

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on Tuesday 12th March 2013
Commencing at 6.00 p.m.
In the Stables, Staveley Hall

Present: -

Councillor Dyke (Chair)

Councillor J. Bacon	Councillor A. Hill
Councillor S. Bagshaw	Councillor P. Hill
Councillor J. Barnett	Councillor C. Ludlow
Councillor O. Cauldwell	Councillor J. McManus
Councillor D. Collins	Councillor E. Tidd
Councillor H. Elliott	

In attendance: Graeme Challands – Town Clerk and Financial Officer
 Ian Haddock – Assistant Financial Officer
 6 Members of the Public

		ACTION
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them it was being recorded.	
613/12	<p><u>PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</u></p> <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor L. Collins – family commitments Councillor Lang – work commitments Councillor Parsons – Mayoral duties Councillor Williams – recovering from an operation</p>	
614/12	<p>COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT Councillor Webley.</p>	
615/12	<p>CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Chair reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That he had attended the Pie and Pea Supper staged by Staveley Town Council to thank all the volunteers who had helped at events. It had been a great night with good food and the volunteers had enjoyed it. • That he had attended the Staveley Royal British Legion Presentation Evening. He offered his congratulations to the Branch who, with the 	

	<p>help of the generous people of Staveley had bucked the national trend and raised over £13,000 for the Poppy Appeal 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lastly he announced that work had begun on the Affordable Homes at Frecheville Street. Work had begun on this project when he was Leader in 2005 and it had finally come to fruition. He thought it was brilliant that the scheme had gone through providing houses, employment and environmental improvements for the people of Staveley. 	
616/12	<p>VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS There were no proposals to vary the Order of Business.</p>	
617/12	<p>TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY FROM PART ONE OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED Councillor A. Hill proposed that the whole of Agenda Item 16 be moved to part 2 of the meeting. No specific reason was given. Members agreed to this proposal.</p>	
618/12	<p>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</p> <p>a) Councillors Cauldwell and Tidd repeated their declaration made at the Leisure and Community Committee Agenda Item 568/12. They are both members of the Friends of Pools Brook Country Park.</p> <p>b) No requests for dispensations were received.</p>	
619/12	<p>PRESENTATIONS There were no presentations.</p>	
620/12	<p>PUBLIC SPEAKING Joe Roberts thanked Staveley Town Council for all the help he had received towards the Mayor's Benefit Night at the Speedwell Rooms on Friday. He also reminded all present that tickets were still available for the Mayor's Gala Dinner at the Proact Stadium. Whilst it may seem expensive it was value for money and four charities would benefit.</p> <p>John Morehen offered his congratulations to the Council for getting 20 homes built – he felt it was a very worthwhile thing for Staveley.</p> <p>However, he was not pleased with Staveley Town Council wishing to “muscle in” to the Friends of Pools Brook Country Park. They did not need Staveley Town Council money – as Councillors were already aware they had plenty of money of their own. He suggested Staveley Town Council put it towards a coach trip to the coast. He felt the reasons for <u>not</u> running a coach trip were political.</p>	

Councillor A. Hill responded that it was not political – the Labour Group had decided it was not a fair thing for a coach trip to be run to benefit a few people of Staveley.

Instead the Council wished to support activities for the young people of Staveley – hence their support for the Easter Egg Hunt.

John Morehen responded that he did not agree; the coach trip had been a good idea.

Councillor A. Hill replied that it was a policy on which the Labour Councillors had been elected.

Councillor Tidd apologised for bringing the matter to the Leisure and Community Committee.

Councillor A. Hill stated that issue was a Labour Group matter not one for public concern.

Councillor Elliott said only a few people had gone on the trip as it had been held midweek when most people were at work. The same people had gone on it year after year. The Council was here to serve all the people of Staveley so had cancelled the coach trip in the interest of fairness.

John Morehen pointed out the trip had been put on for people who were not working and therefore could not afford to get away.

Councillor Ludlow said it had to open to all people by law. She agreed with Councillor Elliott. Staveley Town Council support the Brownies but they had one coach to themselves. They could apply for a Section 137 Grant and still do their own coach trip. Anyone can do it. It was the organisation of the coach trip that cost too much Officers' time. She suggested any group could organise a trip and apply for funding.

Staveley Town Council was organising a Family Disco, but had wanted to help local children via the Egg Hunt.

It was however up to Friends of Pools Brook Country Park – if they did not want the money that was fine.

John Morehen reported that the offer of financial help from Staveley Town Council towards the Friends of Pools Brook Country Park Easter Egg Hunt had been unanimously rejected by the Committee. He also pointed out that a Staveley Town Council Family Disco would need organising.

The Chair said that even after a small charge the coach trip cost the Council £1600. He believed that could be better spent over the rest of Staveley. Those who had gone on the trips had spent money outside of the area whereas Staveley Town Council wanted to have activities in the area to help economically.

