

HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7:30 pm ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2015

AT PYE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEDNESFORD

PRESENT: Cllrs. A Pearson (Chairman), B Gamble (Vice-Chairman), Mrs S Cartwright, D J Davis, Mrs D Grice, B Hardman and Mrs L Whitehouse

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs.G Adamson, Mrs S Hardman and C Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Harrison (Town Council Manager/Clerk) L Aitchison (The Marketing Room) Chief Inspector G Knight, PCSO S Parsons and 4 members of the public

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector G Knight who gave details of the new policing arrangements that were being piloted in the Cannock Chase area.

He also provided details of crime statistics and indicated the measures that were intended to be put in place to keep the Council informed of police activity. He answered several questions and emphasized the need for members of the public to report any incidents as this would ensure that police resources were directed towards the areas of need. He also encouraged local traders to adopt the "shop watch" scheme which had proved successful in other local towns

As part of the public questions session reference was made to pollution being experienced by residents of properties to the east of Pye Green Road as a result of the residential development of land opposite

With regard to deposits on the road it was noted that problems should be reported to the Highways Authority but that it was the responsibility of the developer to clear any debris

1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2015 were approved as a correct record

2 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stile Cop Cemetery – Consecration

Along with several other civic leaders the Chairman had attended the consecration service performed by the Bishop of Wolverhampton on 24 September

Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman would be laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the Town Council at the War Memorial next Sunday

Regimental Silver

The Chairman announced that the Town Council was to receive a gift of 2 items of Regimental Silver that would be placed on public display for the first time at the Pye Green Community Centre. Representatives from the Regimental Association would make the presentation and members would be notified of the arrangements in due course

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING GROUP

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Steering Group held on 27 October 2015 be approved

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MANAGER/CLERK

RESOLVED:

a) Planning

That the action of the Town Council Manager/Clerk in consultation with the principal speaker in submitting observations on Planning Applications as listed in Annex 1 be approved

b) Library Update

That correspondence from South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust be noted and the Council agree to participate in a workshop regarding the future of the library which was to be arranged by the County Council in the near future with representatives being the Chairman of the Council and the Town Council Manager/Clerk

c) Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association

That the submission of the following motion for the AGM on 7 December 2015 be confirmed:

"The Strategic Transport Plan issued by the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority calls on efforts to be made to increase the use of the M6 Toll from Laney Green to Coleshill. In order to achieve this ambition the Association calls on the Government to abolish the charging regime for the M6 Toll; making it available free of charge to all users. This will have the effect of easing traffic congestion on the entire length of the M6 through Staffordshire and the West Midlands and will take pressure off key trunk roads such as the A5 and A34. It will also have the effect of reducing the financial burden on hauliers and keeping transport costs down for them and members of the general public"

d) Rugeley Road Car Park

That representations be made regarding the problems of HGV's and other deliveries to premises serviced by the car park

e) Diversion of Public Footpath No. 5

That the proposed diversion be noted

- f) CCTV Monitoring
That the monitoring reports for August and September 2015 be noted
- g) School Crossing Concerns – Belt Road
That the Town Council support the provision of “20 is plenty” signage
- h) War Memorial Works - Update
That information from CCDC regarding works to the War Memorial be noted
- i) Christmas Event
That a report of a meeting held on 23 September 2015 be received and it be noted that the organisation of the event was proceeding well
- j) C2 Connecting Communities (Community Spirit)
That reports of meetings held on 14 September and 12 October 2015 be noted and that representatives from this group would be attending a future meeting of the Town Council
- k) Hednesford in Partnership
That the arrangements for the formal launch of the “Hednesford in Partnership Charter” on 26 November 2015 be noted

5. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HEDNESFORD

Lynn Evans gave an update and it was agreed that a further awareness training event be held at 10:00 on 23 November 2015

6. MEMBERS ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Heritage Initiatives (Cllr D J Davis)

It was reported that 6 copies of A. Hunt’s book on the History of Hednesford were to be acquired. In addition consideration would be given to producing a brochure with a brief history of the Town

Arrangements were to be made for a presentation to be given (in the New Year) by Mr S Morris on outcome of the WW1 project he had been undertaking on behalf of the Council

Vehicle parking on verges (Station Road/Rugeley Road junction) (Cllr A Pearson)

It was agreed that the County Council would be contacted regarding the continuing problems at this location

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

8. PROMOTION PUBLICITY AND MARKETING

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Finance & GP Committee and the Town Council Manager/Clerk be authorised to negotiate terms with the Marketing Room for continuation of their services

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm

Signed:

Dated:

Annex 1**Council Meeting 3 November 2015 – List of Planning Applications**

15/0413	Balcony etc. – 6 Hewston Croft	No Objection
15/0411	Reserved Matters – Land West of Pye Green Road	The Town Council's views on this development remain unchanged and in particular the impact of traffic on Pye Green Road/Lime Pit Lane
15/0409	Extensions – 53 Heather Road	No Objection
15/0404	2 storey extension – 15 Corsican Drive	No Objection
15/0395	3 dwellings etc. – Land rear of 854/856 Pye Green Road	This is over intensive development of backland/garden
15/0388	2 storey extension -90 Lower Road	No Objection
15/0379	2 storey extension – 162 Bond Way	No Objection
15/0378	Installation of front window – 70 View Street	No Objection
15/0370	Internal Sign – Lloyds Pharmacy Victoria Shopping Park	No Objection
15/0365	Extension etc. – 104 Greenheath Road	No Objection