

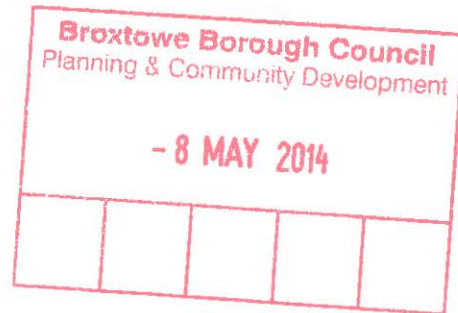


Eastwood Town Council
Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held at
Our Lady of Good Counsel Social Centre
Monday 28th April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr D Bagshaw
Cllr S Bagshaw
Cllr T Burrows
Cllr R Charlesworth (arrived 7.05 p.m.)
Cllr J Marsters
Cllr D Hallam
Cllr B Griffin
Cllr K Kenny
Cllr K Longdon
Cllr C Robb
Cllr R Robb
Cllr D Rowley
Cllr M Rowley
Cllr K Woodhead



Cllr K Kenny, Deputy Mayor of Eastwood Chaired the Meeting

Also present: 2 members of the public

TC213/14 Apologies

Cllr H Charlesworth

TC214/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Bagshaw	Allotments (non pecuniary) & EVB (non pecuniary)
Cllr S Bagshaw	EVB (pecuniary) & Allotments (non pecuniary)
Cllr K Woodhead	EVB (non pecuniary) & Allotments (non pecuniary)

TC215/14 Notifications of Lobbying

Cllr D Bagshaw had been lobbied re. Garden service
Cllr S Bagshaw had been lobbied re. Garden service
Cllr K Woodhead reported re. Princes St area
Cllr J Marsters reported re. Beamlight

Town Clerk reported to the Council a file containing financial information. He highlighted the paperwork so that the Council were able to use it during the meeting.

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Page 5 – Cllr D Bagshaw highlighted that it reported he was in the discussion re. allotments. He was actually out of the meeting.

Page 6 – Cllr D Bagshaw commented about highways that he was happy with the Severn Trent work but hollows were still present in the highway.

Page 6 – Cllr K Kenny reported re. Pillar boxes that Main St is in New Eastwood not Newthorpe.

Page 6 – Cllr K Woodhead reported re. highways it wasn't a large pot hole it was just a large hole.

Page 7 – Cllr C Robb queried a previous account from HPJ Bookkeeping. **Action: Town Clerk to check.**

Cllr C Robb stated that the financial documents the Town Clerk had sent out were not within the 3 working day rule. Town Clerk explained the reasons for this due to the accountant being on holiday until Thursday 24th April. Cllr J Marsters supported the work that the Town Clerk had submitted as it was needed for tonight's meeting and she appreciated the Town Clerks restraints in providing the data. At this point there was a discussion about e-mailing documents. Cllr C Robb felt that we need to not only e-mail documents but to send them out by hard copy to home addresses at least 3 working days before the next meeting. Cllr D Bagshaw said that we need to send out e-mails with read receipts. It was resolved that in future all work be e-mailed and sent by post.

Proposed by Cllr D Bagshaw, seconded by Cllr K Woodhead.

Cllr R Charlesworth abstained as he wasn't at the meeting.

All Councillors were in favour subject to the alterations.

Action: Town Clerk to send out minutes to all Councillors as quickly as possible.

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Page 3 – Cllr K Woodhead gave an update re. going out with the Police

Page 7 – Cllr D Bagshaw commented re security at Derby Rd Allotment (observation)

Page 8 – Cllr B T Griffin showed his concern in respect to risk assessment for the 100th celebratory day at Dovecote Rd Allotments. **Action: Town Clerk has this in hand and will pass the information to Cllr K Woodhead and Cllr R Charlesworth to risk assess as soon as it is received.**

Proposed by Cllr K Woodhead, seconded by Cllr D Hallam. Unanimously agreed by the Council.

TC217/14 Eastwood Post Office

At this point Cllr D Bagshaw reported that the Labour Group have discussed, in great detail, the advantages and disadvantages of the Post office building. We have concluded that this project is too much of a drain on our resources and as such we propose that, with regret, we relinquish the ownership of the building and cease all work except what is legally required.

Town Clerk reported that this was a resolution in accordance with Standing Orders below:

- 4 a. In accordance with standing order 3(b)(iii) above, no motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is included in the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Council's Proper Officer at least 14 clear days before the next meeting.

Cllr J Marsters spoke against this resolution and gave reasons as to why the Lib Dems felt that the building should be retained.

There was a proposal by Cllr C Robb that no more money, unless by legal requirement, be spent on Eastwood PO building. This was seconded by S Bagshaw.

FOR**AGAINST****ABSTAIN**

Cllr B T Griffin
Cllr D Rowley
Cllr M Rowley
Cllr K Woodhead
Cllr S Bagshaw
Cllr D Bagshaw
Cllr C Robb
Cllr R Robb
Cllr K Kenny
Cllr D Hallam

Cllr J Marsters
Cllr K Longdon
Cllr T Burrows
Cllr R Charlesworth

Therefore this resolution was passed.

