 To receive written reports from AVBC Councillors

There are none

## 187/23 To hear any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public

The Council **RESOLVES** That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.

1. Item 179/23f refers To receive a report on Fire Risk Assessments – **CONFIDENTIAL DUE TO COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY**

**RESOLVED**

That the decision is delegated to the Deputy Clerk in consultation with Councillors M Bennett, C Morcombe and G Dolman

**The date of next meeting is scheduled for 16th April 2024.**

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