

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 . February 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Wright, Vickers, Singh, Shaw, L Freer, R Freer, Clews, Jarvis, Pickard, Barker. Members of the public:, Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley,
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: G Davis, M Davis, Peat, Macchi, McElhone
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Shaw
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis asked about the intention, by County, to switch off street lights during the night, and whether the cost of modifications outweighed the savings. Cllr Shaw stated that he would contact County Street Lighting and reply.</p> <p>Cllr Clews stated that there had been an incident at the recent market, where people were arguing about parking and access for traffic.</p> <p>Cllr Vickers raised the continuing issue of dog fouling, Cllr L Freer stated that the position of NWBC was that there were no complaints made. Cllr Pickard said that NWBC was trying to liaise with Parish Councils, but it was important that people made complaints.</p> <p>Mrs Clay stated that when the one-stop-shop was full people were told to take a ticket and wait in the queue, this was not always possible. Cllr Pickard stated that complaints could be made directly, to their Borough Councillor, or made by phone to the one-stop-shop.</p> <p>Cllr Barker stated that a complaint had been made to him regarding rubbish being left in the walkway from Long Street to the Aldi store, Cllr Shaw stated that this was private land, Cllr L Freer said that she would report it to NWBC.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 1st. February 2012</p> <p>Cllr L Freer stated that P117, item 4 should read "the arcade to remain as retail premises"</p> <p>It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>P121 2/12</p>		

5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 1st. February 2012.</p> <p>P117, item 14, the clerk stated that the meeting with Hinckley had been arranged.</p> <p>Item 16, the clerk reported that Nuneaton Street Pastors had been disbanded.</p> <p>Item 18, the clerk reported that Mr Eaton had replied that the bushes would be too big a job for him, Smithy Farm Shop still to reply.</p> <p>P118, item 21, the clerk reported that the District Valuer would be visiting Westwood Road on 27th. February at 10.15am.</p>		
6.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1st. February 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 1st. February 2012.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>6. Letter regarding an incident at Gypsy Lane allotments. The clerk noted that actions had already been taken regarding this issue.</p> <p>10. Request for work experience, it was resolved that this request be approved, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright, Cllr R Freer voted against.</p> <p>E61 & E70, replies from County regarding footpath at side of A5. It was resolved to contact the Highways Agency, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p>		
9.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – none received</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>MIA/2012/0002, Unit 23, Solutions for Industry, Carlyon Road Industrial Estate, Fourways, Atherstone, CV9 1JH</p> <p>Non-material amendment to PAP/2011/0654 dated 13th. October 2011, minor alterations to elevation in corridor</p> <p>It was resolved that there was no response to this application, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers</p> <p>PAP/2011/0653, 30 Margaret Road, Atherstone, CV9 1EF</p> <p>Replacement double garage including DIY area (amended plans)</p> <p>It was resolved that the response remained as previously sent</p> <p>“The Town Council objected to this application, on the grounds of the scale of the development, namely the footprint of the proposed garage compared to that of the property. The Council also asks that any successful application should have the condition included that no business can be carried out, and ask that the use of the area for DIY be defined”. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>P122 2/12</p>		

	<p>PAP/2011/0054, Land to rear of Barge & Bridge PH, Westwood Road, Atherstone, CV9 2AB Erection of 5 no. two storey starter homes (amended plan) It was resolved that the Town Council still had concerns over parking issues in the area, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker</p> <p>PAP/2011/0421, 16 Church Street, Atherstone, CV9 1HA Removal of horse chestnut tree in a conservation area It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if outside of the nesting season, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0039, Land at unit 12, Fourways, Carlyon Road Industrial Estate, Atherstone Application to extend the time period allowed to implement planning permission PAP/2000/0003 for erection of industrial unit It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0654, Land adjacent to BEC Engineering Ltd. Richmond Road, Atherstone, CV9 2AH Outline application for demolition of a garage and construction of one 2 bed apartments It was resolved to object to this application, as this development would add to the existing parking issues in the area, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0049, 1 River Drive, Atherstone, CV9 3SR Rear conservatory (full application) It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0057, 1 Northcote Walk, Atherstone, CV9 3SL Alterations to existing polycarbonate sheet roof to provide ventilated and insulated slate roof. It was agreed that there was no comment on this application.</p> <p>c) Decisions-None</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings- None</p> <p>e) Other Letter from County Highways regarding PAP/2011/0054, no objection with conditions Letter from County Highways regarding PAP/2011/0039, no objection with conditions</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters-None</p>		
10.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) Clerks Report The clerk presented an invite sent to Cllr R Freer plus 2 others, to visit P123 2/12</p>		

