**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE NEW HALL ON 11th APRIL 2023 FROM 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: G. Scott, J. Linsley, D. Kirby, J. Brindley, A. Cropley, I. Greer, D. Kirkham,

P. Holland, S. Young. C. Minnis, D, Cartwright

Mrs. A Harrison – Clerk to the Council

**In Attendance:** Ward Councillor R. Blake, Nicci Collins, DMBC.

**22/23/223** Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

1. Claypole.

**Resolved:** That the reason for absence be approved.

(Vice Chairman, Doug Cartwright in the chair)

**22/23/224** Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing interests)

Cllr Young Item 11 non-pecuniary - Wharf Street play equipment.

 **22/23/225** Agree Confidential Items - None.

**22/23/****226** Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting –13th March 2023

 **Resolved:** That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Noted manner in which members or the public are addressed in formal meetings as opposed to in general situations. It was agreed that care should be taken to ensure terms do not cause offence, even if this is not intentional.

**22/23/227** Matters Arising from the Minutes

None raised

**22/23/228** 15 Minute Public Discussion Period.

 None raised

**22/23/229** Financial Matters

1. Approve Monthly Accounts

**Resolved:** That the monthly accounts be approved to April (inc March supplemental).

b) Bank Reconciliations –28th February 2023

**Resolved:** That the bank reconciliations be received.

c) Budget Monitoring –28th February 2023

 **Resolved:** That the budget monitoring schedule be received.

**22/23/230** Ward Member /DMBC Officer Report

* 21/02493/MIN decision - Noting the planning condition relating to routing arrangements which were to avoid HGVs coming into Bawtry. (Plan to be circulated)
* Streetscene had agreed to clear the area between North Avenue and Harewood Drive which appeared to be unregistered land.
* Street lighting update - repairs expected within 4 weeks.
* Voluntary group meeting for funding opportunities scheduled.

**22/23/231** Locality Plan Update – Attendance Nicci Collins (DMBC)

Members were given an update on the Locality Plan. It was noted that Doncaster had been split into quadrants. Community spirit and police visibility appeared to be key from the recent consultation feedback. Specific ward feedback (including Rossington) was positive regarding thriving communities, local assets and green spaces but improvements sought with investment and support for business, road safety (speeding/HGVs) and more community events.

Noted one of the purposes of the Plan was to ensure local priorities were monitored and up-to-date (despite concerns expressed as to the value of the resources being allocated). However it was maintained that the engagement involved was a way for the public to influence how money was allocated and spent. Officers working in localities were then working to improve how services were delivered on an operational and strategic level. The locality plan could also be used by town and parish councils to show evidence of need for funding purposes.

**22/23/232** Market Hill - Market Cross refurbishment – review and agree planting.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk arrange for evergreen planting in the new planters around the cross. (Review to be deferred).

**22/23/233** Recreation lssues - Wharf Street play equipment update & approve Risk Assessments

The Clerk reported that BARS had agreed that the Council arrange and fund the play equipment repairs and also take responsibility/ownership of the equipment going forward (subject to any Charity Commission consent as required).

Surfacing repairs had already been undertaken with relevant parts ordered to enable outstanding repairs to be completed in due course. The equipment was now covered by the Councils public liability insurance and cover for the equipment itself would be reviewed in May/June when the insurance policy was due for renewal.

**Resolved**: That the updated risk assessments relating to the recreational ground and play equipment were approved.

 **22/23/234** Highways– No matters raised

 **22/23/235** New Hall – Consider refurbishment including toilet plans & associated costs.

 Members had received draft design options regarding the hall toilets but associated costs were still outstanding and therefore to be considered at the May meeting if available.

 The Clerk reported that the broadband contract had been renewed with Sky Business which was the most competitive current option.

**22/23/236** Town Centre Strategy Working Group

No meeting of the group but a final car park plan was awaited. This would be circulated upon receipt.

EV charger feasibility report was also awaited.

**22/23/237** Events including Arts Festival update & consider art installation funding request.

Art Festival

 The full programme was shortly to be published and a general tidy up of the Town was planned prior to the event.

 Members agreed some parking spaces could be allocated for stalls from 10-4pm on Sunday 18th June.

 Art installations – 5 currently agreed with retailers but members did not have any example to consider sponsorship.

 Coronation – Noted that there were no plans for Saturday 7th May. A civic service was anticipated on Sunday morning with “Afternoon tea” at The New Hall on Sunday 8th May – around 80 expected (50 booked to date) with a quiz afterwards.

 Litter pick and volunteers day on Monday 8th May from 11am. (Refreshments provided by local businesses). Trees to be planted with funding required.