	<p>b) There were no Police in attendance.</p>	
621/12	<p>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2013 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Staveley Town Council held on Tuesday 12th February be approved as a true record.</p>	
622/12	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2013 554/12 (d) Budget and Precept Councillor A. Hill wished it to be recorded that the increase in the Precept would mean that Band A Council Tax payers would for 2013/14 be paying £44.72p</p>	
623/12	<p>TO CONSIDER THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 30th JANUARY 2013 The Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee held on Monday 30th January 2013 were RECEIVED.</p>	
624/12	<p>TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2013 It was RESOLVED that these be approved. 568/12 Staveley Feast RESOLVED - That Staveley Town Council contact Friends of Pools Brook Country Park by letter with the offer of financial support for the Easter Egg Hunt.</p>	
625/12	<p>TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2013 It was RESOLVED that these be approved.</p> <p>Councillor Ludlow spoke to the Item on Restructuring and it was AGREED that the Town Clerk pursue the rental of Learning Matters. The Town Clerk informed Members he was progressing this matter with the Agents.</p>	
626/12	<p>HEART OF STAVELEY There had been no progress so items a)-c) were not discussed.</p>	

627/12 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING JOINT PROJECTS

Another busy period. Amongst other matters.

- I finally concluded the sale of part of Staveley Town Allotments. For Staveley Town Council this meant a Capital Receipt of £119,400 after legal fees. For Middlecroft Allotment Society this means a number of improvements. For the local schools this means a Junior Allotment and Wildlife site. For our residents it means 20 homes in a sustainable location. I am preparing a Media Release once I have the information I need from all the parties.
- I met with the new Rector of Staveley who will move in in April and is keen to improve the relationship between the Church and the Town.
- We organised a meeting between Staveley Town Council, Chesterfield Canal, Barrow Hill Engine Sheds and Staveley Hall Garden Centre to consider improving the Hall Lane roundabout at the end of the Northern Loop. This was recommended by East Midlands In Bloom. We have since involved Netherthorpe School in designing it and the final design should involve flowers, a boat and a wagon on a set of tracks – subject to agreement with Chesterfield Borough Council. It looks like being a spectacular improvement. Barrow Hill Engine Sheds have agreed to host the judges meeting at the start of their tour and we are working with other partners to show off Staveley at its best – and gain a Silver. All this at minimal cost.
- I attended a Walking Together meeting and am pleased to say the scheme has improved once more. It should now feature 107 figures of miners along a trail ending with a memorial wall near the Markham Vale Environment Centre. Netherthorpe School students are involved in the project and a mural or other work of art may be considered for the M1 underpass. In addition I met with a lady from Alkane Energy over the Markham Pit Disasters Memorial proposal. She was not only happy to have this sited on their property (which is where the shaft was) but is willing to host the ceremony and put money into it. I will report on progress over the next few weeks.
- We are finalising the Summer Activity Scheme which may be on four school sites over a four week period this summer.
- I am working up a proposal to have a Family Pantomime on at the Speedwell Rooms this December in partnership with the Winding Wheel and Pomegranate.
- I am working on proposals to improve or replace the Speedwell Rooms, and will be attending a funding fair to identify potential sources of funding.
- I am continuing to work on the HS2 proposals and am finalising a public meeting with our local MPs.

- I have been examining the Hartington Tip proposals and mitigating proposals.
- I have been dealing with the Learning Matters proposals.
- I have enabled Staveley Hall Bowls Club to utilise cups donated to Chesterfield Museum.
- I have continued to work with Chesterfield Borough Council Economic Development regarding their Report on the HOSP, and also dealt with DCLG and prepared the future timetable regarding the Procurement Procedure including Tender Invitations.
- I have been investigating Staveley Feast events in addition to those already secured.

There are as ever many other matters but the above represent a flavour of my activities so far this month.

UPDATE FOR ORDINARY MEETING 12TH MARCH 2013

- A meeting of the Working Party for the Markham Pit Disasters Memorial has been called for tomorrow afternoon 13th March 2013 at 3.30 p.m.
- The details of a Family Pantomime have been finalised. “The Night Before Christmas” will be performed at the Speedwell Rooms on Saturday 14th December and Sunday 15th December by TABS Productions. There will be two shows per day with 150 tickets per performance. These will go on sale via Chesterfield Borough Council Theatres on 1st April at a cost of £8 per adult £5 per child – including a gift from Santa.
- New table tops have been ordered for the Speedwell Rooms and will be fitted shortly as part of the improvement programme.
- Whilst I have not yet had the poster, a public meeting on HS2 proposals, arranged by Natascha Engel MP and Toby Perkins MP, will be held at Netherthorpe School on Saturday March 23rd. It will start at 12 noon and end at 1.30 p.m.

I have been asked to help publicise it and be in attendance.

