



Minutes of the meeting of EARBY TOWN COUNCIL held on Monday 28th October

2019 at 7.30pm in The Parish Rooms, Victoria Road, EARBY

1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Tennant formally opened the meeting.

2. Attendance, Apologies and Non-Attendance

Attending Cllrs: C Tennant, P Hampson, J Cooper, S Hartley, D Reynolds, M Horsfield, C Carter. K Jeffreys as Clerk.

Apologies: J Myers, V Cocker, Z Fallows, D Haigh.

3. Declarations of Interest/s

K Jeffreys – Payment under finance.

J Cooper – Payment under finance, Vice-Chairman of the Resident's Association. (Item 13.)

D Reynolds – Chairman of the Resident's Association (Item 13.)

4. Public discussion

A number of members of Earby Guerrilla Gardeners were present to take part in the discussion of agenda item 16.

5. Minutes

To accept and approve as an accurate representation the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Monday 30th September 2019.

Proposed MH

Seconded SH

Unanimous

6. Update of ongoing issues from previous minutes

Nothing to report.

7. Friday Surgery

Nothing to report.

8. Police business

A window was smashed at the deli on Victoria Road, this has been reported to police and they have been informed that there is a CCTV camera directly opposite that can be checked for footage.

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

Applications

None.

Appeals

Planning Appeal:	Morris Ing Skipton Road Earby
Proposed Development:	Outline: Erection of 6 No. two storey dwelling houses (All Matters Reserved).
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	APP/E2340/W/19/3237541
Local Authority Appeal Ref:	19/0013/AP/REFUSE
Planning Application Ref:	19/0094/OUT

Noted.

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**

Cllr P Hampson reported on issues discussed at the WCAC meeting, notably the Brook Shed Mill site; there have been reports of individuals accessing the site, and therefore Pendle Borough Council will be serving a Section 79 notice on the owners.

11. **Finance**

Payment list (with additions) approved.

**Proposed PH
Seconded DH
Unanimous**

Skipton Building Society balance of £28635.76 approved.

**Proposed SH
Seconded CC
Unanimous**

12. **CCTV issues**

Council held a meeting with the police and representatives from the Blackburn CCTV hub on the 24th October. The issues with the CCTV were discussed and addressed; the police have a direct contact at the hub and the cameras in Earby are being monitored, including monitoring of police vehicles, where applicable. Council held a further discussion on this, with the following points noted;

- K Jeffreys to email P Wareing at the Blackburn hub for an anticipated cost increase of the monitoring rates, as mentioned in the meeting.
- Earby Town Council object to the capital allowance funding for CCTV equipment being spent on cameras for Nelson and Colne college CCTV with no authorisation or consultation.
- Earby Town Council would like to have a representative present at all meetings with the Blackburn hub, or at least the representatives from each of the four council should be rotated monthly / per meeting.

- Earby Town Council will take on the assets of the cameras and associated equipment and sign the acceptance of liability for the electricity to the CCTV.

Proposed PH
Seconded JC
Unanimous

13. Residents' association

Item withdrawn by proposer (JC), there was no seconder.

14. Cemetery Road / Croquet Club car park

Council discussed the report and the options arising from it, it was agreed that whilst Earby Town Council must look at avenues for generating income, this option may be very difficult and costly to implement and monitor.

It was proposed to proceed with option 5; rental agreements for the parking bays.

Proposed MH
Seconded CC
Voted against 2:5

It was then proposed to proceed with option 6; take no action.

Proposed JC
Seconded CT
Voted in favour 5:1 (MH abstained from voting)

15. Contribution to Sough Park

Council has made gradual increases to the maintenance of Sough park over recent years, it has now been requested that Earby Town Council contribute 100% of the maintenance costs.

K Jeffreys to request confirmation of the cost from Pendle Borough Council and details of all income generated from facilities at Sough park.

Pendle Borough Council have also requested that Earby Town Council consider managing Sough park. However, before considering the transfer a full breakdown of fixed costs must be provided.

This item will be brought back to the next agenda.

Proposed CT
Seconded PH
Unanimous

16. Earby Guerrilla Gardens

Council discussed the various plots of land with the members of Earby Guerrilla Gardeners, there were two areas that belong to Earby Town Council; these were the piece of land on Victoria Road, at the end of the car park, and the triangle of land at Water Street / Stoney Bank Road. Council grant permission for the group to use these two areas of land for the project providing that a constitution and public liability insurance is place, with copies of these sent to the clerk prior to commencing any activities.

Proposed JC
Seconded PH
Unanimous

17. Repairs to trailer

Council approve the purchase of the following parts for the Ivor Williams single axle trailer:
 2 x wheel arches at £16.00 plus VAT each (Brackets £1.90 plus VAT each)

2 x front side light units (£12.00 plus VAT each.)
4 x single filament bulbs (£0.55 plus VAT each)
2 x double filament (£0.55 plus VAT each)
2 x R258 side light bulbs (£0.52 plus VAT each)

Proposed SH
Seconded PH
Unanimous

18. Correspondence

A letter was received in relation to the closure of the footpath from Bawhead Road to Bailey Street, following the recent planning application on Bailey Street. K Jeffreys to submit the following comments on behalf of Earby Town Council:

- Council strongly object to the closure of this footpath, it has been in use for 50+ years, possibly 100, and it should remain.
- The footpath is used by school children on their way to and from school, it is a useful resource in maintaining the children's active lifestyle and good health.
- By removing the footpath, it will mean that children and their families will need to find an alternative route to the school, one which will involve crossing roads, it will also make the journey longer.
- The suggested alternative footpath will cause conflict between pedestrians and cyclists, there is already evidence of this conflict previously, which resulted in a bicycle restriction gate being added to the start of the footpath.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 25th November 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms.

DATED: 29th October 2019

Clerk & RFO:

K. Jeffreys

SIGNED AND APPROVED: 25th November 2019

Chairman:

C. Tennant