

## CLOWNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Community Centre, Recreation Close, Clowne starting at 6.00pm

Present Councillors S Arthur, A Bailey, B Bosworth, D Dixon, M Dixon, S Gregory, N Hoy, G Hughes, I Richards, D Salt, R Walker (Chairman), J Jackson (Locum Clerk), Mr M North (Freedom Project) and 8 Members of the Public

136/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr N Yewman

137/19 Confirmation that Attendance Register has been Signed

Confirmed by all present.

138/19 Notification of Unregistered Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest

Cllrs A Bailey and D Salt declared interests in Planning.

139/19 Notification of Consideration of a Dispensation

None received.

140/19 Minutes of Previous Meetings

It was RESOLVED to consider the outstanding minutes at the next meeting.


141/19 Confirmation of Dates for future Meetings

- (a) Full Council - It was noted that the following dates for Full Council Meetings have already been agreed - 07.02.20, 06.03.20, 03.04.20 and 08.05.20. It at the Community Centre at 6.00pm
- (b) Committees – It was noted that the HR Committee will meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 6.30 in the Community Centre, the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Community Centre, the Allotments Committee will meet on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Community Centre and the Events Committee will meet on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Community Centre.
- (c) Clowne and Barlborough Joint Burial Committee- It was noted that this is still to be arranged.

142/19 Parishioner's Forum

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the Public to Speak.

Further concerns were expressed about the parking problems in the Parish and it was noted that there are several areas which are affected. It was RESOLVED to invite an Officer from DCC Highways to attend the next meeting to discuss this

 Minute Number  
141 / 2019

matter further. The possible introduction of bye-laws were discussed and it was noted that this has previously been investigated and whilst this was a possibility the process of setting them up and implementing them was problematic. Concerns were expressed that cars are permanently parked on the public car parks run by Bolsover District Council and it was RESOLVED that the Locum Clerk write to the District Council and ask them to address this problem.

Councillors were informed that a Public Enquiry is being held regarding the Compulsory Purchase of the Land at. Cllr Bailey declared an interest and left the meeting. Councillors were asked for their support and the Locum Clerk undertook to circulate information to Councillors and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting. Cllr Bailey re-joined the meeting.

Recent comments made on Facebook were discussed. It was again stated that all Councillors have been elected and therefore have the unquestionable right to serve on the Council. Cllr Bailey apologised for remarks he made at the last meeting which had offended other Councillors stating that he had misunderstood the context of the debate.

Mr North of the Freedom Project was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Walker declared an interest in the Freedom Project and Cllr Bailey took the Chair. Mr North gave details of the work of the Freedom Project, the areas that they work in, the services they supply, the funding they receive and gave details of their operations within Clowne. It was noted that the funding from the Methodist Circuit has now ended and Councillors were asked to consider making a grant to the organisation to assist them with their work in Clowne. Mr North answered questions from Councillors and members of the public about the number of food parcels that are given out, their liaison with other agencies and the number of paid staff and volunteers that they have. Cllr Walker made a passionate statement in support of the work carried out by the Freedom Project and the support it has given to people in Clowne. The Clerk advised that it would be necessary to check the Parish Council budget before making an offer of a donation. Cllr Bailey proposed that in principle the Parish Council are prepared to make a financial donation to the Freedom Project, this was seconded by Cllr Richardson with all voting in favour. It was RESOLVED to discuss the matter further at the next meeting. It was noted that there are other agencies offering similar services operating within the Parish.

Cllr Walker took the Chair

Standing Orders were resumed.

143/19 Reports to Community from Outside Bodies

The Locum Clerk undertook to invite Cllr Weston (DCC) and the PCSO to attend the next meeting.

144/19 Chairs Report

There was no report.

*Minute Number*  
*141/2019*



## 145/19 Items Raised by Councillors for Consideration

- (a) Parking Issues – It was RESOLVED that the Locum Clerk write to the problems.
- (b) Speedwatch – It was RESOLVED to discuss this matter further with the Schools and request a meeting with Councillors to discuss the parking
- (c) PCSO.
- (d) Wildlife Habitats on Bus Shelter roof – The Locum Clerk stated that DCC have been consulted about this.
- (e) Broadband and CCTV – Cllr Salt undertook to discuss this matter in more detail with the Clerk
- (f) Development of Community Facilities – A further quotation for the disabled play equipment was circulated. The possibility of redeveloping the whole area was briefly discussed. Cllr Hoy stated that Bolsover District Council had plans for play equipment at the Arc.

## 146/19 Clerks Report

A review of the following items was undertaken-

(a) Saturday Morning Council Surgeries – It was reported that the Community Centre is now staffed on a Saturday morning and a room is available between 10 and 11 am. Discussion took place about establishing a rota of Councillors to attend the Surgeries. It was RESOLVED that the Surgeries will commence on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

(b) Community Centre matters – Water Supply – It was reported that this has been checked and is safe. Name Change – It was noted that it has previously been agreed that this should be changed to The Community Centre. Staff Contracts/Hours – It was RESOLVED that this matter will be discussed by the HR Committee. Complaints – The Locum Clerk undertook to look into the progress of these. Collection of outstanding letting fees – The Locum Clerk undertook to seek out more information on this matter. Profit and Loss Account – It was reported that this is not currently available. Carlsberg Loan – a copy of the latest statement was circulated to all Councillors and the Locum Clerk undertook to seek more information on the length and term of the loan.

