

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 15 th . August 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Cllrs, Peat, Pickard, Wright, Singh, Jarvis, Clews, Barker, Shaw, L Freer. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Hunton
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: G Davis, M Davis, McElhone, R Freer.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Wrigley stated that the cardboard refuse collectors were not going up the cul-de-sac at the top end of Stafford Street, Cllr Pickard said he would investigate. Mrs Clay stated that there was a lot of cardboard waste around the skip in Woolpack Way, Cllr Jarvis noted that this had got worse since the skip had been changed, and now had a small aperture. Cllr Singh thanked Cllr Barker for producing the report from the WCR 250 meeting. He also reported that Mrs June Maidens, was quite ill. It was agreed to send a get well card.		
4.	TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 1st. August 2012 It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker. P54 08/12		

5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 1st. August 2012.</p> <p>P48, item 4/ Cllr L Freer reported that a temporary alteration was being done on the car park signs.</p> <p>P48, item 4/ Cllr Shaw reported that the HGV signs were being erected.</p> <p>P50, item 13/ Cllr Barker asked about the composting of grass cuttings, The clerk replied that Glendale had already been in discussions to dispose of them, locally, and he was waiting for the outcome of this.</p>		
6.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 1st. August 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 1st. August 2012</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
15.	<p>It was agreed to bring forward item 15.</p> <p>VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR, APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION</p> <p>The clerk reported that two applications had been received: Mr Colin Hunton. Mr Paul Davies.</p> <p>A vote was taken, the result was 4 votes for Mr Hunton, 5 votes for Mr Davies.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer noted that it was pleasing that there were 2 people interested, she thanked Mr Hunton and hoped he would apply again if there was another vacancy.</p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>1/ The clerk reported that the 2011/12 Audit was now closed and notices would be displayed as required.</p> <p>6/ It was reported that the Car Show organisers were unhappy at being asked to provide accounts, and the new emphasis on Health & Safety requirements. Cllr Shaw noted that where public money is used it had to be accounted for, Cllr L Freer was unhappy the issue of providing accounts was being used as part of the reason to discontinue the show, the Town Council have tried to support the show, through the years, but are obliged to account for the use of public money.</p> <p>9/ Request for Funding, Vitalise, it was resolved to write and ask for evidence of how many people, in the Atherstone area utilised the service.</p> <p>E16/ Set of accounts and letter of thanks from organisers of Jubilee celebrations, this was noted.</p> <p>E29/ Bertie Ford Way. It was resolved to reply that it would be more appropriate to name a street for Bertie Ford and also for the late Borough and Town Councillor Barry Beeson, in the Coleshill Road area of the town, when any new development took place, as they were more associated with this area. Alternatively the naming of a sports ground after Barry Beeson, would be most appropriate, due to his sporting background.</p> <p>P55 08/12</p>		

9.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – none</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2012/0358, 41 Stratford Avenue, Atherstone, CV9 2AN Solid wall insulation. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0281, Land to the Rear of 69 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AZ Retail unit with 1 flat above. PAP/2012/0318, Listed building consent for above It was resolved to reiterate the objection to this application on the grounds of over development and insufficient parking in an area already used by public facilities, such as taxis, buses and car parking. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker. (Cllr Shaw against, Cllr Clews abstained)</p> <p>PAP/2012/0293, 68 Station Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BU Conversion into 3 no: 2 bed cottages and 1 no: 1 bed apartment & external works It was resolved to reiterate the objection to this application on the grounds of over development and insufficient parking in an area already used by public facilities, such as taxis, buses and car parking. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker. (Cllr Shaw against, Cllrs Clews and Singh abstained)</p> <p>PAP/2012/0653, 30 Margaret Road, Atherstone, CV9 1EF Replacement double garage including DIY area, notice of appeal. Cllr Jarvis noted that a second set of plans had been approved, but the appeal was about the original set, it was resolved that the Council still objected to the application, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker (Cllr Pickard against)</p> <p>50 North Street, Atherstone, Application for advisory disabled parking space. It was agreed that there was no objection to this application.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0339, Land at Unit 12, Fourways, Atherstone, Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref: PAP/2012/0039 relating to approved plans and information (to also negate the need for further conditions relating to materials, highway footway, construction details of the service yard and wheel wash measures), and non-compliance with condition 4 relating to tree protection; in respect of the erection of an industrial unit. Amended plans to suit Highways Dept comments. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to County Highways, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>P56 08/12</p>		
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10.	<p>REPORTS <u>Financial Report</u> The clerk presented a VAT report for the first quarter</p> <p>The clerk presented a budget report and bank reconciliation for July (info only).</p> <p><u>Clerks Report</u> The clerk reported that John Vickers requested permission to pick fruit on Old Allotment Gardens, this was agreed, but a letter to be sent pointing out that he did this at his own risk.</p> <p>Dicken's Night The clerk asked about arrangements for a Dickens Night reception, it was resolved that after confirmation from Cllr Jarvis, who would represent the Council at the organisers meeting of 30th. August, the Mayor could make arrangements as normal. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>Council Tax Support briefing The clerk reported that he had attended one of the sessions, and would circulate the consultation document.</p> <p>P57 08/12</p>		

