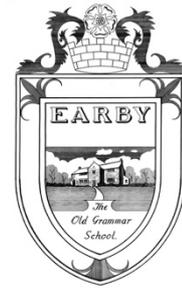




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Meeting of Earby Town Council
Monday 23rd August 2021
The Parish Rooms, Victoria Road, Earby

Minutes

1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Tennant formally opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Attendance, Apologies and Non-Attendance

The attendance of Cllrs C. Tennant, V. Cocker, M. Horsfield, J. Myers, C. Carter, and A. Carter was noted as were apologies from Cllr S. Hartley.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr C. Tennant declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest relating to a reimbursement under finance.

4. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned to hear from Mr. Wilson, a tenant of Rostle Top Allotments who outlined his success in breeding and showing rare breed hens and his membership of four national associations relating to rare breed poultry. He identified that a motion passed at last month's meeting – that tenants should adhere to the long-published allotment agreement (which includes the keeping of hens at Rostle Top, not cockerels) and council's rejection of an amendment to keep cockerels - would prevent him continuing his hobby of several decades at the site.

The Chairman identified that the motion could only be revisited after the expiration of six months in line with Council's Standing Orders, however the Council would commit in the interim, in the case of Mr Wilson's plot, to not make a resolution to take any enforcement action.

In the meantime, Mr Wilson was asked to liaise with the lead Councillor for allotments, Councillor Cocker, and the Town Clerk on the matter.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to accept and approve the minutes of the meeting of Monday 26th July 2021 as an accurate record. (Proposed CC, 2nd VC)

6. Exclusion of the Public and Press

There were no items meeting the criteria for exclusion.

7. Update of ongoing issues, not covered in this Agenda

The Chairman informed the council of a letter of thanks received for replacing a bench on Birch Hall Lane.

8. Allotments

- 8.1. Council resolved to terminate the tenancy agreement for a plot on Cemetery Road because of the lack of cultivation in the preceding months, the impact of weeds coming into seed and adversely impacting on neighbouring plots and the negative appearance of the site to other tenants and passers-by. This was particularly frustrating given the long waiting list for plots across Earby and the cost to the public purse in rectifying plots for new tenants. A more robust approach to monitoring plots and terminating agreements was discussed and will be implemented in the coming weeks (Proposed VC, 2nd CT, unanimous decision).

9. Friday Surgery

Surgeries have not yet resumed but it was hoped to do so soon. In the meantime, the Earby Town Council office is staffed on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for enquires with the Town Clerk. Contact can be made to mobile, answerphone or by email as shown above outside of this period.

10. Police business

A brief discussion took place regarding the abandonment of uninsured vehicles, leisure vehicles being stored on public land and an HGV parked unlawfully on the main carriageway. Contact is to be made with the appropriate agencies to initiate action to address these issues.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk updated the meeting on a query from the external auditor relating to expenditure on flood doors in the last financial year. It was clarified that these assets were fitted in this financial year and will therefore form part of the AGAR *fixed asset* reporting for 2021/2022.

12. Planning

12.1 It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the planning officer in relation to planning application **21/0481/FUL** submitted in relation to the erection of six detached dwellings and garages with new estate road and associated landscaping at the rear of 8 Birch Hall Lane, Earby.

Council continued to be concerned that conditions imposed in a previous application at the site had still not been implemented despite work starting. Specifically, **Condition 9** - the implementation of a wheel washing facility for construction vehicles and **Condition 20** – which requires that no development shall commence unless and until details of an appropriate management and maintenance plan for the sustainable drainage system for the lifetime of the development have been submitted... No evidence of the existence of the plan is accessible yet work has commenced.

(Proposed CT, 2nd JM, unanimous decision).

No responses were proposed regarding other applications considered at the meeting.

13. Reports from meetings with other organisations

Councillor Horsfield updated the Council regarding a meeting he had had with Pearl Together – a joint venture between Together Housing, Barnfield Construction and Pendle Borough Council - and others at the site of the proposed development at Spring Mill. It was agreed that close monitoring of the proposals were required and continued consultation with the developers and Yorkshire Water in particular.

A public consultation presentation will take place at Earby Town Council, Parish Rooms, Victoria Road, Earby on **Wednesday 15th September 2021 between 4pm and 7pm**. Attendees will be invited into the ground floor meeting room in small groups, where they will be able to see the plans for the site, hear an input from the development team and be able to ask questions and leave feedback. Please wait outside the building until you are invited inside. A one-way system will be in operation with attendees exiting into the bus station.

14. Finance

14.1 Council approved the payment list, as circulated (Proposed CT, 2nd CC, unanimous decision).

14.2 Council resolved to subscribe to Parish Online, a digital mapping and asset recording service to support the efficient running of the council as recommended by the Clerk to the Council. (Proposed CC, 2nd AC, unanimous decision).

15. Environment Committee

It was resolved to establish an Environment Committee following an input from Councillor Horsfield on the need to drive local initiatives to support greater

biodiversity and wildlife habitats across the town. (Proposed VC, 2nd JM, unanimous decision).

16. Meeting Dates

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of full council will be Monday 27th September 2021.

17. Meeting Close

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05 hrs and thanked all those present for their contribution.

Cllr Chris Tennant
Chairman

D. Taylor
Town Clerk
Earby Town Council