

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 17 th August 2011 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Wright, R Freer, McElhone, Jarvis, Shaw, Peat, M Davis, G Davis, Singh. Public: Mrs Wrigley, Mrs Clay.
APOLOGIES	Town Councillors: Macchi, Barker, Clews, L Freer,
CHAIR	Cllr Shaw
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Wrigley reported that the roadsweeper was missing areas in her street, sometimes due to cars being parked. Cllr M Davis advised that she should report this to the NWBC one-stop-shop. She also stated that the car parking caused access problems to emergency vehicles. Mrs Clay stated that she had visited the one-stop-shop, to talk to the police, but she was given a phone contact number, which was the Nuneaton front desk. The clerk was asked to write to County Cllr Fox, the Chief Constable, NWBC and the local MP, regarding the changes, previously announced, which did not appear to be fully supported by the police. Cllr Jarvis stated that he had seen people walking dogs in the St Mary's Road play area and asked that an exclusion order be put on a future agenda. Cllr Wright presented a copy of warning tickets that the PCSOs were issuing to people parking illegally, as they did not have the power to issue penalty notices. The clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable and County Cllr Fox and ask that the PCSOs be given the appropriate power, making more efficient use of their time.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 3rd. August 2011 It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr McElhone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P52 8/11</p>		

5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 3rd. August 2011</p> <p>Item 6. The clerk presented a reply from Plantscape regarding the floral displays watering systems. It was agreed to obtain a price for new wicks.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>3. Request for funding, Friends of Atherstone Heritage. It was agreed to send a copy of the Area Committee Small Grants Form to them, but to advise, if unsuccessful, to come back to the Town Council in January, for the next round of applications.</p>		
7.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 29, 30, 31</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2011/0333 40 Windmill Road, Atherstone, CV9 1HP Erection of 1.8meter iron double gate. It was resolved there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0402 Beech House, 19 Market Street, Atherstone, CV9 1ET Works to a copper beech tree, protected by a tree preservation order and within the conservation area. It was resolved there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the NWBC Tree Officer. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0405 67 Station Street, Atherstone Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area It was resolved there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the NWBC Tree Officer. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright, Cllr Shaw declared an interest and abstained.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0408 34 Simmonds Way Atherstone First Floor Extension and alterations It was resolved there was no objection to this application, if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>APP/R3705/A/11/2157984/NWF 108 Long Street, Atherstone Notice of appeal (PAP/2010/0315) It was agreed there was no change to the original response.</p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2011/0219 49 Holte Rd – GRANTED PAP/2011/0280 Barsby Close – GRANTED PAP/2011/0318 11 Oakfield Gardens - GRANTED</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None at time of compilation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P53 8/11</p>		

	<p>e) Other WCC letter ref 45 North Street planning application PAP/2011/0343 Email from Cllr Dirveiks ref Partnership Building</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None</p>		
8.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) Clerk's Report The clerk presented a letter from County Council proposing the change of speed limit, on Sheepy Road, introducing a 50mph limit from the end of the current 40mph to the county boundary. The clerk presented a reply from Mrs Greenstiles regarding her recent request for a particular allotment plot. It was agreed to refuse the request and uphold the original decision, as trees, other than fruit trees should not be planted, and cultivation meant that the plot had to be dug. The clerk presented an e-mail from Quadrant requesting extra payments for the installation of the link to Leek Wootton, it was agreed not to approve this as the reasons given were not the responsibility of the Town Council.</p> <p>b) Representatives Reports Cllr Jarvis reported that he had attended a meeting of the Carnival Committee and of the Diamond Jubilee Committee, he stated that the Jubilee Committee had requested that a beacon be sited on top of St Mary's Church, but this had been refused.</p>		
9.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <p>a) Memorial applications approved by clerk. E1003 Doris Elverson headstone, kerbs, and vase B185 Edna Robertson headstone</p> <p>b) Recent Burials in Atherstone Cemetery Kenneth George Griffith A292 Re-open for ashes Michael Rose B154 New burial plot</p> <p>c) War Graves It was resolved that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission could carry out the work as requested, there would be no charges from the Town Council. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr R Freer. The clerk reported a member of the public had queried the lack of provision of baby graves in the Roman Catholic section, it was agreed to put the matter on the next agenda.</p>		
10.	<p>CONTRACT MATTERS</p> <p>a) Play Areas Monthly Inspection reports. Quotes for repairs on the agenda later in the meeting. The clerk reported that the telescope had been broken again, at St Mary's Road. It was agreed to repair it but to use stronger washers.</p>		
11.	<p>MAGISTRATES COURT/POLICE STATION The clerk presented the details received from the agent; there was no guide price and no provision for separate sales. It was agreed to arrange a site visit, clerk to e-mail all councillors for availability.</p>		

12.	<p>MARKET SQUARE UPDATE</p> <p>The clerk presented details received from the agent regarding Beech House, Cllr Shaw declared an interest and left the meeting, Cllr Singh took the chair. It was agreed to get details of the failed planning applications and circulate to councillors, and to get a valuation of the current office. It was agreed to arrange a visit.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw re-joined the meeting and took the chair.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the agreement for the management of the Square had now been signed. He explained that there was no documentation existing for the booking of the Square and asked what criteria would apply for taking bookings. It was agreed that booking documents would be introduced and that all bookings should be presented to a Council meeting before being accepted.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the County Council had requested a stall on the market for a road safety show, this had been arranged with Hinckley and Bosworth.</p> <p>It was reported that the road closure was no longer active in Market Street and the signs were to be removed.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask Hinckley and Bosworth what was planned for the promotion of the market.</p>		
13.	<p>REPORT FROM FUNDING GROUP</p> <p>A report was presented from the Funding Working Group, it was resolved to approve all 9 recommendations, and that in future all such meetings would be the combined strategy and funding groups.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer left the meeting at 8.25pm.</p>		
	<p>PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL</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 (namely the details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods and 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 Singh, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
14.	<p>TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the quote from Pin Digital to modify the site to accept lists of e-mails in the councillor's secure area. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		

15.	<p>NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY CITIZEN</p> <p>Nomination received from Cllr Barker, for Ruby Chambers. It was resolved to accept the nomination, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis. Cllr Clews to be asked to prepare details.</p> <p>The clerk reported that there was one medal in stock. It was resolved to order a replacement. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
16.	<p>QUOTATIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>a) Waste removal, Cemetery It was resolved to accept the quote, from Atherstone Landscapes, to provide a wheelie bin, by the bottom tap, and to empty it into the central bin on Wednesday every week. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>b) Gypsy Lane allotments, car park. It was resolved to give a further £260 to Mr King to cover expenses incurred regarding the car park. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>c) Christmas lights 2011. Clerk to check quotes against last year and report to next meeting.</p> <p>d) Play Area Repairs (Annual Report) It was resolved to accept the quotation from Harvey Pointon. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>e) War Memorial It was agreed to look for available funding.</p> <p>f) Cemetery Shelter It was resolved to accept the quote, for repair, from Harvey Pointon. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
	The meeting closed at 8.40pm		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.