 **Resolved:** That £1000 be approved for the afternoon tea costs (up to £720), trees (£150) and coronation pins for volunteers (£170).

 **22/23/238** Planning Issues.

1. Planning Applications

**23/00461/FUL** 48 Doncaster Road

Erection of a single storey infill extension to rear of dwelling and roof lights installed into existing extension roof.

***No adverse comment***

**23/00418/FUL** John Hudson Hudsons Yard Doncaster Road

Change of use of land from the existing vacant café/office building to general

industrial (Use Class B2) and storage (Use Class B8)

***No adverse comment***

**23/00514/FUL** 2-6 Thorne Road

Conversion of dwelling to create 1 dwelling and 2 apartments

***Parking requirements to be raised to ensure the conversion would meet all relevant parking standards as laid down in the Local Plan.***

1. Planning Determinations

**22/02527/ADV** Great North, Thorne, Tickhill, Gainsborough & Doncaster Road.

Display of plaques on 5 village signs - ***Granted***

**21/02493/MIN** Great North Road, Rossington

Extraction of grit sand and gravel including formation of new access onto Bawtry Road

**22/23/239** Report on Meetings & Representatives

PCJCC- including Joint Charter update

Cllr Greer attended the recent meeting and discussed the changes being looked into e.g. meeting times/notice of agendas. The updated Charter to be added to the May agenda for members to decide if they wanted to endorse. (This would still not include approving consultations being run exclusively through the committee).

CCTV- 6 to7 seven cameras planned for Bawtry. If funding for a camera on Wharf Street was needed this would be about £5,000. The lampposts were currently being assessed/tested prior to installation of the agreed locations which ran from Doncaster to Gainsborough Road and including Tickhill Road which were fully funded and included monitoring for the first year. How to relay the signal to a camera on Wharf Street was being assessed but the remaining 6 locations could be progressed with the project looking to be rolled out in May.

**22/23/240**  To Receive any Additional Correspondence

Receive email correspondence from David Haig (DMBC) & consider further response/information request

Clerk to approach the Police for a response to previous correspondence and further information to be sought from DMBC regarding the areas which were given priority and the criteria /accident data relied upon.

 **22/23/242** Items for Future Agenda

 PCJCC Charter

 Market Cross review

 (C Minnis gave apologies as work commitment for the May meeting).

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.00pm

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

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| **March supplemental** | **Description** | **Payment**  | **Amount**  |
| HSBC | Bank charges  | DD | 17.00 |
| Various | Salaries - Feb | 2519-23 | 4955.52 |
| HMRC | Tax & NICs | 2524 | 1150.67 |
| KRB Fencing | MSG Fencing | 2525 | 1974.00 |
| T Hudson | Arts festival entertainer - deposit | 2526 | 100.00 |

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| **April Payees** |  |  |  |
| The Pension People | Pension contributions – Mar | DD | 272.22 |
| EDF | Mkt Hill electricity | DD | 6.00 |
| DMBC | Rates - Mkt Hill (monthly) | DD | 919.80 |
| EE | Mobile phone  | DD | 32.40 |
| Today Publications Ltd | Newsletter - Bawtry Today  | DD | 132.00 |
| Opus Energy | Hall- electricity  | DD | 157.16 |
| Plusnet | Broadband - hall Mar 23 | DD | 37.61 |
| Waterplus | Water charges New Hall | DD | 21.76 |
| DMBC | Rates - Cemetery (annual) | 2527 | 615.64 |
| DMBC  | Rates - New Hall (annual) | 2528 | 4820.34 |
| DMBC | New Hall – small lottery licence | 2529 | 20.00 |
| Gillies Landscapes | New Hall tree works | 2530 | 190.00 |
| Blyth Pest Control | Wharf St – mole treatment | 2531 | 120.00 |
| MKS Groundcare | Monthly grass cutting tender | 2532 | 987.00 |
| YLCA | Annual subscription | 2533 | 798.00 |
| A Harrison | Travel expenses (Feb/Mar) | 2534 | 38.70 |
| Excel Parking Services Limited  | Car park management fees Mar 23 | 2535 | 1232.38 |
| Solopress | Arts festival flyers (Reimburse LB) | 2536 | 45.81 |
| Bawtry Tyre & Exhaust Centre | Handymen wheelbarrow repair | 2537 | 15.00 |
| Amazon EU | Coronation pins (Reimburse ALH) | 2538 | 167.64 |
| Excel Parking Services Limited | Car park ECN fees Mar 23 | 2539 | 367.20 |
| Sky Business | Broadband – New contract (inc set up)  | DD | 44.34 |
| Opus | Hall gas | DD | 525.64 |
| Global payments  | Merchant bank fees | DD | 177.37 |