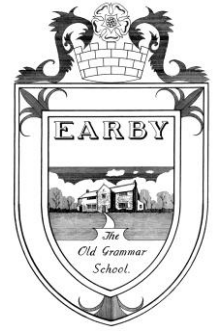


EARBY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of EARBY TOWN COUNCIL held on Monday 25th January 2021 at 7.30pm via a remote platform in line with the Coronavirus Act 2020.

1. **Welcome**

Chairman Cllr Tennant formally opened the meeting.

2. **Attendance, Apologies and Non-Attendance**

Attending Cllrs: C Tennant, C Carter, J Myers, P Hampson, A Carter, V Cocker (left meeting at 7:50 due to feeling unwell). K Jeffreys as Clerk.

Non-attendance: M Horsfield, S Hartley.

3. **Declarations of Interest/s**

K Jeffreys – Payment under finance.

C Tennant – Payment to employer.

4. **Public discussion**

Members of the public representing Earby Guerilla Gardeners attended to discuss the following:

- Areas of land available for planting in Earby and the ownership of these.
- Use of noticeboards for displaying information on future activities.
- Potential to set up a Council facebook page in order to relay information to members of the public.

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021 were accepted and approved and will be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: JM

Seconded: CC

Unanimous

6. **Exclusion of the public and press**

None.

7. **Update of ongoing issues from previous minutes**

The Clerk updated Councillors on the progress of the re-surfacing of the car park at Birley playing fields, this is delayed due to Covid and the current lockdown.

8. **Friday Surgery**

No surgeries have been held due to the Covid19 pandemic.

9. **Police business**

The Clerk has requested information and evidence from CCTV footage on the circumstances that a lamp post happened to be damaged and subsequently removed.

10. **Correspondence**

None.

11. **Planning: to consider and comment on the following:**

Applications

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

APPLICATION: 20/0857/HHO

PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of single and two-storey extensions to the rear.

AT: 15 Springfield Avenue Earby Barnoldswick

FOR: Mr & Mrs G. & G. Kennedy

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 29th January 2021

No Objections

Proposed: CT

Seconded: PH

Unanimous

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

APPLICATION: 21/0004/HHO

PROPOSAL: Full: Demolition of garage and erection of single storey extension to side.

AT: 34 Kenilworth Drive Earby Barnoldswick

FOR: Mrs Brice

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 4th February 2021

No Objections

Proposed: PH

Seconded: JM

Unanimous

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

APPLICATION: 21/0008/FUL

PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a two-storey side extension (Re-Submission).

AT: Unit 4 West Craven Business Park West Craven Drive

FOR: Switch Hair Pension Scheme

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 5th February 2021

Support

Proposed: CT

Seconded: PH

Unanimous

Appeals

None.

Delegated list noted.

12. **Reports from meetings with other organisations**

Cllr Tennant met with a contractor, with Covid safe measures in place, to obtain a quote for the tender of the work to the renovation of the front office.

13. **Finance**

Council approved the payment list with additions.

To note:

- The deposit required for the Flood Company is 50% of the total invoice.
- Further information is required on the invoice for the maintenance of Sough Park from Pendle Borough Council, once a satisfactory explanation is obtained, Council delegate authority to the Clerk for the payment of this invoice.

Proposed: CT
Seconded: JM
Unanimous

14. Budget and Precept 2021-22

Council to discussed the draft budget and required precept for 2021-22, it was decided that the budgeted figure for the lengths man's salary be reduced by £2389.00. This means that the precept will remain the same as the previous financial year at £150150.25.

Proposed: PH
Seconded: CT
Unanimous

It was agreed that there would be no increase in the precept for the next financial year.

15. Appointment of Internal Auditor

Council delegate authority to the Clerk to appoint an internal auditor for completion of the audit for the 2020-21 financial year.

Proposed: CT
Seconded: PH
Unanimous

16. Bus services in Earby

It was resolved that the Clerk is to write to Transdev to request an explanation for the unannounced and unnecessary cut to transport services in Earby and that the MP for the area is copied in to this letter.

17. Financial regulations and Standing orders

Council approved the financial regulations and standing orders to be used alongside the NALC recommended documents.

Proposed: CT
Seconded: PH
Unanimous

18. Flower baskets and watering 2021

Council resolved that the arrangements for the floral baskets and displays and the watering of these is to continue as in previous years.

Proposed: JM
Seconded: CC
Unanimous

The meeting closed at 8:36pm

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7.30pm** via Zoom.

DATED: 26th January 2021

Clerk: K Jeffreys

SIGNED AND APPROVED:

Chairman: C. Tennant