

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 . October 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Cllrs, Jarvis, Clews, M Davis, G Davis, Barker, Pickard, L Freer, R Freer, Shaw, Singh. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, L Carter & M Maguire (Warks Police), L Evans, M Horton & R Backhouse (Royal British Legion), C Green.
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Peat, Macchi.
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 G Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION L Evans spoke about the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday Parade, and the Health & Safety requirements which may result in the need for extra public liability insurance, and asked the Town Council for help. M Maguire stated that there were 32 parades taking place in Warwickshire, and her area was the north of the county. The police had always helped with road closures etc, in the past, but it had been clarified that they had no legal power to do this. Event organisers must do this and carry adequate insurance. Currently the County Royal British Legion had been asked to see if their insurance covered the public. Cllr Shaw asked if the police would still take part in the parade, M Maguire answered yes, but also stated that anyone marching on a public road had to be covered by insurance. Cllr Pickard stated that he was shocked that this had now become necessary. Cllr R Freer stated that he believed that if the Borough Council gave permission for a road closure, they also covered it with their insurance. Clerk to check with NWBC. M Maguire thought this would not be the case, as they would be treated the same as street parties. P83 10/12		

	<p>Cllr M Davis stated that this was an inefficient way of covering these events and would have been better done nationally. The clerk was asked to send a grant request form to L Evans.</p> <p>C Green spoke about a proposal to install bollards in Derby Lane which would have a detrimental effect on his, and other, businesses.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that County were looking at changing Derby Lane to a footway, and having lockable bollards.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard stated that these schemes should not be done at the expense of the traders.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer stated that there were worse places in the town. And would not like to see the loss of any shops.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer stated that the County should be consulting about the scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Barker stated that other towns had many closed shops and nothing should be done that would drive out traders.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis stated that that it was a Highways issue, and that consultation should take place.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked if the meat delivery vans went into Derby Lane, Mr Green answered "no".</p> <p>Cllr M Davis stated that the real problem was the cars parked in Market Street, PC Carter confirmed that tickets could be issued if they were causing an obstruction.</p> <p>Mrs Clay stated what a good job had been made of cleaning the War Memorial.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that M Maguire would like to come to a Council meeting to do a short presentation about the requirements of holding an event in the town, the clerk stated that the Public Session at the next meeting on 7th. November would be suitable.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked if Borough Cllrs knew how much of the section 106 money, from Birch Coppice would be available for Atherstone. The Borough Cllrs had not heard yet.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer stated that there were notices available about job opportunities at Birch Coppice. Cllr Singh gave details of the information sessions and asked Cllrs to help distribute posters.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that County would be putting on bus services to Birch Coppice from Atherstone, and Tamworth.</p> <p>It was agreed to bring forward agenda items 13 and 16.</p>		
<p>13.</p>	<p>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE</p> <p>Following the discussions which took place in the Public Session, it was resolved that subject to a negative reply, from the County Royal British Legion, the Town Council would give a donation equal to the amount of that insurance. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that he would be laying a wreath on behalf of Dan Byles MP, who would be at another parade this year.</p>		
<p>16.</p>	<p>RETAIL RADIOS UPDATE</p> <p>Due to the resignation of Cllr Wright, to be formally notified later in the meeting, another representative was needed to tour the shops on Thursday 18th. October, with the police and WRCI. It was resolved that Cllr Clews would be the Town Council representative. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis. There would be a photo shoot with the Herald at 9.30am, the Mayor to also attend.</p> <p>P84 10/12</p>		

4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 3rd. October 2012</p> <p>P80, item 13, Representatives Reports. Cllr Barker stated that the train timetables had come directly from London Midland.</p> <p>P80 item 14, typing error corrected “ it was agreed <u>to</u>”</p> <p>It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 3rd. October 2012.</p> <p>P79, item 13/ The clerk reported that he had contacted the contractors, cleaning the War Memorial, about the dark patches under the cross. These were due to traffic fumes etc, and although they had given the area extra cleaning, it could not be removed without aggressive methods which were not permitted.</p> <p>P80, Cllr Barker noted that booking train journeys, through different operators, can give considerable savings.</p>		
6.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 3rd. October 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 3rd. October 2012</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>3/ St Giles Hospice, request for grant. It was resolved to give a donation of £200 and advise to also apply to the Rotary Club. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>5/ Side by Side Theatre, invitation, Cllr Singh confirmed that he could attend one of the night performances.</p> <p>E41/ Planting round Cenotaph, the clerk reported that he had contacted the Army Cadets and agreed that they would be planting around the War Memorial, after the cleaning was completed.</p> <p>E43/ Freedom of Information request.</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk should respond that items 1 & 3, could not be released as they were commercial information belonging to the contractor. And that item 2 was not applicable.</p> <p>E43/ Road Safety, it was agreed to obtain costs for the flashing slow down signs.</p> <p>E48/ Temporary CCTV cameras. Cllr Shaw said he would supply the column numbers.</p> <p>E48/ Request, Burial Space. It was agreed that the clerk would answer this request.</p> <p>E50/ Request from Dickens Committee. It was agreed that the Mayor would nominate people to carry out judging, and that it was acceptable to use the allotments/Canal Park to let off the fireworks.</p> <p>P85 10/12</p>		

