

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Bolsover Town Council
Held at 6.45pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024 at Bainbridge Hall, Carr Vale Road,
Bolsover S44 6JD

Present

P	Cllr. D. Adams	P	Cllr. C. Jeffery (Chair)
P	Cllr. A. Clarke	P	Cllr. R. Reed
P	Cllr. R. Clarke	P	Cllr. J.M. Rushby
P	Cllr. M. Cresswell	P	Cllr. A. Taylor
P	Cllr. D. Hales	A	Cllr. R. Tooth (Vice Chair)
A	Cllr. P. Goodwin	P	Cllr. J. Woodhead

In attendance: Charlotte Taylor - Town Clerk
7 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Goodwin and Tooth.

2. To consider a Variation of Order of Business

No requests for a variation of order of business received.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillor Hales declared an interest in agenda item 14.

4. Public Speaking

Matters raised:

- Thanks were expressed for the floral displays around the town and the replacement of the Back Hills steps.
- Lack of dog waste bins opposite the old hospital site.
- Issues reported with visibility exiting Lawson Road, and the fact that this will be made worse by hedgerow recently planted.
- Issues with drains on Moor Lane are ongoing.
- Difficulties getting appointments at Welbeck Road surgery.
- Reports of people living in vehicles on Oxcroft Lane.
- Request for update on the Town Park consultation, it was confirmed that District Council will complete a full consultation exercise with all stakeholders.
- Updates were provided on the installation of public toilets, and the Moor Lane community building.

5. Chair's Announcements

The Chair had no further updates.

6. County Councillors' Report

There were no County Councillors present.

7. District Councillors' Report

Councillor Donna Hales reported on the following:

- £15million regeneration funding pending sign-off.

Councillor Ashley Taylor reported on the following:

- Invited to join Strategic Direction Board at Bolsover District Council.
- Government reviewing all expenditure, District Council are expecting to find out in October budget about the regeneration funding, which includes three properties in the town centre.
- A further £900,000 funding available to reduce carbon emissions in the District, potential to utilise some to promote the Bolsover Loop.

8. Police representation

There was no police representation at the meeting, July and August 2024 crime figures were shared at the meeting, and these were reviewed.

It was noted that there is a 5% increase on reported crimes in July 2024 compared to the previous year and a 41% increase in August 2024. The police are carrying out a Public Space Protection Order consultation for Bolsover and Hillstown to tackle some of these issues.

9. Confirmation of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 16 July 2024.

060/24-25 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair.

10. To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

061/24-25 RESOLVED that In view of the confidential nature of agenda items to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss items 17, 20 and 22.

11. Payments for approval

Payments were presented to the Council for approval.

062/24-25 RESOLVED that payments made by the Council in July and August totalling £696,689.76 are approved.

063/24-25 RESOLVED that the schedule of payments presented for authorisation totalling £88,109.26 are approved for payment.

Payments for September Meeting			
1	Snowboy Systems	Snow Machine - CF	£1,128.00
2	Cloudy IT	IT Support	£330.78
3	Italjet	Vehicle Spairs/repairs	£150.45
4	Portcullis Security Solutions	Hornscroft Skatepark	£536.57
5	A Plus Medical	Beer Festival - 1st Aid	£2,940.00
6	Creative Five	FSMA - Septmber	£1,738.80
7	Direct Gas	Replacement toilets - AH	£3,477.00
8	Heron Publications	Artisan Market Twist Mag	£180.00
9	Assembly Hall	50+ Hub/Visit Bolsover Rent	£256.94
10	N T Killingley	Back Hills	£59,740.74
11	Creative Five	Artisan Facebook campaign	£300.00
12	Strategic Leisure Ltd	Professional Fees	£5,760.00
13	AMA Supplies	Various Consumables	£1,614.14
14	Banks Skip Hire	Skips	£711.00
15	NAL Plant	Building Materials	£39.00
16	Bright Right	Window Cleaning - TH	£40.00
17	Juliana	Greenhouse	£484.50
18	Heron Publications	So Bolsover Mag	£1,584.00
19	Chesterfield FC Comm Trust	2nd Quarter Boots on the ground	£6,190.00

20	Allen & Orr	Wood	£69.84
21	Willow & Stone	Door Furniture - Town Hall	£447.50
22	NL Music	Artisan Market Entertainment	£120.00
23	A Plus Medical	Artisan - First Aid	£270.00
		TOTAL	£88,109.26

12. Meeting Reports

The following meeting reports were presented for consideration:

- (a) Oxcroft Management Committee
- (b) Finance Committee
- (c) Assembly Hall Trustees
- (d) Personnel Committee
- (e) Visit Bolsover

064/24-25 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting reports are noted.

13. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report and the Council Action Plan were reviewed.

- I. War Memorial - Following recommendations from the contractor, quotes have been obtained to carry out a cleaning programme to both stone and metal work, the cost is £2,995.
- II. Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum - Due to take place on 15 October 2024 from 5:00-8:00pm at County Hall, Matlock.
- III. Bolsover and Hillstown Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - Responses to consultation to be received by 13 September 2024.
- IV. Consultation of the Future of Derbyshire Healthy Home Service - consultation closes on 20 September 2024.
- V. Electoral Review of Derbyshire County Council: Final Recommendations
- VI. Council Plan 2023-2027 Action Plan.
 - a. Installation of a Skate Park on Hornscroft Park – skate park and landscaping due to complete on 25 July, CCTV and landscaping to be completed in the autumn. Official opening date April/May 2025.
 - b. Complete a Survey of Council Buildings; to include a five-year maintenance plan – meetings scheduled with contractors through a Framework.
 - c. Purchase of Old Bolsover Yard; provision of public toilets – purchase order for toilet installation raised, pending completion dates from contractors.
 - d. Complete the Transfer/Lease of Land at Stratton Gardens from the District Council – pending updates from BDC.
 - e. Installation of Bollards on the Pedestrian Area on Cotton Street and Cenotaph – included in BDC plans for £15m regeneration funding, pending further details and timelines.
 - f. Provision of a Community Building at the Moor Lane site – feasibility plans prepared, Council to review before proceeding to further stages of the project, including public consultation.
 - g. Work with the District Council to support the delivery of the Bolsover North Development – draft Heads of Term prepared, consent from Secretary of State for disposal of allotment plots received.
 - h. Extend CCTV coverage around the Town – meeting to be held with BDC to progress, quotes included on September agenda.

065/24-25 RESOLVED to note the Clerk's Report and Council Action Plan.

Cllr Hales declared a interest in agenda item 14 and left the meeting for this agenda item.

14. Requests for grants

The Council considered the following grant applications:

- (a) Freedom Community Project – To run weekly Support Centre and Café at Bainbridge Hall - £500

066/24-25 RESOLVED to approve the grant request for £500 from the Freedom Community Project to continue to run the weekly Support Centre and Café at Bainbridge Hall for the next 12-months.

Cllr Hales rejoined the meeting following agenda item 14.

15. Planning applications

The following Planning Applications were considered at the meeting.

- (1) 24/00308/FUL Erection of walls to site entrance at the Stables, Featherbed Lane, Bolsover by Mr. D. McAlister.
- (2) 24/00309/FUL Change the current usage of the building from a Roman Catholic Church to a Community Centre hosting Charity Shop, Food Bank, Food Pantry and Charity Offices. To move from F1 class to F2 and E class at St. Bernadettes Catholic Church, 59 High Street, Bolsover by Mark North.
- (3) 24/00335/FUL Retention of communications mast at 5 Brookfield Road, Bolsover by Mr. Mujahid Sadiq
- (4) 24/00379/LBC Cleaning and maintenance of war memorial at the Cenotaph, Market Place, Bolsover by Charlotte Taylor
- (5) 24/00383/FUL Change of use from a Coffee N Cake Café, sale of Cake Craft Essentials and Cake Craft Training Roo (mixed use) to Indian Restaurant and Public House at Castle Arms, Station Road, Bolsover by Sreekanth Balachandran.
- (6) 24/00334/ADV Illuminated fascia and projecting signage at 15 Market Place, Bolsover by Mrs. Angie Kisby.
- (7) 24/00382/VAR Variation of Conditions 2, 3 and 4 (revised plans) of planning permission 07/00237/FUL at 2 Market Place, Bolsover by Castle Homes (Chesterfield) Ltd
- (8) 24/00398/ADV A marketing board (3m x 6m) to advertise the consented industrial development at the land lying to the west of Woodthorpe Road, Shuttlewood and the land on the south side of Bolsover Road, Woodthorpe by Miss Sarah Gill.
- (9) 24/00409/TCON Tree works (including crown reductions, removal of hanging deadwood branches) and to fell elm trees (group 2294) at Bolsover Castle, Castle Street, Bolsover by Miss Frances Ryder.
- (10) 24/00412/FUL Toilet block to serve traveller site at 75B Charlesworth Street, Carr Vale by Mr. D. McAlister.

