

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT HEPTONSTALL J I & N SCHOOL, 3 JULY 2017

Present : Councillors J Crowther (Chairman) A Baldwin J R Dunford M V Edwards
N James J Scarborough S Slater & B Stott

38/17 APOLOGY OF ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor K Roberts.
It was resolved the absence be deemed an Approved Absence.

39/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests at the commencement of the meeting.

40/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Barrie Marlor of Southfield, Heptonstall, wished to speak on behalf of the community at a later stage of the meeting. This request was permitted.

Mr Steven Holt of Becketts Close, Heptonstall, wished to speak in respect of land allocations for housing in relation to Calderdale's Local Plan as well as the Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

He put forward a proposition substituting the contaminated site at Acres Lane (the 'Co-op Field') for a jointly owned ten acre site from Lane Head to Church Street.

The benefits of this change were explained in detail which included easy pedestrian access to the village school and local amenities, a parking area which could also be used for school drop-offs, no additional traffic through the main street due to a scheme of access & egress from the site (using Lee Wood Road and Lane Head as the route of choice) as well as stringent planning regulations to be applied given Heptonstall Conservation Area.

Mr Holt made himself available to questions from members.

41/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Members considered Mr Holt's suggestions in great detail – he agreed to supply copies of his documentation.

It was agreed to form a Working Party to feed the consultation process of the upcoming Calderdale Local Plan and members were mindful to recommend the exclusion of the Co-op Field and include the land offered by Mr Holt as a preferred option.

The Working Group would comprise Councillors Crowther, Slater, Edwards and Dunford together with The Clerk and would meet in one week's time. Work would be undertaken to develop a Village Design Statement as well as review the Draft Plan when consultation commences..

Councillor Edwards, who deputised for Councillor Slater at the latest Joint Neighbourhood Planning meeting, explained the Draft Local Plan was not yet available but was expected to be so from 7 July to 13 August. *(The dates were subsequently revised with a later start date and consultation lasting for 8 weeks instead of 6).*

42/17 The **minutes of the Annual Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 15 May 2017 were approved as a correct record.

43/17 The **minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 15 May 2017 were approved as a correct record.

44/17 TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

It was resolved to approve the attendance of member training as follows :

Cllr Crowther : Chairmanship Skills 12 July (full day cost £115).

Cllrs Slater & Crowther : Procedures, Powers & Policies 8 August (evening cost £45 each)

45/17 BELATED REQUEST FOR GRANT : 2017/18 : HEPTONSTALL FESTIVAL

The invited Grant application from Heptonstall Festival was scrutinised, following which it was resolved to ask for a more detailed explanation in respect of some unbalanced figures and review the outcome at the next meeting of Council.

46/17 10th EDITION OF 'LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION'

It was resolved to order the latest edition of this book given the opportunity of the purchase being at a significant discount.

47/17 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment :

R M Greenwood	Salary (net) to 30/06/17	£1,286.10
	Broadband & Telephone (3 months)	£ 73.90
Post Office Ltd	HMRC - PAYE	£ 321.40

48/17 INSTALLATION OF GATES AT THE FORMER BAPTIST CHAPEL AT SLACK

There was uncertainty as to any limitations on the installation of gates at this site.
The Clerk agreed to ascertain the correct position.

49/17 PLANNING

(a) Planning Decisions : notification of recent decisions were received from the Planning Authority and presented for information.

(b) The following **Planning Applications** were presented for comment :

- **PA 17/00491/LBC : Installation of flue (Listed Building Consent) – National Trust Visitor Centre, Gibson Mill, Midgehole Road, Hebden Bridge**

No objections arose.

- **PA 17/00652/HSE & 17/00653/LBC : Single Storey Rear Extension – 12 Church Street, Heptonstall**

No objections arose.

50/17 ROLLING PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Clerk presented an updated list of current actions.

In respect of land at North Slack it was agreed to seek a follow up from Roy Rizvi.

Regarding the replacement lantern in Towngate, concern was expressed that there were several aspects of the Conservation Area which it was perceived that Calderdale MB Council were not being fully supported. Other examples included the uneven setts/tarmac insertions in the main street.

It was resolved to ask Ward Councillor Young to walk around this area with some council members to highlight the demised areas.

51/17 WIDDOP ROAD FLOODING

It was resolved to ascertain the latest position on this matter.

52/17 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR JOHN SCARBOROUGH : VACANCY

Councillor John Scarborough gave a letter of resignation as a Council Member to the Council Chairman. It was resolved to accept his resignation with regret, having served for the past 10 years.

A vacancy was declared, The Clerk explaining the implications of this.

The Chairman thanked Mr Scarborough for his high level of contribution to the Council, and hence the community, as well as the manner of his delivery. Her words were echoed and supported by fellow Councillors.

Mr Barrie Marlor asked if he could now speak, as reserved from the Public Participation session (minute 40/17). He too thanked Mr Scarborough on behalf of the community for all the work he had undertaken.

Finally, The Clerk added his thanks, specifically adding the helpfulness that had been offered during a time of illness. He also added the quality of his work when dealing with difficult and complex issues.

53/17 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Monday 7 August 2017 at 7.30 pm.

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(Chairman)

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(Date)