

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held at 7:30 p.m. on
Tuesday 10 March 2020
At *The Stute*, Station Rd., Earl Shilton, LE9 7GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs CM Coe, Chairman & Town Mayor, M Leman, Deputy Chairman and Deputy Town Mayor, R Allen*, Mrs C Allen*, Mrs A Burton, A Darker, Ms V Darker, Ms J Duplock, B Granger, Mrs G Granger, R Hills, K Lapsley and Ms S Mannion.

County/Borough Councillors: Mrs C Allen*, Cllr R Allen* & C Ladkin.

In attendance:

Town Clerk: Mr ME Jackson.

Members of public: Four as recorded.

19/180 *Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.*

The Chairman welcomed members of Full Council and members of the public to the meeting in expectation of a planned presentation as part of the public speaking protocol at agenda item 19/184 a. below.

Noted and received.

19/181 *To receive apologies for member and other representative cllr absence.*

Town Cllr Ms D Almey, submitted to the Town Clerk, with good reason, her written apology for absence in advance of the meeting. This apology and reason was recorded by the Town Clerk and brought forward to the meeting for consideration.

Resolved: to accept the tabled apologies for absence from Cllr Ms D Almey, as stated and recorded.

County Cllr Mrs J Richards apologised in advance with her reason for absence.

Noted and received with thanks.

19/182 *Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of member's interests, i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda.*

Declarations of interest were made as follows:

Cllr Mrs A Burton – a non-pecuniary interest in any item regarding the Town Voluntary Group, *Earl Shilton in Bloom* (ESiB).

Resolved: to allow Cllr Burton to remain in the meeting for any agenda item that may refer to ESiB matters but only to facilitate exchanges of relevant factual information. Cllr Burton will not be allowed to express an opinion or vote on any motion if put forward.

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Cllrs R Allen & Mrs C Allen (belated declaration on joining the meeting at 7.58 p.m.) - Re Planning Cttee Meeting 10 Mar 20; minute 19/061 c. A non-pecuniary interest regarding the potential development land insofar as he and Mrs Allen have grazed livestock on this land, secondly he and Mrs Allen have a personal relationship with one or more of the 3 land owners of this site. Finally, Cllr R Allen is advising at least one of the 3 land owners about the possible sale of land to the housing developer so may also in the future or vicariously advise the other 2 land owners in question.

Resolved: to allow Cllrs C & R Allen to remain in the meeting for agenda item 19/191 but only to facilitate exchanges of relevant factual information. Cllrs C & R Allen will not be allowed to express an opinion or vote on any motion if put forward.

Cllr Mrs C Coe – declared that she owns an adjacent plot of land to the potential housing development which, in future, may lead to a pecuniary interest.

Resolved: to allow the Chairman to remain in the meeting for agenda item 19/191 but only to facilitate the meeting and exchanges of relevant factual information. Cllr Coe will not be allowed to express an opinion or vote on any motion if put forward.

19/183 *To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tues 11 February 2020.*

Resolved: to accept as a true record of the Full Council meeting of the 11 February 2020; the minutes tabled for the Chairman's signature and already distributed in approved draft to members with their agenda packs.

19/184 *Public Participation:*

Point of order: Cllr Mrs C Allen joins the meeting ex HBBC at 7.58 p.m. during agenda item 19/184 a.

a. *Public speaking protocol – requests received by the protocol deadline to be submitted to the Clerk with details of the agenda item they wish to address or relate to.*

Four members of Earl Shilton Methodist Scout Group were welcomed by Council to give their *Powerpoint* presentation regarding the Group's ambitious plan to rebuild the facilities for young people on the site. The current Scout Hut barely meets the needs and current standards expected of such an organisation in today's world.

At the end of the impressive presentation Group members were asked several questions by cllrs such as:

- Will the facility aim to generate income by daytime lettings? **Yes.**
- Are the Group confident they can secure the capital funding for the project? **Yes, this process has already started.**
- Will the current palisade fencing be removed? **Yes**, and bow top fencing plus roller shutter blinds will be the more open security option.



- Will the HBBC 'triangle' of land at the current site be utilised in the re-build? **No.**

Point of order: All 4 members of the public leave the meeting at 8.02 p.m. at the close of agenda item 19/184 (a) with the grateful thanks of ESTC members.

b. That the meeting be adjourned to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda (Electors' Time). **N/A.**

19/185 To note any reports, (not private session items), from County and Borough Cllrs.

LCC Cllr Mrs J Richards submitted a written report which included points regarding:

- a. Leader of the Council position statement dated 19 Feb 20 including:
 - Fairer Funding for LCC as a County.
 - Devolution – Unitary structure for the County.
 - Flooding – funding of prevention.
 - Coronavirus pandemic – response by the *Local Resilience Form*.
 - HS2 – welcome and potential economic benefits for the County.
 - Holocaust Memorial Day.
- b. Lead member for Environment & Transportation position statement dated 19 Feb 20.
 - *Storm Dennis* update.
- c. Unadopted Road Heath Lane South and the history of LCC designated LCC footpath U74 as an integral part of this highway.

