

DINNINGTON ST. JOHN'S TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting Held on Monday 15th October 2018 Lyric Theatre, Laughton Road, Dinnington

Present: Cllrs D Smith (Chair), D Adams (Vice Chair), D Boughton, L Clarke, G Cruickshanks, P Davies, J Hart, B Lewis, W Loftus, A Milner, R Mugglestone, P Russell, S Scott, J Simmonds, P Smith

In attendance: A Evans (Clerk), L Warne (Asst Clerk)

77 members of the public also attended the meeting

118/18 To allow for questions from electors of Dinnington to ask one question only in respect of business itemised on the agenda or on a pertinent issue that may arise

Due to the number of members of the public at the meeting and the number of questions received, this item of the agenda was discussed first.

Many questions both written and verbally were received during this part of the meeting regarding concerns over the recent increase in crime and the policing of Dinnington by South Yorkshire Police.

Summary of questions regarding SYP from electorates of Dinnington St John's:-

- Would DSJTC call for the replacement of Command Staff at SY Police?
- Will there be a meeting between DSJTC, SY Police and the public?
- What is being done by DSJTC to address the Policing problem?
- Could private measures be taken by DSJTC?
- Has a formal complaint from DSJTC been lodged with SYP?
- Why are Police not seen out and about in Dinnington?
- Why has Dinnington not got a Police Station?
- Where are our allocated Police Constables?
- Why is it difficult to catch a Police Officer in the Resource Centre?
- Why do Police not attend burglaries?
- Why are SYP playing down the amount of crime in Dinnington?
- Why are the Police not committing to Neighbourhood Policing in Dinnington when they said they would?

Other questions received:-

- Who is responsible for the dyke near 127 – 137 Church Lane as it over-flows so needs digging out?
- Is DSJTC aware of the closure of many Day Care and Respite Centres for Adults with learning disabilities and will DSJTC support the parents and carers at the meeting at Addison Centre on 13th November 2018?

117/18 Cllr Sarah Allen, RMBC - Cabinet Member for Cleaner, Greener Communities (and responsibility for Parish and Town Council Liaison)

Cllr Sarah Allen introduced herself and explained that her role within RMBC was to encourage productive liaison between Parish/Town Councils and Rotherham Borough Councillors and staff. Cllr Allen took questions from members of the public for consideration.

119/18 To note apologies for absence – None required

120/18 To record any Declarations of Interest – Item 128/18(I) Cllr D Boughton, Item 129/18(B) Cllrs Hart and Loftus

At this point a member of the public asked if Item 124/18 could be brought forward in the proceedings, so that members of the public who needed to leave could hear the council's decisions.

Cllr D Smith (Chair) agreed for Item 124/18 to be brought forward to this point.

124/18 To consider any matters raised in the Public Session

Discussions took place on what DSJTC could and could not do regarding the questions asked in the Public Forum and any subsequent actions to be taken.

Cllrs P Smith and Loftus Proposed and Seconded that DSJTC register with the Police Commissioner and Chief Constable a formal complaint about Policing in Dinnington and surrounding areas.

**Cllr D Smith (Chair) proposed a caveat that there is no confidence in the Chief Inspector.
Vote: Unanimous**

Many members of the public left at this time, but on leaving thanked DSJTC for listening and taking action.

121/18 To consider any matters which should be dealt with in open, or confidential session (items for which the Press and Public may be excluded further to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 - Admission to Meetings) - None

122/18 Monthly Accounts Schedule and relevant Budget Update Information:

(A) To approve the Monthly Accounts for September 2018

Cllrs P Smith and Milner Proposed and Seconded that the monthly accounts be approved. Vote: 14 For, 1 Against. Monthly Accounts approved

(B) To approve a bank reconciliation

Cllrs Milner and Scott Proposed and Seconded that the bank reconciliation be approved. Vote: 12 For, 3 Abstained. Bank reconciliation approved

(C) To receive a quarterly budget update

Cllrs Russell and Lewis Proposed and Seconded that the quarterly budget be approved. Vote: 13 For, 2 Abstained. Quarterly budget approved

