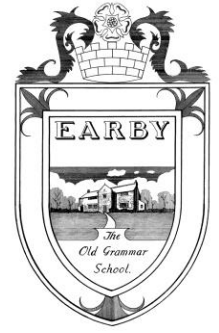


EARBY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of EARBY TOWN COUNCIL held on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm in The Parish Rooms, Victoria Road, EARBY

This meeting was recorded in accordance with the The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Tennant formally opened the meeting.

2. Attendance, Apologies and Non-Attendance

Attending Cllrs: C Tennant, V Cocker, D Reynolds, M Horsfield, C Carter, D Haigh, J Myers, J Cooper.

Apologies: P Hampson, S Hartley.

Members of the public present: A number of residents attended the meeting. (Recording in accordance with The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.) **(RESIDENT NAMES REDACTED)**

3. Declarations of Interest/s

None.

4. Public discussion

The three members of Gorilla Gardeners updated Council that their Group papers were now all in order, and briefly ran through some of their ideas etc. They were asked to put all this in an e-mail to our Clerk for when she came back off sick leave, and that this could all be discussed in depth at the February meeting where it would be added as an Agenda item.

Item 16 was brought forward, Cllr Horsfield spoke about the Ivy that appeared to be growing through the trees in many areas of Earby and the surrounding district. The Gardening Group intimated that they would be able to help control it on any pockets of land they were working on. On her return, the Clerk, to be asked to contact The Woodland Trust asking for advice and information, and site visits. **(RESIDENT NAMES REDACTED)**

5. Minutes

To accept and approve as an accurate representation the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020.

**Proposed MH
Seconded CC
Unanimous**

6. Update of ongoing issues from previous minutes

Update on 6th Jan minutes, contact was still trying to be made with the owners of the Community Centre at Northolme, this was ongoing.

7. Friday Surgery

There were various reports of bins being left out all the time, fly tipping and unlit street lights. All reported through the correct channels

MH to visit two fly tipping sites that are reported, once seen they will be reported to the correct office at PBC.

8. Police business

Nothing to report.

9. Planning: to consider and comment on the following:

Applications

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

APPLICATION: 19/0692/FUL

PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a dormer bungalow.

AT: Land To The Rear 21 - 25 Duxbury Street Earby

FOR: Mr & Mrs Horsefield

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 28th January 2020 (Previous comment of 'no objections' submitted November 2019.)

No Objections.

Proposed MH

Seconded JC

Unanimous

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

APPLICATION: 19/0620/FUL

PROPOSAL: Full: Major: Erection of 12 No. semi-detached dwellings and associated hardstanding and landscaping.

AT: Land To The West Of The Playing Fields Bailey Street Earby

FOR: PEARL Together Ltd

To discuss and comment on the newly submitted drainage scheme for the above application.

JC Commented that putting soil water into a surface water drain was illegal.

CT Commented that the information on the planning web site was difficult to understand and that some people would say that it is deliberately misleading.

One of the main reasons for this is the lack of a "key" for the different colours of line denoting drains, sewers and services such as water mains on various documents.

It was agreed that the following Objections to be forwarded to Planning Office:

- There is no foul water sewer on Bailey Street. It is a surface water sewer with no foul allowed as the discharge point is "New Cut" beck.

- The schematic drainage plan does not show where the 26cubic metre of water storage/attenuation is to be located.
- The schematic drainage plan does not specify how the surface water flow from the site is going to be restricted to 3 litres a second.
- The existing ditch/watercourse that is proposed to take the surface water from the site is under the remit of either the Earby & Salterforth Internal Drainage Board or the Environment Agency, and discharges into New Cut Beck. Council insists that both these bodies are re-consulted on the new drainage plan.
- The “flood exceedance plan” for the site indicates that all exceedance water flows are towards the dry-stone wall that forms the boundary of the site with existing properties on Wentcliffe Drive. This is totally unacceptable, particularly since the plans do not show any proposals to make improvements at this boundary. Such as making this wall impermeable to protect the adjacent properties from more flooding via that route, or making improvements to the existing land drain at this location.

Proposed DH
Seconded JM
Unanimous

Appeals

None

To note the delegated list.

The latest list has been circulated by the clerk to all councillors via email. Council will discuss items pertinent to Earby and the clerk to be notified should a councillor wish to highlight a decision for such discussion. **If none the list will be deemed to be accepted.**

10. Reports from meetings with other organisations

None.

11. Finance

- Any year end under-spend/surplus in the Councils 2019/20 budget be allocated as a capital provision for the building works etc for the conversion of the front office to stores & workshop in the 2020/21.
- Any under-spend that may arise in the administration salary budget line for 2020/21 be allocated to the Match Funding for Community Events.
- That Council submit a capital bid to the WCAC to assist with the cost of resurfacing the Birley Playing Fields Car Park, and that this bid is progressed ASAP.
- That £900 be transferred to the Skipton Building Society; this being the annual long-term provision for replacement Xmas trees
- That up to 80% of the Earby Holiday Hostel 2020/21 income be allocated as capital funding towards the resurfacing of the Birley Playing Fields car park.

Proposed JC
Seconded CC
Unanimous

- To approve the payment list with amendment: Change Voucher 237 to read Donations and not Events and Memorial as this was the Christmas card in conjunction with Churches Together.

Proposed JC
Seconded JM
Unanimous

12. Adoption of updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Council to adopt the NALC model Standing orders and Financial Regulations, as circulated.

Proposed JC
Seconded MH
Unanimous

13. Replacement of floodlights at Cemetery Road MUGA

Council to proceed with the works to the floodlights at the MUGA with the contract being appointed to Malcolm Baines:

8x 250w LED fittings to replace existing floodlights £1966.00 plus VAT.

Proposed CT
Seconded DH
Unanimous

14. Grant application from Earby and District Local History Society.

Council approve grant application from Earby and District Local History Society, for £250.00 towards publication costs of a book on the first world war soldiers remembered on Earby War Memorial.

Proposed DH
Seconded CC
Unanimous

15. Lighting repairs – Hostel car park

JC offered to check which needs attention and come back to next meeting with details.

16. Overgrown ivy issues

Covered under Public discussion.

17. Membership to SLCC

Council to pay for the membership and discuss again before the 21/22 Budget setting.

18. Budget and Precept required for 2020/21

Council to discussed and approved the budget with any amendments and agree the required precept for the next financial year.

A saving of £4,000 had been found when more definite figures for staff pay had been clarified and the following was agreed:

- £1500 is allocated as a provision for extra staff training in case we need to take on a temporary lengths-man whilst the permanent member of staff is on extended leave whilst recovering from his serious illness.
- A further £1000 be allocated to “match funding for community events”.
- That £1500 is used to reduce the draft precept increase to £2819.25 more than last year, meaning a 1.91% increase (less than 2%), and the Earby Town Council precept request for 2020/21 is £150,150.25

The projected banding per property type based on the above is as follows:

- A) £79.82 (+1.57)
- B) B) £93.13 (+1.84)
- C) C) £106.46 (+2.10)
- D) D) £119.74 (+2.36)

Proposed JC
Seconded CC
Unanimous

19. Apology received from (RESIDENT NAMES REDACTED)

Noted.

20. Correspondence

None.

The meeting closed at 21:05pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms.

DATED: 28th January 2020 In the absence of the Clerk; Vice-Chairman: V. Cocker

SIGNED AND APPROVED: Chairman: C. Tennant