



Minutes of the meeting of EARBY TOWN COUNCIL held on Monday 30th September

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, D Haigh, M Horsfield

Apologies: J Myers, C Carter, V Cocker, Z Fallows.

K Jeffreys as Clerk.

3. Declarations of Interest/s

K Jeffreys – Payment under finance.

C Tennant – Payment to employer and member of SELRAP (Item 15.)

J Cooper – Payment under finance, Vice-Chairman of the Resident's Association, and property owned related to item 15.

D Reynolds – Chairman of the Resident's Association and property owned related to item 15.

4. Public discussion

A number of members of the public were present to discuss various topics, including the croquet club car park (item 13.) and the consideration for support of SELRAP (item 15.) These subjects were brought forward in the meeting and any details relating to these are found under the corresponding headings below.

On a separate topic, members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of support and identification of areas where residents could improve and neaten up the town. The group set up is called Earby Guerrilla Gardeners and they intend to use similar methods to other groups, for example Incredible Edible. Council would endeavour to support the efforts of this group and will bring the subject back to a future agenda.

5. Minutes

To accept and approve as an accurate representation the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Monday 19th August 2019.

Proposed PH

Seconded DR

Unanimous

6. Update of ongoing issues from previous minutes

Nothing to report.

7. **Friday Surgery**

Nothing to report.

8. **Police business**

- K Jeffreys to report instances of cars and motorcycles causing disturbances in unsociable hours and damaging the car park at Albert Street.
- K Jeffreys to request information from the police into their findings from the CCTV related to the recent incident involving a resident being hit by a car.

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

Applications

1. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 APPLICATION: 19/0600/FUL**

PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of an agricultural building (81 Sq.).

AT: Rake Bank Farm Stoney Bank Road Earby

FOR: Bowker S & PE & Sons

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 20th September 2019 (late comments requested)

No objections

Proposed PH

Seconded DR

Unanimous

2. **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

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 24th September 2019 (late comments requested; objection submitted prior to deadline)

K Jeffreys to submit further comments to include an objection to the footpath being closed and the parking issues that this development will cause for Earby Springfield Primary School.

Councillors to forward any further comments to K Jeffreys for submission on Friday 4th October.

3. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990 APPLICATION: 19/0595/HHO**

PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a replacement domestic garage.

AT: 13-15 Water Street Earby Barnoldswick

FOR: Mr Chris Rogers

CONSULTATION

Deadline: Please send me your comments by: 7th October 2019

No objections

Proposed PH

Seconded CT

Unanimous

Appeals

None.

10. Reports from meetings with other organisations

K Jeffreys met with Sarah Astin-Wood from Pendle Borough Council regarding the transfer of CCTV services to the town council. It was decided that K Jeffreys is to write to the Chief Inspector of the police service and the Blackburn hub to ensure that this CCTV service is providing value for money and to request a meeting to view the set-up of the cameras.

11. Finance

September payment list (with additions) approved.

Proposed MH
Seconded CT
Unanimous

Noted: Conclusion of the 2018-19 audit.

12. Mr R Singh - Councillor Application

Council accept Mr Raj Singh's request to become a Councillor and welcome him to Earby Town Council.

Proposed PH
Seconded DR
Unanimous

13. Croquet Club car park

1. Council discussed the addition of a height barrier to the car park with the following points noted:

- There has been a great deal of investment in the car park from Pendle Borough Councillors, £20,000 in total.
- Borough Cllr R Carroll was in attendance and stated that she does not agree with adding a height barrier to the car park as it will push the larger vehicles out on to the road, which would cause further parking issues for residents.
- Cllr S Hartley pointed out that the caravans are not taking up all the spaces in the car park, meaning that residents can still use spaces.

It was decided that a height barrier will not be added to the car park.

Proposed CT
Seconded JC
Unanimous

2. Council discussed charging for the car parking bays at the Cemetery road car park.

- Cllr P Hampson stated that the car park is currently land owned by Earby Town Council and is not registered as off road parking with Lancashire County Council Highways.
- Cllr J Cooper added that any cars parking on this land must be taxed, insured and tested.
- Cllr M Horsfield expressed concern that ratepayers in Earby should not be paying for other road users to park their cars.
- A raising barrier was suggested, this option will be investigated further.