(c) Use of Coat of Arms – It was noted that the current coat of arms is used on staff uniforms and there will be a cost involved in changing it. The Locum Clerk undertook to investigate the cost.

(d) Erection of Notice Board – It was noted that Planning Permission has been received and the work can now be undertaken.

(e) Flag Pole near Cenotaph – It was noted that there is a suitable hole a flag pole to be installed. The Locum Clerk undertook to consult DCC Highways Department to see if they have any issues with the erection of a flagpole.

*Minute Number*  
*141/2019*



- (f) Report back regarding Whistle Blowing Policy – It was RESOLVED to discuss this matter at a future meeting.
- (g) Report back regarding Lamp Post Planters -It was RESOLVED to discuss this matter at a future meeting.
- (h) Report back Tommies to be erected permanently – It was reported that these are too fragile to be out all the time and it was noted that some repairs have already had to be carried out to strengthen them.
- (i) Report back Pit badges – Cllr Bailey explained the background to this and it was agreed follow up the possibility of displaying them.
- (j) Invite highways to a meeting regarding parking in Clowne – It was RESOLVED to invite an Officer from DCC Highways to attend the next meeting.
- (k) Clerk to contact BDC regarding a meeting about Community Involvement – It was RESOLVED that the Locum Clerk follow this matter up.
- (l) Clerk to report back regarding a 2m litter pick – It was reported that an order for this is still to be placed
- (m) Purchase of AMPR Cameras – It was reported that the Police cannot guarantee that any cameras purchased will be used in Clowne and therefore no further action has been taken.
- (n) Plaque for Fellowship of Services – It was noted that the one that has been produced is too large and the Locum Clerk undertook to look into the matter further.
- (o) Parking around Haddon House- erection of fence – it was reported that Bolsover District Council have S106 funding available to sort out this matter.
- (p) GDPR Complaint – The Locum Clerk undertook to look into this matter further.
- (q) DALC training – It was RESOLVED that the Locum Clerk arrange for DALC Officers will come to Clowne on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and give specialized training at a cost of £275.00 plus travel costs.
- (r) Authorized Signatories – It was RESOLVED that the process of registering the signatories with the bank should be restarted.
- (s) Staff Appraisals – It was noted that the Appraisals for the Community Centre Staff will take place next week.
- (t) Councillor Bullying at the Community Centre by ex-councillors – A Councillor stated that he had been subjected to bullying and verbal abuse at the Community Centre from ex-councillors and requested that the persons concerned be barred from the Community Centre. Discussion took place about the procedure which needs to be carried out when such matters arise and the Zero Tolerance Statement which is on display in the Community Centre was read to the meeting. It was agreed that an



Minute Number  
141/2019

investigation should be held into the incident. The Locum Clerk stated that she had little knowledge about licencing matters and was unable to offer any advice at this stage. Cllr Richards proposed that the people being accused of carrying out the bullying and verbal abuse should be barred from the Community Centre. Cllr Walker proposed an amendment to this proposal - that the people accused of carrying out the abuse should be barred temporarily pending the outcome of the investigation into the allegations. The amended motion was seconded by Cllr Hughes with Cllr Arthur, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Richardson and Cllr Walker voting in favour. Cllr D Dixon, Cllr Hoy and Cllr Gregory voted against as they did not feel comfortable to proceed at this moment in time. Cllr Hoy stated that she did not feel comfortable in suspending people until an investigation has been conducted and this is also to protect the Parish Council. Cllr Salt, Cllr Bosworth, Cllr M Dixon and Cllr Salt abstained. The motion to temporarily bar the accused people was therefore carried.

(u) Clerk to arrange a meeting with Clowne in Bloom – It was reported that grant application forms have been issued to Clowne in Bloom for completion.

(v) New and Replacement Bins – It was reported that this matter is being investigated by the Clerk.

(w) HS2 – It was RESOLVED to seek further information on how this matter is being progressed.

(x) Legal Appointment of DALC – There was no update on this matter.

(y) Parish Council Policies – It was agreed that these need to be reviewed.

(z) Appointment of HR Consultants – It was noted that the Clerk has received quotes from some companies.

147/19 Correspondence received by the Council for Information

Bolsover Partnership – Liaison Meeting 20.01.20

148/19 Correspondence Received by the Council for Decision

There was no correspondence

149/19 Planning Applications made under the Town and Country Planning Act

There were no Planning Applications.

150/19 Finance

(a) Accounting Statement – It was noted that this will be available at the next meeting.

(b) Schedule of Payments for Approval – The Schedule of Payments was circulated to all Councillors and it was RESOLVED to discuss this matter at the next meeting.



Minute Number  
141/2019

(c) Budget and Precept 2020-21 – It was noted that Bolsover District Council have agreed an extension for the submission of the Precept and it was RESOLVED to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Members of the Public left the Meeting

Part 2 Confidential

151/19 Parish Councillor Working Relationships

It was recognised that Councillors have not been working well together and that this is having a negative effect on the image of the Council within the community. Each Councillor was given time to air their views and opinions. It was felt that the forthcoming DALC training would help Councillors in understanding how to work together for the good of the community and focus on what the Council can and cannot achieve. It was also agreed that Councillors need to work well alongside the Clerk to achieve the best for the Community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36pm



Minute Number  
141/2019