Balances and Reserves as at 01/04/2018	General Reserves		£ 159,588.72		
	Land Sales Costs Reserve Legal/Survey Fees		£ 5,000.00		
	Vehicle/Plant Relacement Reserve		£ 28,000.00	£12,250	to be deducte
	Election Reserve		£ 6,000.00		
	Environment Reserve (Carpark)		£ 2,500.00		
	War Memorial Reserve		£ 2,000.00		
	Total Reserves of the Council as per the Annual Accounts		£203,088.72		
Month end 11th Oct 2018	Latest Bank Balances				
	Nationwide Savings Account		£100,000.00		
	Business Select Instant Access 10/10/2018		£208,515.43		
			£308,515.43		
		Invoice N	Net	VAT	Total
Salaries/Wages - Month 6 & Weeks 23-26	Environment		£ 3,111.69		£ 3,111.69
	Bar Staff		£ 233.44		£ 233.44
	Bar Manager		£ 345.63		£ 345.63
	Events Manager		£ 797.84		£ 797.84
	Hall (Incl caretaker)		£ 1,325.03		£ 1,325.03
	General		£ 2,460.89		£ 2,460.89
B&CE Holdings	Pension Contributions		£ 245.39		£ 245.39
HMRC - Tax/NI Contributions Month 6			£ 1,576.11		£ 1,576.11
	Total Salaries/Wages/PAYE		£ 10,096.02	£ -	£10,096.02
Purchases/Invoices	Description				
Paints4trade.com	Black Paint		£ 203.97		£ 203.97
A Evans	Mileage Claim		£ 42.30		£ 42.30
Emma Stanger	Expenses - Card & Washing table cloths		£ 13.90		£ 13.90
Emma Stanger	Halloween party decorations		£ 43.83	£ 7.57	£ 51.40
L Warne	Note checking machine		£ 10.79	£ 2.16	£ 12.95
L Warne	Camera SD card, balloons		£ 7.50		£ 7.50
L Warne	Community club promo		£ 45.88		£ 45.88
Ellen Stanger	Tools for Coronation Park gate		£ 47.55	£ 9.51	£ 57.06
Batchglow	Shotblasting for Coronation Park gates		£ 140.00	£ 28.00	£ 168.00
Emma Stanger	Prizes etc. for Halloween party		£ 23.20	£ 0.48	£ 23.68
Popply Appeal	30 x event poppies		£ 90.00		£ 90.00
Ellen Stanger	Wet/dry vacuum for Lyric		£ 78.48	£ 15.69	£ 94.17
E Stanger	Batteries for Lyric microphones		£ 8.50		£ 8.50
A Evans	Petty Cash Top-up		£ 100.00		£ 100.00
Amazon	Fire exit signs		£ 13.66	£ 2.75	£ 16.41
Amazon	Till rolls for card machine		£ 6.35		£ 6.35
HM Wainwright	Fuel	9	£ 179.84	£ 33.97	£ 213.81
I-Safe	H&S Consultancy	3722	£ 325.00	£ 65.00	£ 390.00
Torne Valley	Cemetery Supplies	SIN06619	£ 123.18	£ 24.62	£ 147.80
RMBC	Recruitment Advert	1.15E+08	£ 100.00	£ 20.00	£ 120.00
Arco Ltd	Safety trainer	9.33E+08	£ 47.99	£ 9.60	£ 57.59
AVL	Replace crossover system (Lyric sound)		£ 150.00		£ 150.00
Beecroft Memorials	6 x concretes		£ 72.00	£ 14.40	£ 86.40
Beecroft Memorials	Desk plaques		£ 104.25	£ 20.85	£ 125.10
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Torne Valley	Misc supplies re fence painting		£ 49.76	£ 9.92	£ 59.68
PHS	Sharps Container	66149932	£ 1.85	£ 0.37	£ 2.22
Granwax	Floor cleaning products	13002	£ 148.30	£ 29.66	£ 177.96
HB Clark	Bar supplies	527957	£ 292.65	£ 58.53	£ 351.18
Flourish New Media	Lyric lighting - 22/9/18		£ 50.00		£ 50.00
M & C Elliott	Gravedigging fees Sep 18	13	£ 270.00		£ 270.00
PSB Stocktaking	Bar Audit		£ 80.00		£ 80.00
Contact Electrical	Additional sockets in bar area	6104	£ 90.00		£ 90.00
Rackfords	Cemetery supplies	67524	£ 96.42	£ 19.29	£ 115.71
Ryton DIY	Misc supplies incl topsoil and new grotto parts		£ 360.00		£ 360.00
HM Wainwright	Fuel	9	£ 148.18	£ 21.54	£ 169.72
Microshade	Monthly fee	11124	£ 157.80	£ 31.56	£ 189.36
HB Clark	Bar supplies	533772	£ 563.51	£ 112.70	£ 676.21
I-Safe	H&S Consultancy	3748	£ 325.00	£ 65.00	£ 390.00
Torne Valley	Cemetery Supplies	SIN068575	£ 77.74	£ 15.55	£ 93.29
Iris	Auto Enrolment	1313925	£ 12.32	£ 2.46	£ 14.78
British Gas	Gas Usage - Lyric		£ 156.58	£ 7.82	£ 164.40
Iris	Monthly Contract	478082	£ 6.16	£ 1.23	£ 7.39
Iris	Auto Enrolment	1304149	£ 12.32	£ 2.46	£ 14.78
EE	Mobile Phones		£ 72.00	£ 14.40	£ 86.40
Water Plus	Used and surface water drainage	JV0172538	£ 195.20		£ 195.20
Co-op Bank	Sweep Fee		£ 30.00		£ 30.00
BT	Phone & Broadband (Quarterly Bill)		£ 251.70	£ 50.34	£ 302.04
Iris	Monthly Contract	486895	£ 6.16	£ 1.23	£ 7.39
	Total Other Expenditure		£ 6,061.82	£ 824.66	£ 6,886.48
	Total Purchases/Payments Check Sum				£ 6,886.48
	Total of Wages, Salaries and Other Expenditure				£16,982.50
	Income - July & Aug 2018				
	Lyric Bar Takings		£ 2,514.58	£ 502.92	£ 3,017.50
	Lyric Bookings		£ 620.00		£ 620.00
	Lyric Promo		£ 85.60		£ 85.60
	Cemetery		£ 4,300.00		£ 4,300.00
	Allotments		£ -		£ -
	Misc - Sept - Tubz		£ 51.48		£ 51.48
	Dinnington Rugby Club		£ 250.00		£ 250.00
	Grants		£ -		£ -
			£ 7,821.66	£ 502.92	£ 8,324.58
	SUMMARY				
	Total Salaries/Wages/PAYE				£10,096.02
	Total Other Expenditure				£ 6,886.48
	Lyric Receipts (Bookings and Bar) - Inc VAT				-£ 3,637.50
	Cemetery Income				-£ 4,300.00
	Miscellaneous Income				-£ 51.48
	Allotment Income				£ -
	Dinnington Rugby Club				-£ 250.00
	Grants				£ -
	Total Net Expenditure (+) and Income (-)				£ 8,743.52

