

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 18 th . March 2009 7.15pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Cllrs Clews, Wright, Hopkins, M Davis, Peat, Freer, Vickers, Chambers, Barker, Jarvis, G Davis, Macchi.
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Shaw, Singh
CHAIRMAN	Cllr G Davis
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillors apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Barker Seconded Cllr Peat		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Items 2/ 9/ and 11/ Clerk to reply and provisionally accept, confirmation dependant on next years Mayor. 3/ Clerk to check when notification received, not enough notice given to Councillors. Clerk to check with Alethea Wilson for list of resident concerns and to obtain date of re-consultation. 4/ Item noted, Cllr Peat will be attending consultation meeting. Need for traffic calming measures to be investigated. 6/ Reply not Council policy to provide plot fencing. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis. E3/ This item noted. It was pointed out that the previous dog warden was now working at Witherley kennels and had stray dogs to home. Clerk to obtain details from D Baxendale and put up notices. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis. E5/ A discussion took place regarding the speed humps, Cllr Jarvis reported that County Highways said all was OK. Independent audit due on completion. E8/ This item was noted. E10/ This item noted. E18/ Clerk to order 17 tabards, 100 space blankets, and 35 sandbags. Clerk to be informed and keep records of usage. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Peat.		
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4.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS Consultations, none. Decisions, none. Appeals, none. Conservation / Listed Buildings, e-mail received from Cllr Shaw regarding pathway left after Severn-Trent repair and window in Darby Lane. Clerk to contact Severn-Trent and NWBC conservation officer. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis. Other, clerk to chase NWBC regarding fence at old Rowans site. Licensing, none.</p>		
5.	<p>POWER OF WELLBEING It is required by this power that the clerks and 80% of Councillors should be trained. Clerk to obtain costs for training at ATC or elsewhere.</p>		
6.	<p>GYPSY LANE ALLOTMENTS AND WASTE LAND A discussion took place about the offer received from Smiths Gore regarding the waste land alongside the Cemetery and the 2 allotment sites in Gypsy Lane. It was resolved to write to Smiths Gore and to declare an interest in these various sites and to ask for their valuation for each section. Proposed Cllr Macchi, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
7.	<p>ANNUAL BALL GAME A discussion took place regarding the working group meeting with the secretary and chairman from the Ball Game Committee. It was resolved that a copy of the balance sheet should be distributed to each Councillor, if acceptable to WALC a copy of the legal advice be given to the Ball Game Committee, a donation of £900 be given towards next years costs. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis, Cllr Clews abstained. A copy of the Public Liability insurance had been supplied to the Council. It was agreed to write to the Police to ask why officers would not take action regarding people climbing on shop fronts even when pointed out to them.</p>		
8.	<p>DATES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 6th. May 2009, starting at 6.30pm. followed by the Annual Meeting, starting at 7.15pm.</p>		
9.	<p>CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2009/10 It was agreed that the clerks would arrange the calendar after checking to avoid clashes with NWBC.</p>		
10.	<p>POLICY MATTERS a. Cemetery The clerk read out a quote from NWBC for a waste skip to be used in the Cemetery, being changed every week. It was resolved to accept this contract for 12 months, but to ask for a price for a second skip in case it should be needed. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Freer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P95 03/09</p>		

	<p>The clerk reported that the grave shoring equipment had been located at NWBC, with the hydraulic pump not operational. Atherstone Landscapes had been asked to contact Richard Thomas to pick up the equipment which could then be evaluated. Cllr Jarvis to be involved with this. It was agreed to turf over the 2 remaining rose beds by the shelter. It was agreed to put on hold any action on fencing pending developments from Smiths Gore.</p> <p>The clerk reported that P J Neville, Memorial Mason had requested to carry out work to a memorial on a Saturday, this was agreed.</p> <p>b. Allotments The clerk reminded councilors that there was a site visit to Gypsy Lane allotments arranged for Saturday 21st. March at 10.00am to inspect plots 13, 14 and 41, followed by a meeting with all plot holders at 10.30pm.</p> <p>c. Open spaces / Play areas The clerk reported that the lock had now been put on the gates at Westwood Road.</p> <p>d. Accommodation Both surveys completed on Thursday 12th. March, waiting for reports to arrive. WALC advice regarding Planning Permission to be circulated. Costs to be found in case Full Structural Survey recommended.</p> <p>e. Market Square Nothing to report.</p> <p>f. CCTV The clerk reported that there was a meeting arranged with G McGenity Thomas at 11.00am on Friday 20th. March regarding the specification for the control room tender. Cllrs Barker and M Davis to attend.</p> <p>g. Floral Displays The clerk presented 2 quotes for summer plants, it was resolved to accept the quote from Smithy Farm Shop, Grendon. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
11.	<p>STAFFING MATTERS Nothing to report</p>		
	The meeting closed at 8.40pm.		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.