

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 16 th . March 2016 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Gurney, Barnard, Freer, G Davis, M Davis, Clews, Jarvis, Clark, Bishop, Barker, Wright, Singh. Public: Mrs Wrigley.
APOLOGIES	Councillors: L Dirveiks, L John, J John. County Cllr: N Dirveiks, Borough Cllr: D Clews,
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the apologies. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.		
2.	PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Wrigley said that she had spoken to the police, at the last Forum, regarding people climbing over walls from Fisher's Walk into Stafford Street gardens. Clerk to ask CCTV about visibility from the Westwood Road camera. Mrs Wrigley also said that there had been 4 handbag snatches recently. She also said that there were many bags of dog waste left on paths in Grove Road. Cllr Jarvis said that people should report any instances to the dog warden who would look for behavioural patterns. The phone number for the warden is 01827 719350. It was reported that drug dealing was occurring in the old phone box at the Market Square, but it had been reported to the police. Cllr Jarvis said that work on the new QE Academy was sometimes going on until 4.30am, causing disturbance to the neighbours, he had reported to County Planning. Cllr Clark said he would contact Carillion. Cllr Freer said that lorries with loose loads were attending the site, during the night, and making a lot of noise when crossing the speed reduction humps. Cllr Clark said he would raise this with County Planning.		
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY. It was agreed that these would be taken as and when.		
4.	REPORTS FROM POLICE, COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS. Cllr Singh said that he had forwarded an e-mail about "Fitter Futures" which involved support for people, referred for medical reasons, to P88 3/16		

	<p>access Slimming World or leisure centres.</p> <p>Cllr Clark said that he had signed off a project called “Dare to Dream”, working with young people at QE Academy, designed to combat anti social behaviour.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis asked about the non-attendance of local police at recent meetings, the clerk said agendas were distributed. Clerk to ask police.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis spoke about the Erudition Schools Trust and said that Kingsbury School was no longer involved, Cllr Clark said that County were not involved, as it was an academy, but as he was a governor of QE, there were some changes happening which should not harm development. He said that he would update the Council on any information not deemed confidential.</p>		
5.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 17th. FEBRUARY 2016.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the minutes. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 17th. FEBRUARY 2016.</p> <p>P82, still waiting for reply from Canal & River Trust, Cllr Freer said that as there was a footpath and an abutment to the bridge, CRT could have some responsibility, clerk to chase for an answer.</p> <p>P82. Cllr Gurney reported that Polesworth Parish Council keep Aqua-Sacs in storage, for emergencies, which swell up in contact with water. The clerk said that Atherstone Landscapes would provide sand, in emergencies, even during the night.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>New list circulated with addition of cheques 107385 to 107391.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque number 107385.</p> <p>It was resolved to sign the cheques, numbered 107365 to 107391, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p><i>List of cheques over £500.</i></p> <p><i>Salaries £2631.85</i></p> <p><i>Pensions £935.71</i></p> <p><i>HMRC £2364.75</i></p> <p><i>Warks County Council £745.20</i></p> <p><i>Atherstone Common Rights Plots £729.29</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £2299.00</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £1597.20</i></p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>1/ Pergola Ltd. Agreement for easement regarding CCTV mast at North St/Ratcliffe Street. It was resolved to accept the offer and to appoint Garner Canning to represent ATC. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis. The clerk said that the comment about a Post Office had been passed to S Maxey (NWBC).</p> <p>2/ Complaint regarding ‘A’ Boards on pavements, it was agreed to pass this complaint on to County Highways, who are the responsible authority, stressing the Health & Safety issues and mobility problems caused, reply letter to complainant to give contact at County. Clerk to get standard from County.</p> <p>7/ NWBC designation of area, Neighbourhood Plan, to be referred to working group and forwarded to consultant, meeting to be arranged</p> <p>P89 3/16</p>		