	<p>Bottom tap at cemetery The clerk reported that the tap and brickwork had been damaged, he had obtained a price to repair the brickwork and strengthen it with angle iron, change the tap to a type that had to be held on, check for leaks and refit lagging to prevent it freezing. It was resolved to make the repairs, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>Reminder for declarations The clerk noted that the new declarations had to be with the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the 1st August. Clerk to include on next weeks diary.</p> <p>The clerk noted that a meeting regarding Retail Radios was due on 22nd. August, starting 6.30pm.</p> <p>The clerk had obtained 3 dates for CCTV camera trials, it was agreed to pick 21st. August. Atherstone Surgery to be informed.</p> <p><u>Representatives reports</u> Cllr Shaw reported that the sale of the Magistrates Court/Police Station had fallen through and it would go on the market again. It was resolved to write to the County reiterating the Town Councils interest in obtaining the property. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker. Cllr L Freer stated that an EGM should be called when details had been obtained. Cllr Jarvis noted that the bollards and benches in the square needed painting, it was resolved to write to the County Cllr and request this to be done, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker. Cllr Wright stated that the police may have CCTV cameras free soon, Cllr Shaw stated that one could be put in Old Watling Street, near the canal, Cllr Jarvis stated that there had been many requests for Welcome Street. It was resolved to write to the police and request that cameras be put in these 2 places, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
11.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS The following Memorial Applications have been approved. A141 Iris Nicholls – inscription B178 Sidney Howard Windridge – headstone and kerbs</p> <p>Recent Burials in Atherstone Cemetery Bernard Philip Rogers B187 – new triple plot Albert John Deeming A427 – new ash plot Callum John Way A378 – re-open for ashes Winifred Kowalewski RC E85 – re-open to single depth Michael George Downing N357 – re open for ashes</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that there were a lot of loose items being placed around grave plots, especially ashes plots, outside of the grave space. It was resolved to erect notices, asking for these objects to be removed. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr L Freer. (Cllr Clews against, Cllr Wright abstained)</p> <p>P58 08/12</p>		

	It was noted that there were brambles growing through the fence from the Old Allotment Gardens, and into Sheepy Road. It was agreed to ask Glendale about tidying these up plus removal of old wreaths.		
12.	MARKET SQUARE The clerk reported that NWBC were producing a renewal agreement.		
13.	ARCADE SHOPS UPDATE The clerk reported that the draft documents had been sent to NWBC. The clerk reported that the structural engineer required another £100 to dig 2 bore holes, when checking the foundations, the Town Council would have to get permission from the adjoining property owners. It was resolved to ask him if the holes could be drilled from the inside, in which case NWBC would be asked, if not the clerk to contact the adjoining property owners. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr L Freer..		
14.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MONTHLY PROJECT MEETING. 1) NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROJECT– A document received from Cllr R Freer had been circulated. It was resolved that this was used for the response to the Core Strategy consultation. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright. 2) WAR MEMORIAL RENOVATION WORK PROJECT – The clerk reported that the funding application was submitted on 1 st August 2012 as requested. Costs had been obtained for the replacement letters, as these could not be included in the funding application. As there were not many missing it was agreed to wait until the steam cleaning had been done. The clerk reported that some “Smartwater” had been received to protect the letters. 3) QUALITY STATUS PROJECT – The clerk reported that the Quality Status Guides were no longer available, however a copy had been downloaded from the WALC website. It was agreed to circulate by e-mail. 4) ARCADE PROJECT– Consultation document to be displayed in empty Arcade Shops. Clerk to contact NWBC. 5) SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: 12 TH SEPTEMBER 10 TH OCTOBER 14 TH NOVEMBER 12 TH DECEMBER These dates were agreed.		
15.	VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR, APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION This item dealt with earlier in the meeting.		
16.	RESPONSE TO CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION This item dealt with in item 14. 1) P59 08/12		

17.	CONDITION OF LONG STREET SHOPS Cllr Pickard spoke in support of his e-mail, which had been circulated. He stated that a project, such as a competition, could be used to improve the appearance. It was resolved to write to Superdrug, about the general condition and untidiness of their shop front, Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.		
	The meeting closed at 8.42pm.		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.

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