**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAWTRY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE NEW HALL ON 9th OCTOBER 2023 FROM 7PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: A. Claypole, J. Linsley, G. Scott, D. Gale, J. Gale A. Cropley, S. Young,

D. Cartwright, P Holland

Mrs. A Harrison – Town Clerk

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

**23/24/097** Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

Cllrs I. Greer, D Kirkham, D. Kirby gave reasons for absence.

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

**23/24/098** Receive Declarations of Interest (other than standing interests)

None.

**23/24/099** Agree Confidential Items – Item 18 correspondence (3rd party correspondence marked confidential).

**23/24/****100** Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting –11th September 2023

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

(Amendment to correct minute 23/24/080 to Bawtry Wood).

**23/24/101** Matters arising from the Minutes

Update provided regarding signage for the allotments.

**23/24/102** 15 Minute Public Discussion Period.

No matters raised.

**23/24/103** Consider casual vacancy co-option

 **Resolved:** That Mr. K. Killeen be co-opted onto the Council.

 Cllr Killeen signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**23/24/104** Financial Matters

1. Approve Monthly Accounts.

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

b) Bank Reconciliations –31st August 2023

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

c) Budget Monitoring –31st August 2023

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

**23/24/105** Ward Member /CDC Officer Report

* By-election noted on 16th November (Ward Councillor).
* Tickhill Road parking, noted TRO in progress.
* Doncaster Road paths still to be scheduled - weather condition dependent
* CCTV initial phase completed.
* Public crossings update. Noted the usual method for funding was now by developers, due to a lack of available funding from CDC.

**23/24/106** Market Hill

1. Approve Christmas Eve Carols Event

**Resolved**: That the event be approved with the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements including arranging a PA system and band.

1. Tree wrapping light installations on Market Hill – update

The Clerk advised of the delay in installing the lighting columns which would now be installed in January/February 2024. However CDC had agreed to install feed pillars for the Market Hill trees and would also lay the ducting where required to bring the supply to the base of each tree. The Council would only need to fund the cost of installing the ducting.

1. Consider request for safety barriers adjacent to the public bridleway on Market Hill for spectator safety for the 2023 Boxing Day Drag Hunt which was now setting off from The Crown.

**Resolved:** That safety barriers be installed by the organisers for public safety/crowd control when the hunt used the adjacent public bridleway.

**23/24/107** Recreation lssues:

 a) CCTV – Update Wharf St Recreational Ground CCTV provision.

 **Resolved:** That the installation of a CCTV on Wharf Street was approved. The Clerk to obtain further quotes via CDC before confirming which contractor to use.

 b) Consider removal of shelter on Wharf St playpark.

 **Resolved:** That the shelter be removed. Clerk to ascertain cost from CDC.

c) Consider Skate/Scooter Park for Bawtry.

Possible locations were Gally Fields or on Wharf Street (existing hard standing). Noted children wanted something similar to that available in Maltby.

**Resolved:** That a skate park was agreed in principle but noted that costs were very high for such an installation and therefore grant funding would be necessary.

**23/24/108** Highways – No matters raised

**23/24/****109** New Hall including: refurbishment costs update

TheClerk advised that three quotes had now been received (the latest today) and members could therefore consider at the November meeting.

**23/24/110** Town Centre Strategy Working Group update including Market Hill resurfacing tender specification/layout & Electric Vehicle charging progress.

Discussions had been initiated with a consultant regarding the preparation of a design scheme, and with CDC.

**Resolved:** That Anthony Snowden be instructed to prepare a design scheme for the car park with chevron parking where possible. Costs agreed up to £2,000.

Further discussions with CDC would be pursued regarding possible highways issues or a bill of quantities as required.

Electric Charging Vehicles - It was agreed that the Clerk, Consultant and Cllr Linsley would meet with the shortlisted bidders prior to the working group making a recommendation to the full council. The meeting would be held on the 18th October.

**23/24/111** Events Working Group including Halloween event funding.

Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch- Update provided.

Halloween Event

 **Resolved:** That funding up to £500 be approved for the event which was being arranged by the Mayflower PTA and would be sponsored by the Town Council.

Art Festival – Update provided with the group now incorporated with a Council representative being sought. (To consider at the November meeting).