123/18 To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on:

(A) 10th September 2018

Cllrs Simmonds and P Smith Proposed and Seconded that the minutes be approved as a true record. Vote: 13 For, 2 Abstained. Minutes approved as true record

124/18 To consider any matters raised in the Public Session. – Item previously discussed

125/18 To consider/approve the following planning applications:

(A) New planning applications

Planning Reference	Details	Consultation End Date
RB2018/1416	Two storey side, single storey rear and single storey front extension 27 Falcon Way, Dinnington	16/10/18
RB2018/1458	Formation of means of access 74 Breck Lane Dinnington	16/10/18
RB2018/1468	Installation of 1 No. GRP kiosk Dinnington Sewage Treatment Works Church Lane Dinnington	16/10/18

Members had no planning based objections to the above applications

The following planning applications were not received until after the agenda had been sent to Members, so were for information only. Objections could be made on RMBC website if required

Planning Reference	Details
RB2018/1526	Additional SY Police sign to be fitted to the existing sign at the Resource Centre
RB2018/1528	Convert and increase roof of existing outbuildings to form annex 163 Doe Quarry Lane
RB2018/1531	2 story rear extension, single story front entrance extension and new boundary wall 183 Nursery Road

126/18 Booking Concessions and Donations:

(A) Nil

127/18 For Members consideration and decisions:

(A) To agree the council's Risk Assessment

The Clerk informed Members that there had been no changes to the current Risk Assessment, but that agreement of its contents is required every 12 months.

**Cllrs Hart and Simmonds Proposed and Seconded that the Risk Assessment be agreed
Vote: Unanimous**

(B) To decide on the council's involvement in RMBC's Winter Partnership scheme

Members agreed that the Council be involved again as in previous years

(C) To decide on disposal of the obsolete tractor

An independent inspection report had been received for the old tractor, outlining the faults needing repair and the tractor's current valuation. As the tractor was becoming obsolete and deemed unsafe for road usage, the valuation was estimated at £200 - £250 scrap value. An offer had been received to buy the tractor at scrap value.

