**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE NEW HALL ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: A. Claypole, J Linsley, P. Holland, D, Kirkham, A. West, D. Cartwright

G. Scott. A. Cropley P. Muxlow, S. Womack

Mrs. A Harrison – Clerk to the Council

**In Attendance**:3 members of the public, Ward Cllr. R. Blake.

Public Discussion Period

Defibrillators – Number of current units highlighted and external one at the library to be installed by BRA with training also to be provided

**17/18/222** Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

C. Lukey (working), S. Young, G. Budgen **(**unwell)

**Resolved:** That the apologies be approved.

**17/18/223** Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing interests) - None

**17/18/224** Agree Confidential Items - None

**17/18/225** Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of the 9th January

17/18/215Amendment to note Cllr Cartwrightvolunteered and agreed to meet BRA.

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the 9th January be approved with the said amendment.

**17/18/226** Matters Arising from the Minutes

17/18/198 Matters Arising- Latest response from the Nat West Bank. Not likely that there would be any reversal of the decision to close the branch. A community bank was however interested in providing a branch in Bawtry and steps were being taken to progress this.

17/18/207 Parking Provision Working Group. Query raised regarding the bottling plant owner. Plans were fluid but there still appeared to be parking provision envisaged

17/28/205 Facebook/BRG website - The Clerk advised of the investigation into the possible offences arising from abusive comments on social media. Noted that relevant offences were included in the Malicious Communications Act. This specifically covered social media. Comments did need to be grossly offensive, or obscene (or false) but, the test was whether a message was liable to cause gross offence to those to whom it related (i.e not the views of the person making the comments). In addition, it was irrelevant whether the conversation was directed at the person(s) being abused. There was no requirement that any person saw the message. Leading caselaw was the case of DPP v Collins 2006.

17/18/215 Update provided regarding BRA meeting with the Grove & Rufford Hunt which the Chairman had taken on from Cllr Cartwright. Appeal awaited and therefore further discussions with the hunt to be deferred until the outcome of the appeal. Discussion regarding the agreed reasons for the Council meeting with BRA, why the Chairman had proceeding with the meeting in Cllr Cartwrights place and members views on this.

**17/18/227** Members agreed to bring Item 6 forward - Ward Report

**17/18/228** Ward Member Report

Bus Shelter - No planning required as permitted development but could be commented upon by highways on the basis of visibility or structural issues.

D. Worthington could be approached at DMBC if required. The item would be placed on the March agenda for the Council to decide whether to fund in principle.

Yellow lines - School Walk now being consulted upon

Anti-social behaviour to be reported to Cllr Blake. All details would be dealt with confidentially.

Encouraged further liaison with Bawtry groups

**17/18/229** Members agreed to bring Item 16 forward - BTC Liaison

**17/18/230** Consider BTC Liaison with other Bawtry Groups

The groups likely to be involved were discussed. Discussed whether group Chairman should meet or if this lacked transparency. Council reports could perhaps assist. Open invitations could also be offered if members were interested.

**Resolved:** Chairmen of the BRG, BRA, & BTC, and at least one other member of the groups to meet informally on a quarterly basis, highlighting the issues to be discussed where possible. Notes would be taken and a report received by the Council thereafter.

Cllr Blake agreed to attend where DMBC issues were involved.

Open invitations to be made to other community groups.

Community Forum to be replaced with this format going forward

**17/18/229** Financial Matters

1. Approve Monthly Accounts

**Resolved:** That the monthly accounts be approved

b) Approve Bank Reconciliation

**Resolved:** That the bank reconciliation to 30th December be received.

c) Budget monitoring to December

The budget monitoring schedule was received

d) Consider donation to the British Heart Foundation (in memory of the former Mayor Frank Johnson).

**Resolved:** That a donation be provided in the sum of £100

**17/18/229** Market Hill

1. Taxi rank - Update

Noted DMBC had declined to delegate power to the Town Council under the Miscellaneous Provisions Act. The principal authority had no obligation to delegate the power and seemed reluctant to provide the same due to their perceived risk of potential enforcement costs. A further response was awaited from YLCA regarding alternative options available. However, at present the Town Council had no statutory power to provide a taxi rank

DMBC to be approached again as private hire facilities would not be suitable. BRA also strongly supported the provision of a (hackney) taxi rank.

It was additionally agreed that Ross Jones would be contacted to seek a review of the decision. (Cllr Blake to be kept abreast of the situation)

**17/18/230** Market Hill Footpath- Update

Noted outstanding responses. Cllr Womack to approach the owners of Limited 2 Art. The Clerk to obtain agent details in default. Cllr West to approach the China Kitchen. The Clerk to look further into ownership of Coopland’s (unregistered). The Nat West Bank consent could have to wait until a new owner was in place.

**17/18/231** Recreation lssues **-** None

**17/18/232** Highways Issues

Gainsborough Road – noted further markings now completed.

Costs of an interactive speed sign also circulated (£8k). Further cost implications to be investigated with the matter placed on the Marsh agenda.

**17/18/233** Neighbourhood Plan - Update

Consultation comments currently being collated. (DMBC comments already received/incorporated). Summary of comments to be circulated to council members in due course.

Final draft to be completed with the aim to present the same to the Council at the March meeting. Brief details of alterations noted.

Formal consultation estimated to be by early April

**17/18/234** War Memorial Working Group - Update

Noted planning application now submitted including a heritage impact assessment. Noted disappointment that Cllr Cartwright had withdrawn from the group.

No further update regarding funding as response awaited.

No response from DMBC to date. Architect now in contact with DMBC but the Clerk to seek formal permission.