Borough Cllr C Ladkin made the following verbal report:

- d. The public toilet works at the ES Library have progressed well and it should be operational soon.
- e. Cllr Ladkin has 'pushed' the remedy of fly tipping on 'Shilton Lakes' with Borough Officers and therefore with the owners of what is private land.
- f. ES Sustainable Urban Extension as a major housing development rumbles on as discussions between HBBC Planning Officers and the consortium intermittently take place.
- g. Mention was made of large HGV lorries travelling through the Town Centre instead of in and out via Clickers Way.

Borough Cllr R Allen made the following verbal report:

- h. The Hinckley Rd Crematorium project is still on track.
- i. The setting of the HBBC budget for 2020/21 has been a priority.
- J Grant aid from HBBC to parishes and towns has either been cut (PCIF) or cancelled (DCIF).
- k. Bosworth Battlefield will have a heritage trail installed.
- l. The 7 County Boroughs/Districts have written to the relevant Secretary of State stating they are willing to explore deeper and wider joint working

with local and principal councils for the sake of effective, efficient and economic ways of working.

m. Incidents of large fly-tipping at Watery Gate and near Kirkby Mallory have been noted and are under investigation by HBBC officers. Any information leading to prosecution of the culprits will be handled with care and sensitivity. A car in a ditch near Dalebrook Farm also needs to be re-investigated.

All reports were noted and received with thanks.

19/186 *To receive any form of Neighbourhood Police report pertaining to Earl Shilton including; e.g. the local Beat Team report for February 2020, (dtd March 2020).*

No formal reports were received this month. Members were informed by the Town Clerk of the replacement beat team Sgt's name.

Noted and received.

19/187 *To note and receive any reports from member representatives to recent non-Town Council outside bodies, meetings, events or working parties excluding Police reports and the Town Team Working Group (TTWGp).*

a. *MP's Parish & Town Council Forum Tues 18 Feb 20.*

The Chairman and Town Clerk were invited along with all such Parish or Town Council appointees within the Borough Constituency. The first hour was devoted to Area Police Commander Inspector Emma Maxwell and her explanation of how the doctrinal change in the way Policing across the County will in future be managed. This segment was rounded off with a 'Q & A' session.

In the second hour MP Dr Luke Evans explored the issues that are most felt to affect residents of Towns and Parishes. It was no surprise to find that Highways issues and major housing developments are conjoined to give the most concern to residents outside the routine provision of public services by principal councils.

Noted and received.

b. *Thurs 05 Mar 20 – 3 Town Cllrs to HBBC Rural Conference at Twycross.*

Cllr Martin Cartwright as portfolio holder for the Borough Council hosted proceedings. Issues of note that were promoted or presented included:

- A new round of *Community Speed Watch*.
- Market Bosworth's recently implemented *Neighbourhood Plan* including the 'SID' speed camera system.
- The latest draft of the HBBC Rural Strategy document – The headline photograph for the Earl Shilton section is not good and will have to be changed.

Noted and received.

c. *Late relevant events to be reported since this agenda was set. None.*



19/188 To invite/nominate member representatives to attend meetings/events that are not Town Council initiated including invitations received since this agenda was set.

- a. Sat 28 Mar 20 - Town Mayor to HBBC Mayor's Charity Boy Band event and fish & chip supper – Deputy Chairman and Consort to attend.
- b. Sun 29 Mar 20 - Town Mayor to HBBC Mayor's Civic Service & Dinner – Chairman and Consort to attend.

Both noted and received.

19/189 LPCOS Cttee meeting/business matters including (late relevant items):

- a. Draft minutes and or a verbal report of the Cttee meeting of 03 Mar 20. **Noted and received.** (The work of the Cttee continues as per their minutes.)
- b. Recommendations (including spending) to Full Council. **Not applicable.**
- c. The search for a German WWI Field Gun buried in Wood St Park. **Noted and received.** (The Cttee have resolved to allow sensitive excavation to go ahead.)
- d. Late relevant items. **None.**

19/190 To receive written and or verbal reports from the Chairman of the Events Cttee of recent meetings plus feedback/forward regarding 2019/20 events.

In the absence of the Cttee Chairman, Cllr M Lemman informed members that, VE 75 day celebrations planned for the Public Holiday on Fri 08 May 20 are still on the table and that a formal invitation from the Town Mayor to the Office of the Lord Lieutenant will be extended.

Noted and received.

19/191 Planning applications/correspondence received as a Town Council 'consultee' from HBBC, adjacent Districts and or LCC as Local or County Planning Authorities. Also to:

- a. Note, discuss and receive non-private session items from the Planning Cttee meeting held earlier on Tues 10 Mar 20.

The Planning Cttee Chairman gave Full Council a verbal report of the Cttee's agenda items discussed and acted on earlier in the evening. The Cttee's minutes, when promulgated as a true record of proceedings; will detail the routine issues. The Cttee Chairman went on to advise members on how to 'frame' consultee comments if they wish to raise points to the relevant Local Planning Authority (usually HBBC/LCC)

Noted and received.