At this point Cllr R Charlesworth reported contents were still under the stairs at the PO building despite the Town Clerk writing a letter asking for this to be removed. **Action: It was resolved that the Town Clerk would write a further letter giving 48 hours to remove the contents. Stronger action will be taken if the contents are not removed.**

The Town Clerk then asked if he could have permission to appoint a Solicitor to obtain advice about service charges. It was resolved to leave this until the next appropriate meeting.

TC218/14 Eastwood Neighbourhood Plan Application

It was resolved that a formal recommendation to Eastwood Town Council supporting an application for Neighbour Plan be sought from Broxtowe B.C.

Proposed by Cllr R Charlesworth, seconded by Cllr D Bagshaw. Unanimously agreed by all Councillors.

TC219/14 Garden Service

Cllr D Bagshaw explained a decision made at a meeting on 07th April 2014 to allow Broxtowe residents to remain on our garden service.

Cllr J Marsters challenged this on the grounds of previous Council decisions that we do not maintain Broxtowe housing tenants or people who have other means of help with their gardens.

Cllr R Charlesworth reiterated what Cllr J Marsters had said.

Cllr C Robb said by default they have been getting this service for 12 to 13 years and as such I don't think we should take it away from them.

Cllr J Marsters stated that there needs to be an established policy otherwise there will be a rush of applications.

Cllr C Robb said we covered this a couple of years ago as we passed a motion that we would not be providing a garden service for residents of Broxtowe B.C. We need the Town Clerk to check this and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Town Clerk to check that a motion was passed that we would not be providing a garden service for residents of Broxtowe B.C.

Cllr B Griffin highlighted his work in monitoring the standard of the Garden Service. It is essential that nobody in Eastwood that is elderly or disabled suffers.

Cllr R Charlesworth stated that anyone currently on the Broxtowe list but receiving our service should stay on the current schedule. Any new Broxtowe tenants or anyone applying for our service that gets help already i.e. from friend or family member will not be taken on.

Proposed by Cllr R Charlesworth, seconded by Cllr B Griffin.

Action: Town Clerk to write to all current Broxtowe tenants informing them they can stay on the current schedule.

TC220/14 WW1 Update

Town Clerk reported that the army will not be available to attend. Cllr B T Griffin is going around the Schools to get them on board. I have tried to make contact but am not getting any response. The Youth Club are going to get dressed in Edwardian clothes and they will be playing games which were played in that era. The Churches do not want to be involved. I would like a service to be arranged on 04th August at the back of Plumtre War Memorial and also allow the Churches to be opened on the day and maybe St Mary's could have a toll bell working so it gives the impression of a war taking place. I have had a meeting this morning and the bell ringer would like to see this happen but it is in the hands of Rev David Stevenson.

With regards to Remembrance day the Arcadian band are no longer available so I am trying to get a band as soon as possible. I am working with the Boys Brigade HQ in London and local bands in the area. Should we have Remembrance day on Sunday 09th November 2014 only or incorporate the 11th also as a key date. Cllr K Woodhead responded that we should advertise that on Sunday 09th November people should wear period dress. Cllr D Bagshaw said keep it confined to just the one day and on the 11th carry out the normal duties.

TC221/14 Freedom of Information and Motions

Town Clerk asked for a proposer and seconder for the above. It was agreed that we leave it until the meeting on 12th May 2014.

Town Clerk presented the Capability Policy and Procedure which had been prepared by Broxtowe B.C. Cllr R Charlesworth asked if this could be formally accepted and this doesn't need changes as the work has already been carried out on this Policy by Broxtowe B.C. It was decided to adopt this on the night.

TC222/14 Storage Unit - Brookhill Leys Rd

Town Clerk reported that Mr Tyrone Gall had sold the storage unit to Bellwood Foods whose agents are Argent Holdings (Lloyds). Town Clerk has been into the bank to set up a new direct debit for Argent Holdings. The indemnity bond was transferred to Argent Holdings from Mr Tyrone Gall. I would like Councillors advise as to if we wish to continue renting the storage unit and if we need to sign the new contract. It was agreed to carry on renting the storage.

Cllr R Charlesworth gave an update on the activities he had carried out at the storage unit. Cllr B T Griffin and all Councillors extended their gratitude to Cllr R Charlesworth for all the hard work carried out.

TC223/14 Land Registry

Town Clerk requested authority to approach district valuer to provide an agricultural value to our two allotments. Proposed Cllr D Bagshaw, seconder Cllr B T Griffin. Unanimously agreed by all Councillors. **Action: Town Clerk to make further enquiries into costings.**

Town Clerk reported that he had had a phone call from a resident on Charles Avenue who wanted to replace a fence against the allotment boundary. It has been reported to him that there is a boundary dispute and he was recommended not to replace the fence until the dispute has been resolved. It was recognised by the Councillors that this matter needed urgent attention.

TC224/14 Response from Mr B Fretwell

Mr B Fretwell asked for permission for Mr D Page to present photo albums to the late Mrs Hazel Braithwaite's daughter Gill and the two ladies Beth and Rhianne who were presented with the achievement awards. Cllr K Kenny on behalf of ETC thanked Mr Fretwell for all his hard work in arranging the late Alderman Mrs Hazel Braithwaite presentation.

Cllr K Woodhead reported he had delivered 200 Easter eggs to various care homes throughout Eastwood.

Meeting closed 8.56 p.m.