	<p>with consultant to investigate funding applications. E58/ Mancetter Neighbourhood Plan, to be referred to working group. E60/ Network Rail, the clerk said that this was a reference raised to investigate the flooding complaint that a culvert under Westwood Road and the railway was blocked. Cllr Barker said that he suspected this may have been caused by the base of a signal being constructed through the old drain.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS Cllr Jarvis declared an interest and abstained from voting on all applications.</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 6, 7, 8, 9. b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2016/0125, 20 Tudor Crescent, CV9 3DA – conservatory to side and rear. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>PAP/2016/0020, 77 Croft Road, CV9 1HG – retrospective application erection of 1 block consisting of 3 kennels. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2014/0540, land at Durnos Nurseries, Old Holly Lane, CV9 2HD – demolition of Virginia House and nursery buildings and erection of 123 dwellings with public open space and associated infrastructure. It was resolved to object to this application due to Highway and Traffic issues, with concerns over road safety 1/ The traffic from 123 houses all using one junction on Old Holly Lane. 2/ Increased traffic over the narrow railway bridge on Holly Lane. The Town Council wish that the following suggestion be forwarded to County Highways. In Eastboro' Way, Nuneaton, a similar situation was helped by constructing a pedestrian bridge alongside the road bridge, allowing the existing bridge to be used solely for traffic, this could help considerably in Holly Lane at a much lower cost than widening the existing bridge. The Town Council also recommend that any new development should include provision for superfast broadband. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Bishop.</p> <p>Cllr Clark spoke about the Community Infrastructure Levy, which meant parish councils could receive 25% of the payment if a Neighbourhood Plan was in place. He said that some district councils were paying the full amount if parishes were only in the process of achieving a plan. It was agreed to write to the NWBC Leader to determine their policy on CIL.</p> <p>County Highways, advisory disabled parking bay, 39 Erdington Road. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Clark, seconded Cllr G Davis. Clerk to ask County if they have any system to monitor if the existing bays were still used.</p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2016/0093, 8 Woodview Road, CV9 1EJ, rear extension – prior notification.</p> <p>P90 3/16</p>		