- b. Late relevant items to be reported since this agenda was set. **None.**

Point of order: Boro' Cllr C Ladkin leaves the meeting at 8.46 p.m. at the end of this agenda item.

19/192 Correspondence received including relevant late correspondence received since this agenda was set.

- a. *Earl Shilton in Bloom (ESiB) - to receive recent minutes.*
1. Para 7 of the ESiB minutes are not agreed with regard to replacement of wildflower meadow trees at the end of Summer 2020.
 2. Paras 8 & 9 – ESTC will complement the theme and colour scheme set out by ESiB wherever possible.

Noted and received with actions-on regarding the tree issue.

- b. *Armed Forces Covenant – update on Council's status.*

ESTC are now registered with the Ministry of Defence as 'supportive' of the 'Covenant and have achieved 'bronze status'.

Noted and received.

- c. *The Earl Shilton Charity – duty to appointment Trustees update.*

One further trustee has made it clear he will not stand for re-election. This means that the Charity now required two fresh trustees. The Town Clerk has approached two individuals of good standing and hopes to progress matters accordingly.

Noted and received.

- d. *Mountfield Rd. – status as an adopted or unadopted highway.*

For the information of all members and confirming advice from CCllr Mrs J Richards; the Town Clerk tabled a statement of proof that no part of Mountfield Rd has been adopted by the County Highways Dept.

Noted and received.

- e. *Late relevant items.*

1. Wood St highway safety bollards – erection of a shrine. Following a complaint, members discussed this sensitive matter from the question of highway safety through to relevance to the public realm going forward in time.

Resolved: to request that HBBC street cleansing services remove the ad hoc shrine.

2. Conjoint banning of sky lanterns and helium balloons being launched from ESTC land/property. To compliment the recent stance made by the Borough Council, ESTC considered the issues.

Resolved: to ban the use of sky lanterns/helium balloons from Town Council land forthwith.

3. The local MP has indicated his continued stance is to oppose the proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI).

Noted and received.

19/193 *To receive the Town Clerk's General Report including relevant Items for inclusion received since the agenda was set.*

- a. *Fly tipping at Watery Gate, Thurlaston Lane.*

This and other fly tipping is covered at agenda item 19/185 – reports from County and Borough Cllrs.

Noted and received.

- b. *Late relevant items.* Corona Virus/Covid 19, the Town Clerk reported that indoor and outdoor staff will continue listen for the latest best practice advice and act on it for the health and wellbeing of all; i.e. staff, members and residents. Other than that, staff will try to keep all work up to date.

Noted and received.

Point of order: Cllr B Granger leaves the meeting at 9.15 p.m. at the end of this agenda item.

19/194 *To receive the Town Clerk's Finance Report including:*

- a. *That Council authorise the Chairman to sign-off the RBS accounts reconciliation statements for February 2020 if bank statements received and note the latest forecast of outturn budget against actuals if ready.*

The Town Clerk presented a full set of monthly accounts for members for scrutiny and any questions.

Resolved: to allow the Chairman to duly sign 'as proven' all three February 2020 RBS cashbooks as reconciled and tabled to members.

- b. *Relevant financial/policy items for inclusion received since the agenda was set. None.*

Confidential Items – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the agenda items below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and will be requested to withdraw. Members will resolve to go into Private Session. So resolved.

19/195 *Staffing Cttee issues including legacy legal matters updates and items received since this agenda was set including a verbal report from the Chairman of the Staffing Cttee and or Town Clerk such as:*

- a. Members were informed that the new Groundcare operative has started his probation period as from the 02 Mar 20, has completed induction and has been kitted out with uniform and PPE.

Noted and received.

- b. *Associated and or late relevant items deemed necessary –* the Chairman of Council informed members that the planned Tribunal had started and had completed day 2 of 4. At this stage it will be impossible for a lay person to predict any form of outcome.

Noted and received.

19/196 *Planning Cttee private session items. Updates from the Cllrs and Town Clerk including:*

- a. *The Premises projects (incorporating the notes from the latest Town Team Working Group (TTWGP)): Library Office and Outdoor Team facilities.*

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The Chairman of Council informed members that the majority of works have been completed but leases with HBBC and LCC have yet to be signed. In an ideal world the public toilet might open with effect 01 Apr 20
Noted and received.

- b. *The Dalebrook Farm Gypsy, Romany & Traveller (GRT) development.*

Earl Shilton Borough and Town Cllrs are due to meet with HBBC's Chief Executive (CE) and relevant Director on 18 Mar 20 to see what, if any, progress has been made regarding the issues. Nothing so far has come back to ESTC on the back of the CE's meeting of 18 Dec 19.

Noted and received.

- c. *Related planning matters received since this agenda was set e.g. Barrow Hill (disused) Quarry – planning appeal to use as a landfill site.*

No Planning Inspector's decision has yet been received.

Noted and received.

Last Item

End of Private Session & Confidential Items.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 p.m. thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