Cllr Kirkham to join the group in Cllr Cartwrights absence.

**17/18/235** Parking Provision & Market Hill Working Group- Review remit and consider member appointment

**Resolved:** That the two groups be merged and new terms of reference be drafted incorporating the remit of the two groups

**Resolved:** That members of the group be Cllrs Linsley, Young, West & Kirkham (Cllr Blake also co-opted).

Some concerns regarding overlap with the NP group but members to consider this further when the remit was considered.

Progress in respect of the group was required but unfortunately reliance on the actions of private companies/individuals and the expiry of relevant third-party contracts had prevented significant progress to date.

**17/18/236** Events Working Group – Review and consider members appointment

**Resolved:** That Cllrs Muxlow, Young & West be members of the group.

**17/18/238** Consider Draft Policy for the Use of Council Land

Members considered the draft policy drafted by Cllr West including the background information and nine policy points The Clerk summarised her concerns regarding the focus on licensing, presumption in favour & impact on the Excel contract and the wording of the vetting process. Lengthy discussion by members on the various points in the policy and a number of revisions were proposed and considered.

It was proposed that the policy be approved without amendment.

**Resolved**: That the policy would not be approved without amendment.

(Cllr Cartwright, West, Womack, Muxlow, & Scott voted in favour of the draft unamended. Remaining five Cllrs present voted against the proposed unamended draft with the chairman confirming his use of the casting vote if required).

Members agreed that the policy would be amended for consideration at the March meeting.

**17/18/241** Planning Issues.

1. Planning Applications

**18/00051/FUL & 18/00052/LBC** 9 - 13 Market Place

Listed building consent & Application for Conversion of 1st floor to provide office accommodation, including creation of new dedicated external access door to rear of building ***.- No adverse comment***

**18/00024/ADV** St Nicholas Church, Church Street

Display of non-illuminated freestanding lecturn sign - ***No adverse comment***

**18/00102/FUL** Rivelin, 18 Cheyne Walk Bawtry

Erection of Single storey extension to rear- ***No adverse comment***

**17/03141/FUL** Nat West 23-25 Market Place

Removal of 1 ATM & insertion of 1 security door, handrail & steps - ***No adverse comment***

**18/00168/FUL** Feast Café, 20 Station Road

Alterations to front elevation and entrance- *Concerns expressed that the alterations*

*had in fact already been completed**prior to permission being granted*

**18/00152/FUL** 11 Ingham Road

Erection of first floor extension to the side of dwelling, single storey extension to the rear and new front entrance with canopy - ***No adverse comment***

**17/01728/OUT** Land South of Tickhill Road, Harworth

Hybrid Planning Application for Outline Planning Permission for Residential development of 650 new homes.

***Resolved:*** That concerns be raised on the basis that although the impact on traffic suggested an increase of only 13 vehicles at peak times there was no

assessment on the impact on Bawtry amenities, infrastructure or traffic or impact at non-peak times.

A contribution towards junction improvements suggested in light of existing issues locally especially at Tickhill Rd

b) Planning Determinations

**17/02967/FUL** 15 Beaufont Gardens

Erection of single storey extension to rear and first floor extension above existing garage- ***Granted***

**17/02920/FUL** 2 Yew Tree Drive

Side extension, Loft Conversion. Garage Conversion & Front porch ***- Granted***

**17/02879/FUL** 12 Lime Tree Crescent

Rear extension, pitched roof over existing garage and front elevation -***Granted***

**17/03022/TPO** The Old House 32 High St

Consent to crown lift minor branches on one fully mature Beech tree to gain 3 to 4m clearance above ground level. The tree is subject to Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.260) 2002- ***Granted***

**17/18/242** Report on Meetings & Representatives

Noise Monitoring Committee - Cllr Claypole to circulate his comments from the last meeting, The Clerk provided an update regarding the attendance of a committee representative at a BTC meeting. Agreed in principle but an actual date still awaited.

MSG User Group Meeting – Noted Cllr Young now Chairman of BARS Trustees.

**17/18/243** To Receive Any Additional Correspondence

* Email from Torworth regarding the gravel works in Nottinghamshire
* Update regarding Airport consultation.

**17/18/244** Items for Future Agenda and Next Meetings – 13th March

Minutes – finance meeting

Bus shelter – consider funding

Interactive speed sign- consider funding

Sponsorship -boundary sign review

Council policy - use of land for events

Neighbourhood Plan- approve amendments

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.45pm.

**Chair: ……………………………………………. Dated…………………………………………**

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| Npower | Mkt Hill – Electricity (Jan) | DD | 27.00 |
| Various | Salaries –Jan | 1325/27 | 2492.16 |
| The Pension People | Pension contributions (emp’r & emp’e) | DD | 40.00 |
| HMRC | Tax & NICS - Jan | 1324 | 577.15 |
| BARS | Old pavilion demolition | 1328 | 12840.00 |
| HSBC | Bank fees | DD | 6.80 |
| Yorkshire Water | Rates- cemetery | DD | 4.58 |
| Today Publications Ltd | Newsletter - Bawtry Today | DD | 114.00 |
| Need a Hand Ltd | Boundary repair and reinstallation | 1329 | 480.00 |
| The New Hall | Room hire 17th & 23rd Jan | 1330 | 45.00 |
| Marshalls Garage | Handymen- petrol | 1331 | 4.84 |
| Anthony Snowden Architect Ltd | War memorial planning fee | 1332 | 360.00 |
| Need a Hand Ltd | Remove, repair & reinstall notice board | 1333 | 280.00 |
| A Harrison | Reimburse planning application fee | 1334 | 117.00 |