

Minutes of a meeting of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 17 March 2025 at 6.00pm in the Imperial Rooms, Matlock

Present: Cllr Jason Knighton (Chair) (JK), Cllr Len Best (LB), Cllr Sue Burfoot (SB), Cllr Steve Flitter (SF), Cllr Marilyn Franks (MF), Cllr Ashley Orwin (AO), Cllr David Hughes (DH), Cllr Pat Wildgoose

In attendance: Simon Hosmer, Town Clerk (SH)

Meeting begins at 18:00

2482/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Diane Fletcher – Other commitments

2483/24 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None were received

2484/24 REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

None were received

2485/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, POLICE, COUNTY COUNCIL OR DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Several members of the public were in attendance

A member of Matlock Civic Association (MCA) spoke to Council regarding the (MCA) & Matlock Town Council (MTC) charity application which would be called the 'David Barker Bequest Charity' (DBBC)

*A senior worker from the **Blend** charity spoke to the Council about the work they do in other parts of Derbyshire with youths and how they would like to provide the same service in Matlock*

*A member of the public spoke about the issues on **Hurst Farm estate** including littering, lack of support from the housing association and anti-social behaviour. The Mayor followed this up by reporting that he had been in contact with Platform housing and the local police in regard to the **Hurst Farm estate**. Cllr Flitter told Council that the Hurst Farm estate was also due to be spoken about at the District Council (DDDC) tomorrow evening*

*A representative of the '**Save Farley Moor**' campaign spoke about the plans for Farley Moor and the holiday park that may be built there*

The Mayor suggested to the Council that they vary the order of business so as to discuss the agenda points that had been brought up by members of the public in the order they were presented to Council

Proposed Cllr Steve Flitter, Seconded Cllr Marilyn Franks

Resolution: To vary the order of business so points 7, 8 & 12 become the next 3 discussions

Agreed unanimously

2486/24 MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION REPORT

A further discussion about the charity option was had

Proposed Cllr Steve Flitter, Seconded Cllr Marilyn Franks

Resolution: For Matlock Town Council to take responsibility for the Management of Matlock Civic Association (MCA) Funds as set out by the MCA in the Appendices dated 17th March 2025#

Agreed unanimously

2487/24 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor told Council about events and other things he had attended, including his civic service

No resolution was made here

2488/24 MINUTES

Proposed Cllr Marilyn Franks, Seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To approve the minutes and the Confidential minutes from the Full Council meeting on 20.01.2025

Agreed unanimously

2489/24 BLEND PROJECT

A further discussion was had around the Blend proposal. Their representative answered some questions from Cllr Knighton, Cllr Flitter, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Best & Cllr Burfoot. The Clerk mentioned there is money available if Council wanted to pursue it

Proposed Cllr Steve Flitter, Seconded Cllr David Hughes

Resolution: To bring a fully costed proposal between Blend and MTC to the next meeting of the Corporate Committee

Agreed unanimously

2490/24 STARKHOLMES PLANTATION UPDATE

Cllr Hughes gave the Councillors some background and context to the report. The Clerk explained that himself and some of the team would need training on aspects of the children's playground including being able to risk assess the play equipment

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton , Seconded Cllr Steve Flitter

Resolution: To move forward the process with our solicitor despite the outstanding issues

Agreed unanimously

2491/24 HURST FARM CLEAN UP REPORT

Council further discussed the issue of Hurst Farm and the potential clean up there

Proposed: Cllr David Hughes, Seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to write strongly worded letters to Platform Housing, Environmental Health, Clean & Green team at DDDC and to the local police stating the concerns of our constituent and the Council in regards to the cleanliness of social housing and anti-social behaviour on Hurst Farm

Agreed unanimously

The Mayor thanked the resident for bringing the issue to the attention of MTC

Cllr Hughes & Cllr Burfoot declared an interest in the planning applications to be discussed as they are all on the Planning Committee at DDDC

2492/24 ALDI PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE 24/01067/FUL

The remaining Councillors discussed the application

Proposed: Cllr Marilyn Franks, Seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To send a response to the planning portal positively in regard to this application but with a caveat of concern regarding traffic flow

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Flitter, Cllr Burfoot & Cllr Hughes abstaining

2493/24 CHATSWORTH HALL APPLICATION RESPONSE 25/00119/FUL

The remaining Councillors discussed the application

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, Seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To approve the application

Agreed unanimously with Cllr Burfoot & Cllr Hughes abstaining

Cllr Hughes asked for clarification on MTC's response to the Farley Moor application.

Cllr Best explained that he had written an objection in detail and that it was with the Clerk to send on to the planning authority

2494/24 VE DAY CELEBRATION REPORT

Cllr Flitter explained what he thought should be done and Council discussed the report

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, Seconded Cllr Steve Flitter

Resolution: To ask the Clerk to apply for a funding grant from DDDC for £500 and then organise a VE day tea dance in the Imperial Rooms & apply for the relevant licence for Hall Leys Park on behalf of the Royal British Legion

Agreed unanimously

2495/24 COUNCIL PUBLICITY: Website, Social Media, Newsletters and news releases

Cllr Knighton asked for the tea dance for VE day to be publicised
Cllr Hughes asked for a press release on the problems we are looking to
address on Hurst Farm
Cllr Hughes asked for the website homepage to be updated

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, Seconded Cllr Sue Burfoot

Resolution: To publicise the VE day tea dance & update the 'Welcome to Matlock' page

Agreed unanimously

2496/24

ITEMS OF INFORMATION:

Proposed: Cllr Pat Wildgoose, Seconded Cllr David Hughes

Resolution: To accept the items of information

Agreed unanimously

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

To move the following resolution:

'That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (in respect of the personal situation of an employee which could result in legal proceedings) it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'.

Council went into 'Confidential matters' at 20:09

Council came out of 'Confidential matters' at 20:12

Meeting ends at 20:13



Simon Hosmer
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATED:

an audio recording of this meeting is available on request from the Clerk
see appendices FC 17.03.2025