067/24-25 RESOLVED to note the planning applications.

16. CCTV Coverage

Council reviewed the existing CCTV coverage at Town Council facilities and around the town and considered costs for 24/7 monitoring of cameras.

068/24-25 RESOLVED to have 7 cameras monitored at an annual cost of £747 per camera, totalling £5,229 per annum.

17. Review of Restriction Consent Form – Oxcroft Lane

Agenda item 17 was dealt with under exempt items.

18. Workforce Equipment

Council considered a recommendation from the Finance Committee to purchase a hedge cutter for the Council Workforce.

069/24-25 RESOLVED to delegate a budget of £18,000 for the procurement and delivery of a hedge cutter for the Council Workforce, subject to satisfactory testing and warranty.

19. Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2023/24

Council noted the Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2023/24.

070/24-25 RESOLVED to note the Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2023/24, there were no matters raised.

20. Proposal from The Oxcroft Committee

Agenda item 20 was dealt with under exempt items.

21. Development of Neighbourhood Plan

Council reviewed the information regarding the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

071/24-25 RESOLVED to arrange a meeting with the Local Planning Authority to discuss the benefits and processes of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

22. Declaration of Other Employment

Agenda item 22 was dealt with under exempt items.

23. St Sebastian Archers

Council noted complaints both in relation to St Sebastian Archers, and from St Sebastian Archers on the Moor Lane site.

072/24-25 RESOLVED to note the ongoing issues with St Sebastian Archers and residents at the Moor Lane site and work with both to mediate and mitigate the impact where possible; this includes seeking support from Bolsover District Councils Leisure Teams.

24. Proposals for Tree Planting Schemes

To consider proposals for tree planting schemes, including community orchards.

073/24-25 RESOLVED to a commitment in principle for the proposed tree planting schemes with support from Bolsover District Council officers and The Woodland Trust;

- Extension of existing orchards on Stanfree and Shuttlewood Parks.
- Developing Hockley View orchard – BDC are dealing with this in conjunction with Bolsover Woodland Enterprise.
- Planting of a community orchard at Bentinck allotment site.
- Planting of a community orchard on the lower New Bolsover allotment site
- Carry out maintenance on the street orchard in New Bolsover with support from BCVS.
- Liaise with Derbyshire County Council to obtain licences for the green space at Shuttlewood crossroads.
- Consider locations on Scarsdale Street and on the Castle Estate.

25. Extreme Wheels 2025/26 Provision

Extreme Wheels provision for 2025/26 was reviewed; three options were presented.

074/24-25 RESOLVED to proceed with Extreme Wheels provision for 2025/26 at a cost of £15,572 and to invite them to attend a future meeting to finalise the options.

26. To note the date of the next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 6.45pm at Bainbridge Hall.

075/24-25 RESOLVED *That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.*

17. Review of Restriction Consent Form – Oxcroft Lane

Council reviewed the Restriction Consent Form and associated legal advice.

076/24-25 RESOLVED to complete the Restriction Consent Form in respect of a parcel of land sold to Stancliffe Homes in March 2022.

20. Proposal from The Oxcroft Committee

Council considered a proposal from The Oxcroft Committee regarding the future of The Oxcroft Centre.

077/24-25 RESOLVED to accept the recommendation that The Oxcroft Centre is closed and handed back to the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO); this includes the dissolution of both the Charity and Trading Arm.

22. Declaration of Other Employment

Council noted the declaration of other employment from the Clerk.

078/24-25 RESOLVED to note declaration of other employment from the Clerk and provide written consent to formally comply with contractual terms.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed Dated