**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE NEW HALL STATION ROAD ON TUESDAY 27th JULY 2021 at 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: A. Claypole, G Scott, D. Cartwright, D. Kirkham, J. Linsley, S Young,

P Holland, T Reddick, J Brindley, E. Austin.

Mrs. A Harrison – Clerk to the Council

**In Attendance:** 2 Ward Councillors & 2 members of the public.

**21/22/072** Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

D Kirby, A. Cropley & I Greer.

**Resolved**: That the reasons provided for absence be approved.

**21/22/073** Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing interests)

S Young Item 6 Non-pecuniary as Chairman of BARS

D. Kirkham Item 7 Non pecuniary as resident of Pemberton Grove

**21/22/074** Agree Confidential Items- Item 5 Market Hill contract (contractual) &

Item 6 MSF Bowling Club Request (Third party correspondence).

**21/22/075** Public Discussion Period

Two members of the public had been invited to attend with significant knowledge on telecommunication issues. Discussed existing mast at Hudson’s Yard (principal local site). Although operators often worked independently they did sometimes consolidate equipment as at Hudson’s Yard. However, Hudson’s Yard equipment was now unable to provide full suitable 5G coverage for Bawtry. It was likely that there would be a new mast at Tickhill Road and probably a further one in the town in due course, assuming there would be some sharing of equipment by providers. otherwise 3-4 may be required. .

Noted height could not be lowered due to requirements. Locations were often chosen for convenience of existing infrastructure and cost etc.

ICNLIP compliance was also questioned with proposed invite to DMBC to look at the exclusion drawings and qualifications of the persons within the company verifying the compliance.

Noted government policy was to provide 5G coverage and improved connectivity as the UK were well behind other countries in this regard.

Discussed alternative sites and merits of these. (Location at the layby on Tickhill Road preferred as outside the conservation area, easier to access and away from listed buildings, albeit more costly to the developer). Health issues raised briefly and appeal process (likely to be approved on appeal).

**21/22/076** Planning Applications

**21/02084/TEL** Tickhill Road, Bawtry

Installation of telecommunications 5G equipment consisting of 18m 'slim line' phase 8 monopole with wraparound cabinet at base, 3 no. additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works.

**Resolved**: That improved telecommunications/coverage was supported but the application be opposed on the bass that a mast would be better placed further up Tickhill Road, in the lay-by, to take it outside the conservation area and away from listed buildings. This would also provide improved access for traffic and maintenance as required. .

DMBC also to be invited to question the ICNLIP compliance and ask the operator why they are not looking to upgrade the mast at Hudson’s Yard.

**21/22/077** Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

That in light of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press were excluded.

**21/22/078** Memorial Sports Ground - Consider mediation between BARS and Bawtry Bowling Club.

Noted correspondence from the Bawtry Bowling Club with their agreement to request meeting between the parties and a representative of BTC to discuss recent issues. BARS email correspondence also noted.

**Resolved**: Members advised that at this stage they would like the parties to try and resolve any issues themselves as it was largely outside the Councils remit to become involved in the day to day operation of the premises.

BARS were however be obliged to maintain the bowling hut in accordance with the terms of the lease.

**21/22/079** Market Hill Pay & Display Contract - Consider recommendations of the car park working group and options re: future market hill car park management.

New members were provided with an update as to the history of the management of the car park. The options regarding future management were also discussed. The new contract was significantly different to the current arrangements and would be published (subject to any required redaction).

**Resolved:** That the bids be evaluated and a contract awarded in due course for 3 years. Alternative options to manage the car park in the longer term to be considered during this period

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45pm

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