K Jeffreys to investigate the legalities in charging for a car parking bay and to obtain costs for a raising barrier to entry.

**Proposed CT
Seconded DH
Unanimous**

14. Flood Risk Assessment

Council approve the property committee recommendation for the flood risk assessment required for the planning application on the front office.

**Proposed PH
Seconded SH
Unanimous**

15. SELRAP Letter

Cllrs C Tennant, J Cooper and D Reynolds each declared an interest in this subject, they gave their opinions and left the room without taking part in the discussion or decision on the matter.

Cllr J Cooper brought forward various pieces of information in regards to the reinstatement of the train line. This included vibration damage concerns and literature from SELRAP showing freight trains intended to operate on the intended railway line. It was also discussed that a level crossing would not be possible along Salterforth Road, meaning issues for residents and separation of the area.

Cllr C Tennant stated that that he was waiting to hear from the Transport Minister about the results of the various engineering and feasibility studies that had recently been commissioned. He had been informed that the outcomes may be known by the end of October 2019, but that this date may have changed because of recent events in Parliament. He stated that council would be supplied with a copy of this text once it is available. He also stated that it was quite possible that the route of the railway line may move and that a road by pass for the North Valley of Colne may also be possible. His opinion is that until the above results are known, Earby Town Council should continue to support SELRAP because a railway line will not only be good for Earby but also the whole of Pendle as well as Craven.

Cllr D Reynolds reminded council that it is no longer a standard railway line for passengers that is planned, it will be a freight line. There were environmental and health issues discussed, in relation to the biomass energy used. Cllr D Reynolds expressed concerns that if the path of the train line moves, it will still affect fields, and the owner of this property elsewhere in Earby.

Following the exit of the Chairman, Cllr D Haigh was appointed as Chair to complete the discussion and decision.

A discussion from members of the public took place, with the following points noted;

- The railway line will be divisive to the community.
- The Town Council should remain impartial and should not declare support for SELRAP.
- It is unknown what benefits there will be of having a freight line and a small passenger service in the area.
- It is unknown what effects the train line will have in regards to pollution, health, environmental issues etc.
- Cllr P Hampson stated that he has experience of living alongside a train line and that it did not cause any issues. It was also pointed out that this train line will not carry any nuclear waste.
- A feasibility study into other locations for the train line is currently underway.

It was decided that Earby Town Council cannot support SELRAP at this moment in time.

**Proposed PH
Seconded SH
Voted 3:1 in favour (Cllr M Horsfield voted against)**

16. Public toilets

Council discussed the options available to prevent the vandalism of the public toilets and the repairs that are required to enable the re-opening of the facility. This will include the re-decorating of the interior of the toilets, agreeing opening hours and security, and organising cleaning of the facility.

In the first instance, councillors are to draft a specification for the work that is required to enable Earby Town Council to put it out to tender.

17. KBG Artefacts

Council grant permission for the following items to be placed in the community archives:

Water Colour Painting titled "The Avenue"- Inscribed – Presented to Katherine Bruce Glasier to the memory of a great day April 3rd 1921 Presented by the Scholars of the Lockwood Socialist Sunday School

Decorative panel inscribed –To Mrs Katherine Bruce Glasier in grateful remembrance of a pleasant springday visit to the hospitable home of a very charming hostess plus a quote from Rider-Haggards "She"

Be Glad Be Glad – decorative panel

Framed water colour of trees by Ernest C Simpson (undated] Presented by Bradford District Group June 21st 1950? Could be 1930

Wainwright plaque Wainwright Bequest- Earby Youth Hostel

**Proposed CT
Seconded SH
Unanimous**

18. Renovation to roof of cycle shed at Earby hostel

Council approve the renovation of the roof to the cycle shed at Earby hostel at a cost of £2600.00.

**Proposed PH
Seconded JC
Unanimous**

19. Correspondence

None.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 28th October 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Parish Rooms.

DATED: 1st October 2019

Clerk & RFO:

K. Jeffreys

SIGNED AND APPROVED: 28th October 2019

Chairman:

C. Tennant