	<p>PAP/2016/0114, 119 Royal Meadow Drive, CV9 3BQ, conservatory – prior notification. PAP/2016/0047, 2 Warwick Drive – granted. PAP/2016/0035, 25 Stratford Avenue – granted. PAP/2016/0032, 30 Windmill Road – granted. PAP/2016/0051, 1 Outwoods Close – tree preservation order consent granted. PAP/2016/0071, 31 Nursery Road – granted. PAP/2016/0055, 70 South Street, CV1DZ – granted. Street naming/numbering; 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Three Tuns Courtyard, Station Street, CV9 1BU. Street naming/numbering, apartments A, B, C, D, E 16 Church Street, CV9 1HA. Street naming/numbering, Atlas Pain Relief Clinic, 45A Station Street, CV91DB.</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None at time of compilation</p> <p>e) Other County Highways, notice of closure, Stanley Road, 31st. March 2016.</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters Atherstone Unionist Club, TEN 11/3/2016.</p>		
10.	<p>REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial reports for February (for information only), was circulated. • Clerk’s Report Both clerks attended the WALC annual briefing day at Warwick. The clerk reported that he would be on leave w/c 21st. March. • Town Councillors Reports Cllr Gurney said that he had attended a recent Dicken’s Night meeting, he reported that the accounts had been approved and that they were organising a person qualified in electrics. Cllr Singh said that he had attended the Townwatch Radio meeting, and that all the shops were not subsidised, he said that the clerk had obtained a list from Servicom showing 12 subsidised radios, including 1 pub. (Invoices to be checked) The clerk said that it was for the scheme to organise the membership and subsidies, the Town Council had agreed to a maximum of 25 radios, including the 2 for the police, NWBC, and ATC. Cllr Freer said that the Town Council had never approved an extension outside of retail shops. 		
11.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Application Nothing to report <p>P91 3/16</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent Burials Marguerite Laurie Hemingway A225 open for ashes John Baddeley E1419 Re open to single depth Edward William Bevin A467 Open for ashes Jean Elizabeth Hall A216 re open for ashes Lorna Beatrice Stafford A470 pre select open for ashes Stuart Valentine Furniss A471 new ash plot Julia Ann Willis A420 re open for ashes Susan Joy Everitt B240 new triple grave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Heart of England Crematorium. List of points raised circulated. It was resolved to organise a working group to discuss this due to the amount of items included. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Freer. Request for memorial tree, advice from visit to Heart of England Crematorium is that after ashes are scattered the ground in the area cannot be disturbed, so trees cannot then be planted or replaced if they die. Tree surgeon visiting cemetery on Monday 21st. and will check the tree in the alternative position requested. Review of cemetery fees, list of comparisons circulated, it was agreed to refer this to the working group, as in earlier item. The clerk reported that they were trying to determine what percentage of burials are hand dug. The clerk reported that the floor of the shelter was deteriorating due to wet, he presented 2 quotations to replace it with marine ply (£530) or cover with PVC chequer plate (£400). It was resolved to choose the PVC. Proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr Freer. 		
12.	<p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>Aviva cycle race, request from NWBC, for Town Council representatives to attend meetings on 22nd. March or 23rd. March and another with the organisers on 1st. April. It was resolved that Cllrs Gurney, Freer and Singh would represent the Town Council. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Bishop.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the County Council would be changing some of the bollards, in Sheepy Road for the cycle race. It was agreed that they needed to be the lockable type.</p> <p>The clerk presented an application form from Churches Together to use the square for a short service on Good Friday. It was resolved to approve this, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>The clerk said that this application had only just been received in time for the meeting, it was confirmed that all applications must be viewed and approved at a meeting and no exceptions could be made.</p>		
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13.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS</p> <p>The clerk reported that the occupancy of Unit 8 was changing into a sole tenancy, it was resolved that this could be done by issuing an amendment to the existing tenancy agreement. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
14.	<p>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that flooding had occurred on some plots by the brook at Merevale, it was agreed that the clerks should investigate and obtain a cost for extra drainage.</p> <p>The clerk reported that NWBC, were no longer proceeding with a community allotment. It was agreed to see if the Restore Trust and Crossroads were interested.</p>		
15.	<p>PLAY AREAS/OPEN SPACES</p> <p>The clerk reported that a dog waste bin, on the canal, near Coleshill Road bridge needs repair, it was resolved to carry out a repair, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>Cllr Gurney had supplied a newspaper article regarding the closure of old paths and alleyways, it was agreed to include this in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The clerk presented a request from Mr Boulstridge (a neighbour of Westwood Road play area) for a site meeting regarding boundary hedges. Cllr Freer asked for a dispensation to be involved with this item as some of his property also bordered the play area, this was agreed. It was agreed that Cllr Freer would attend, with one of the clerks on Friday 18th. March at 11.30am.</p>		
	<p>It was resolved that, under Section 100A of the local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (Details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods or services) it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
16.	<p>QUOTATIONS RECEIVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence at bottom of cemetery <p>The clerk presented a quote, from C Belcher, to provide palisade fencing behind the Ashes Scattering area at a cost of £690 + £80 to be coloured green. It was resolved to accept this quote proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh. The clerk to investigate the planting of thorn bushes along the remainder of the boundary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arcade refurbishments <p>The clerk circulated the replies from the tenants regarding the proposed refurbishments and a list of the quotations supplied by the invited contractors.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the quotation from Piper & Meeks to carry out the following items; paint all downstairs woodwork (colour green as new kitchen door), paint walkway ceiling and upper</p> <p>P93 3/16</p>		

	<p>walls (colour magnolia), remove front canopy, clean rooflight. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Barnard Clerk to obtain costs to provide signage at front and rear, showing present occupants, capable of easily being amended if any unit should change tenant. Clerk to check if any signs through walkway are now obsolete and have removed before any work commences. Other items to be considered as further quotes are received.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council

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