<p>9.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.</p> <p>b) Consultations PAP/2012/0297, Land at Rowland Way, Atherstone Residential development for 88 dwellings with associated areas of landscaping and open space. Presentation to Planning and Development Board, 15th. October. This was noted.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0475, Bron Avon, 9 Ivor Road, Atherstone Double detached garage. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0470, Land to rear of 58-82 St Georges Road, Atherstone Erection of 9 bungalows It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>2012/LC/006659, NWBC, works to trees in a Conservation Area It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if outside the nesting season. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0455, 15 St Georges Road, Atherstone, CV9 3BS Two storey side extension and single storey extension. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2012/0339, Land at Unit 12, Fourways – granted PAP/2012/0293, 68 Station Street – granted PAP/2012/0401, 5 Arden Street – granted PAP/2010/0374, Magistrates Court/Police Station – outline planning permission granted (14 dwellings) PAP/2012/0410, The Bramleys, Westwood Road – granted PAP/2012/0281, Land to rear of 69 Long Street – granted PAP/2012/0318, Land to rear of 69 Long Street – listed building consent granted. PAP/2012/0364, 37 & 38 Cooks Close – tree preservation order consent granted.</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other Letter from NWBC, SNN-0302012, street names/numbers, Peel House 79 Witherley Road, Peel Cottage, 79A Witherley Road. Letter from County Highways, PAP/2012/0444, 1 Princess Road. Letter from NWBC, notification of street name/number change, flats 1 – 6 Orchard House, Charlotte Way. Letter from County, regarding PAP/2012/0451, Ratcliffe Service Station, - objection.</p> <p>P86 10/12</p>		
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<p>10.</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>Financial Report</u> Report circulated from internal auditor regarding first quarter, VAT omitted, to be claimed in second quarter. The clerk presented a report and bank reconciliation for the second quarter, it was resolved that it be approved and submitted to the internal auditor. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p><u>Clerks Report</u> Resignation received from Cllr Wright, clerk to inform Returning Officer at NWBC. Letter of thanks and flowers to be sent. Cllr Shaw stated that it was sad that he had decided to resign.</p> <p>The clerk noted that Cllr Wright had been a representative on CCTV group and allotment group. It was agreed that the CCTV group was OK but Cllrs M Davis and R Freer agreed to attend the Allotment group when needed. Cllr Jarvis said he could help but not for daytime meetings.</p> <p>It was noted that the position of Deputy Mayor was also vacant, it was resolved that Cllr Barker be Deputy for the remainder of the year, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>The clerk reported that a couple came into the office on 12th October, to say “it was a pleasure to go down the cemetery, and how lovely it was now being kept”. They did not wish to leave their names, but were aware of previous complaints and wanted to pass on their comments. The Council appreciated that they had taken the time to pass on their comments.</p> <p><u>Representatives reports</u> Cllr Jarvis reported that he had attended the recent Dickens Night meeting, and that all preparations were OK. Cllr Shaw reported that letters were due to be sent regarding the small grants scheme which had been over subscribed. Cllr Barker reported that the recent problems at the DOT resulted in Virgin carrying on running the West Coast main line. Cllr Shaw reported that Ocado will have a shop, at Birch Coppice, which will be available to the public.</p>		
<p>11.</p>	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <p>The following Memorial Applications have been approved.</p> <p>N538 Teddy Greenfield headstone B103 John Wesley Allbrighton – additional inscription E1385 May Bricknell – additional inscription A378 Callum Way- additional inscription N753 Kenneth John Gilbert - additional inscription B162 David Evans – tablet</p> <p>P87 10/12</p>		

	Recent Burials in Atherstone Cemetery Horace George Draper B208 – New triple grave John Blaney E1078 – re-open for ashes		
12.	MARKET SQUARE The clerk circulated a report from Hinckley giving an update on the market. This was noted. Cllr Singh stated that he was donating mince pies for the Christmas markets.		
14.	PARKING AT ATHERSTONE SURGERY Cllr Clews stated that the Town Council should lobby the County over this issue. Cllr Pickard stated that the Town Council should do more to help. Cllr M Davis stated that there were too many agencies involved, but that the car parks could be opened to the public. Cllr R Freer stated that there were severe parking problems in Ratcliffe Road. Cllr Pickard stated that he was due to attend a meeting, with residents of Ratcliffe Road, who were opposed to the 100 hour pharmacy. It was resolved to contact the County Council, to point out the dangers caused by the parking in Ratcliffe Road, and to question why there was largely unused parking areas at the College, Early Years Centre, and the Youth Centre, which could be opened up for all, including the Surgery to use. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr R Freer.		
15.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MONTHLY PROJECT MEETING A list had been circulated from the project group meeting of 10 th October. It was resolved to approve the recommendations, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard. It was agreed that the subject of the Ashes Scattering area should be on the next agenda.		
	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 (<i>Details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods or services</i>), 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. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard.		
17.	ARCADE SHOPS (recommendations from working group) The reports from the surveyor and Cllr Barker were circulated. Cllr Barker stated that he thought the costs and the timing for the proposed foundation work was underestimated, and that it was very unlikely the tenants could remain in situ while the work was carried out. A discussion took place regarding issues raised in the reports. Cllr R Freer stated that there was still an option of creating a walkway over the flat roof, for fire escapes. P88 10/12		

	<p>Cllr M Davis stated that the Town Council could buy the premises, as it stood, and it could then evolve, like the Arts Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Singh stated that the front area could be used for meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that there were issues of asbestos and change of use to be considered.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer stated that the building as it stands is not what the Town Council wanted.</p> <p>It was resolved to hold an EGM to further discuss the matter on Wednesday 24th. October at 7.00pm. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.

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