**Cllrs Russell and Milner Proposed and Seconded that the offer to buy be accepted.
Vote: 12 For, 1 Against. Majority vote to sell tractor**

- (D) To discuss a defibrillator (Cllr Clarke)

Cllr Clarke suggested that DSJTC purchase more defibrillators to be placed in other parts of the village, as the existing ones are being used regularly, but are not always near to where the patient is. Cllr Clarke suggested one be placed near Breck Lane, as a suitable site had been identified

Cllrs Boughton and Milner Proposed and Seconded that another defibrillator be purchased. Vote: Unanimous

128/18 Park Avenue Cemetery/Lyric Theatre/Allotments/Land:

- (A) Update report from Lyric Management Working Group

Recommendations were put to the Council regarding the Lyric status, hire charges and catering facilities. Members also suggested additional changes.

Cllr D Smith (Chair) suggested all Members think about any changes they think appropriate, so they can be discussed at next month's meeting. Item to be placed on November's agenda.

- (B) Office dilapidations claim update

The Clerk updated Members with the current status of the claim and that our Assessor is pushing for a resolution as much as he can. However, due to the current financial situation of the parent company, confidence in reaching an acceptable agreement in the near future was receding.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED AT 9PM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE MEETING AGENDA.

- (C) To discuss Lyric licensing (Cllr Boughton)

Cllr Boughton suggested The Lyric gets a TV Licence to show live sporting events to the public via a big screen. Members were concerned about the cost of installing Sky etc so Cllr D Smith (Chair) suggested costings for this need to be brought to another meeting.

- (D) To decide on Lyric signage

Cllr D Smith (Chair) proposed this item be moved to the November meeting for discussion

- (E) To discuss the Park Avenue Cemetery gates (Cllr Clarke)

Cllr Clarke suggested all the gates be painted the same colour as they are currently all different colours. Members agreed

- (F) To discuss Lyric hire charges (Cllr Hart)

Cllr Hart agreed that this had been discussed in Item 128/18(A)

- (G) To discuss options re trees in Coronation Park

Cllr Hart suggested Members attend a site visit. Cllr P Smith suggested the Clerk get a quote for tree pruning. Cllrs Russell & Hart proposed this item be taken to next month's meeting for discussion after the site visit. Item be moved to the November meeting for discussion

- (H) To discuss and agree use of The Lyric by the Royal British Legion (Cllr Loftus)

Cllr Loftus explained that The Dinnington Branch of the Royal British Legion currently meet once a month at Silverdales Club. However there are concerns about confidentiality during meetings. The Branch therefore required a new and more permanent base with a bar for meetings, so wish to move to the Lyric as from January.

- (I) Allotment strip disposal update

Cllrs Simmonds and Hart Proposed and Seconded that as the land is of nominal value and a more substantial fence has been erected by the purchaser, then the purchaser should only pay for the Council's professional fees, so as no cost to the Council. Vote: Unanimous

129/18 Dinnington Town Council Grants:

- (A) To decide on a grant request from the Adult Learning Disabilities Club

Members agreed that they required more up to date financial information and figures of how many Dinnington residents benefited from the service, before a decision could be made. Item to be taken to another meeting once this information received.

- (B) To decide on a grant for the Royal British Legion

Members agreed to pay the usual amount (£300) as a grant to the RBL.

130/18 General Matters:

- (A) Neighbourhood Plan update including review/approval of draft Neighbourhood Plan (Chair)

The completed plan would be issued to all Members soon.
Open days for the public to view the completed Neighbourhood Plan were soon to be announced.

- (B) Area Housing Panel update

More projects have been completed. Next meeting in December

- (C) Where We Live Group Update – no meeting

- (D) Staffing Committee update

There were 3 applications for the role of Accountant. One was rejected and 2 were invited for interview. Interviews to take place on 24th October 2018.

- (E) To discuss the 'running list' of outstanding items

Members were updated by the Clerk. A card payment terminal had now been installed in The Lyric and therefore this item was now complete and could be removed.

- (F) To agree councillor involvement in the Christmas Festival

The Assistant Clerk asked Members for their support during this year's Christmas Festival on 28th November and asked for names of those who could attend. An email to be sent to all Councillors for confirmation.

Date and time of next meetings:

- (A) 19th November 2018, 7:00pm at The Lyric, Laughton Road, Dinnington

D SMITH
Chair
Dinnington St John's Town Council

Date:

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