	<p>the Business Improvement District Company, in Rugby, to view the town centre security facilities and discuss funding sources. It was resolved that Cllrs R Freer, Shaw & Singh should visit, clerk to be advised of dates. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>The clerk presented an invite to a “Public Interest Debate” concerning health improvement, at Shire Hall on 21st. February. It was agreed that Cllr R Freer should attend. Cllrs Shaw and Pickard already attending from other authorities.</p> <p>The clerk stated that the next 2 Wednesday nights were free. It was agreed that that Retail Radios and Town Centre/Shop Security be held on 22nd February. Police etc to be invited.</p> <p>The clerk presented an invitation from NWBC to a presentation regarding “National Rural Housing Week”, it was decided that this was not applicable to Atherstone.</p> <p>c) Representatives Reports</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported that the carnival would take place on 2nd. June, just on the Market Square, with the Diamond Jubilee taking place on the 4th. June, again on the Market Square, with a large screen being provided. They were still waiting for approval for an official beacon.</p>		
<p>11.</p>	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <p>a) Memorial applications approved by clerk RC E835 Daniel Bloor – tablet with vase RC E760 Jan Leszczyk – additional inscription</p> <p>b) Recent burials in Atherstone Cemetery Iris Nicholls A141 – re-open for ashes Marian Cole RCE300 – re-open for ashes</p> <p>c) Review of Cemetery charges (from April 2012) It was agreed to refer this to a working group on 29th. February, clerk to find comparison costs, to neighbouring areas, and any cost increases.</p>		
<p>12.</p>	<p>CONTRACT MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that Harvey Pointon was working on the list. The clerk reported that he had been in touch with the company who did the annual inspections, with a view to obtain training.</p>		
<p>13.</p>	<p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>The clerk confirmed that the meeting with Hinckley had been arranged for 24th. February at 11.00am. NWBC had been invited. A request had been received, from the Carnival Committee for use of the Square, on 2nd June (carnival) and 4th. June (Diamond Jubilee). It was resolved to agree to this request, on condition the Square was cleaned after the events. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Singh.</p>		
<p>14.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FUNDING GROUP</p> <p>It was resolved that the list of 13 recommendations, from the working group of 9th. February, be accepted, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>It was resolved that the draft report to the “Awards for All” funder be accepted. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>P124 2/12</p>		

15.	<p>TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS</p> <p>1/ Carnival Committee, request for £1000 for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It was resolved to accept this request, proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>2/ Volunteer Centre. It was resolved to reject this request as it was unclear what benefits there were to the town, but agreed to waive the rent for the allotment, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>3/ Atherstone Hockey Club, request for £995 for junior section. It was resolved to approve this request, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>4/ Atherstone Cricket Club, request for £675 to train coaches for junior section, it was resolved to approve this request, proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr Barker. There were 2 against and 2 abstentions.</p> <p>5/ Atherstone Scouts, request for £400 for ecological greenhouse project, it was resolved to approve this request, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>6/ Age UK Works, request for equipment. It was resolved to ask for information on usage of the building for the benefit of the people of Atherstone, proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>7/ Mancetter Village Community Association. It was resolved to reject this application, as this was outside of the Parish of Atherstone, but to recommend that they direct the request to Mancetter Parish Council. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>8/ Austrey Village Hall Committee. It was resolved to reject this application as it was outside of the Parish of Atherstone, but to recommend that they direct the request to Austrey Parish Council.</p>		
16.	<p>DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>It was noted that support had been confirmed for the event organised by the Carnival Committee, and for use of the Market Square.</p>		
17.	<p>ANNUAL DINNER, FINAL ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>It was resolved that; the menu would be 3 courses plus coffee plus half a bottle of wine, the list of attendees and guests to be compiled by the Mayor, dress code would be "black tie", and order of play to be arranged by Mayor, proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
18.	<p>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk noted that there was an allotment working group, the following day, preceded by a meeting with the Bracebridge Association.</p> <p>It was agreed that the likely costs for the Bracebridge site were £1500 rent, with an initial cost of £500 for legal fees.</p>		
19.	<p>REMOVAL OF COCKERELS DEADLINE</p> <p>It was resolved that failure to remove cockerels from the allotments as previously directed, would result in a notice to quit for the tenant, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
20.	<p>REQUEST FROM ATHERSTONE SURGERY</p> <p>Items E63 & E73, from correspondence. Cllr R Freer stated that the Town Council should facilitate extra parking for the surgery, if eventually required, including a way out into St Mary's Road.</p> <p>P125 2/12</p>		

	It was resolved that the Council would meet representatives from the surgery, and in the meantime the clerk to investigate the covenants on the land. Cllrs R Freer and Clews were appointed to attend meetings being organised through Area Committee, with county, nursery and surgery. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker		
21.	REQUEST FOR EARLY RETIREMENT, MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS The clerk reported that he had been contacted, by the former employee, who had now withdrawn the application.		
	The meeting closed at 8.49pm.		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.

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