- I attended a site visit at Poolsbrook with Councillor Parsons and Chesterfield Borough Council Planners which proved very useful in informing the planners about local matters in the village, which will help in developing housing and other proposals.
- I continued to work with the Mastin Moor Action Group over proposals to continue improving the village.
- I have sent the Deeds for Mastin Moor Community Centre to Derbyshire County Council and anticipate that the sale will be completed shortly.
- Together with Councillors Bacon and L. Collins I attended a meeting at

	<p>Chesterfield Police Station regarding arrangements for this year's Remembrance Day Parade – in particular the need for a Temporary Road Closure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I attended a Live and Local Promoters Evening at which the menu for the coming year was launched. This will go to the Leisure and Community Committee in due course. • I attended a meeting at the Staveley Children's Centre where partners give updates on their activities. The Centre Multi Agency Team and Treasures Nursery were particularly interested in the Staveley Town Council Summer Activities Scheme, Arts and Crafts Competition, Pantomime and Family Disco. The Staveley Children's Centre continues to work to a very high standard – OFSTED regard it as the best in Derbyshire. Subsequent to this I circulated information on Nursery places being available to many 2 year old children in Staveley. • I am awaiting the results of a Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Audit of Staveley Hall. A similar one was carried out at the Speedwell Rooms and one for the Stables is to be arranged. • I negotiated a lease with a new concern, Growth Ltd, who are moving their operations from Sheffield to Staveley. <p>The Town Clerk gave a verbal update including a proposed meeting with Dr. Steve Bradder of the Holywell Medical Group.</p> <p>Dr. Bradder was not able to meet on 5th April as suggested by Councillors Ludlow and A. Hill. He was getting back to the Town Clerk on alternative dates.</p> <p>Councillors expressed their concern on the current service being provided to residents by the Group in particular at the Inkersall and Barrow Hill surgeries which they felt were getting even worse.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That Staveley Town Council ask for a representative from the NHS Trust to be at the meeting between Staveley Town Council and Holywell Medical Group to hear the concerns of Staveley Town Council and the responses from Holywell Medical Group.</p>	
628/12	<p>ACCOUNTS Councillor A. Hill had earlier proposed, and the Members had agreed, to place this item in Part II: Confidential Business.</p>	
629/12	<p>WARD REPORTS Councillor Ludlow reported on issues involving litter in the vicinity of Springwell Community College. College staff were actively involved as were Chesterfield Borough Council Spirepride. A larger replacement litter bin in the bus bay was under consideration.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Elliott reported that an issue involving young people drinking and breaking bottles on the Inkersall Green Park was being addressed by the new PCSO.</p> <p>Councillor D. Collins reported that Chesterfield Borough Council were extending their external rendering and insulation programme at Mastin Moor.</p> <p>Councillor McManus added that there were 119 properties and the contractor proposed to meet with local residents and offer to do the private houses too.</p> <p>Litter was still unfortunately a problem at Mastin Moor.</p> <p>The new bus shelter at Lowgates was now up.</p> <p>No other Councillors had any reports to make on their area.</p> <p>b) Generally No reports.</p> <p>630/12 ALLOTMENTS Nothing to report. Councillor A. Hill asked if the Town Clerk had made arrangements for himself and Councillor D. Collins to meet with Allotment Societies. The Town Clerk reported he was in the process of doing so.</p> <p>631/12 ITEMS FOR ACTION The Chair drew the attention of the meeting to the request for help by Staveley Armed Forces and Veterans' Association.</p> <p>632/12 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any documents or agreements necessary to carry into effect any resolution or decisions passed by or confirmed at this meeting.</p> <p>PART II CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</p> <p>633/12 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT), 1960</p> <p>RESOLVED – That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during the discussion thereof.</p>	
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ACCOUNTS

a) The schedule of accounts paid since the last meeting

The Schedule of accounts paid by the Town Clerk and Financial Officer was submitted, each account having been signed by two members of the Council so authorised.

Councillor A Hill wanted confirmation that no more payments of any budgets from Staveley Town Council accounts would be made to Heart of Staveley.

Ian Haddock responded that he was holding off operating the Unity Trust Bank account until the Chesterfield Borough Council Report on Heart of Staveley had been received. Payments would come out of the Unity account eventually.

Councillor Ludlow said the advice from Mike Hayden of Chesterfield Borough Council had been not to pay anything out to Heart of Staveley.

The Town Clerk responded that it was his understanding that this advice was given regarding the EU Leipzig Halle decision. The position was now clear regarding that ruling and, with adjustments, Heart of Staveley would not contravene that ruling.

Councillor Ludlow said the Chesterfield Borough Council Report on Heart of Staveley was now ready but was confidential. She was to meet with Councillor J. Burrows and officers of Chesterfield Borough Council next Thursday. There would be Recommendations in that Report for Staveley Town Council to consider after a meeting where Chesterfield Borough Council officers would present the report.

Councillor D. Collins asked if Heart of Staveley work had got to stop.

Councillor Ludlow replied that the Council should wait until the Report and its Recommendations had been seen and a decision taken.

The accounts were **APPROVED**.

b) Statement of Income and Expenditure

Following the adoption of the revised Standing Orders under Standing Order 19(b) the statements of Income and Expenditure are to be provided on a quarterly basis only.

c) Section 137 Appeals for Financial Assistance

No applications had been received.

d) Other financial Matters

There were no other financial matters.

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ESTABLISHMENT

Nothing to report.

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