Remembrance Event Update– RBL Crosses had been purchased with details of the fallen to be marked on them by local school children. They would then be arranged at the War Memorial. (PA system required - Clerk to arrange).

 **23/24/112** Planning Issues.

1. Planning Applications

**23/00018/REF (Appeal)** Land East Of Doncaster Road, Bawtry

Change of use of land for the siting of holiday lodges and holiday park reception, including formation of 1 new access and alteration of 1 existing access, creation of ponds, bunding, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

**Resolved**: That the traffic/access concerns be reiterated.

1. Planning Determinations

**23/01414/FUL** 11 Rydale Gardens Bawtry. Erection of side and roof extension over garage with new dormer and new roof to rear conservatory ***- Granted***

**23/01495/FUL** Westwyn St Martins Avenue. Erection of a 2 storey side extension on the same footprint as the existing garage ***– Granted***

**22/02688/FUL** 17 Church Street Bawtry. Erection of a two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing property - ***Granted***

**23/24/113** Report on Meetings & Representatives

* Bawtry Art Festival - new website being constructed which would include all “arts” and activities in the town throughout the year, not just the annual festival.
* Police, Report provided regarding the recent public meeting including (disputed) patrol numbers across South Yorkshire. Discussion with the PCSO also undertaken.
* Public Rights of Way Forum to be attended next week. Church Street development to be raised regarding the protection/retention of the existing right of way on the proposed site.

**23/24/114** To receive any Additional Correspondence

* Resident request for bus shelter seat on Ingham Road noted. Clerk awaiting response from SYPTE. Clerk to forward details to the Ward Councillor.

 **23/24/115** Items for Future Agenda & Next Meeting

Consider tree works quotes

 Consider Hall refurbishment quotes(Decorating/Doors)

 Arts Festival - Appointment of councillor representative.

**23/24/116**  Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960

 That in light of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the

 Press and Public be excluded.

 **23/24/117** To receive any Additional correspondence

* Receive MSG Primary Users correspondence. Members briefly discussed the same.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45pm

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

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| **September Payees** | **Description** | **No** | **Amount** |
| Excel Parking Services Ltd  | Car park management fees ECN June | 2672 | 316.20 |
| Metric Parking Services | Car park PSP fees- Aug | 2674 | 179.86 |
| A Richards | Website annual domains/hosting | 2675 | 180.00 |
| Start Traffic Ltd | Allotment sign post (Reimburse ALH) | 2676 | 78.79 |
| Various | Salaries – Sept | 2677-81 | 5128.99 |
| HMRC | Tax & NICs - Sept | 2682 | 1370.12 |
| Christmas Plus | Tree wrapping – Mkt Hill | 2683 | 3448.80 |
| **October** |  |  |  |
| The Pension People | Pension contributions – July | DD | 283.29 |
| EDF | Mkt Hill electricity | DD | 6.00 |
| DMBC | Rates - Mkt Hill (monthly) | DD | 918.00 |
| EE | Mobile phone  | DD | 37.06 |
| Today Publications Ltd | Newsletter - Bawtry Today  | DD | 144.00 |
| Opus Energy | Hall- electricity  | DD | 108.90 |
| Waterplus | Water charges New Hall | DD | 22.67 |
| Sky Business | Broadband  | DD | 29.94 |
| Jalapeno Business services | 365 Monthly subscription | DD | 98.78 |
| Royal British Legion | Remembrance crosses (Reimburse ALH) | 2684 | 135.00 |
| MKS Groundcare Ltd | Monthly grass cutting tender | 2685 | 978.00 |
| B & S Chains Ltd | Wharf St - Swing anti wrap chain brackets | 2686 | 379.20 |
| Need a Hand Ltd | New Hall lighting replacements | 2687 | 245.00 |
| Hoe & Mow | Hall grass cutting Aug/Sept | 2688 | 264.96 |
| CDC | 1/4rly waste contract - Hall | 2689 | 189.50 |
| Excel Parking Services Ltd  | Car park management fees –Sept | 2690 | 1232.38 |
| Global Payments  | Merchant bank fees | DD | 215.13 |
| Opus | Hall - gas | DD | 81.21 |