

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 2015 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: G Davis, M Davis, Barker, Shaw, Barnard, Pickard, Gurney, L Freer, R Freer, Clews, Jarvis, Singh County Cllrs: N Dirveiks Public: B Storer, M Storer, J Rumbold, B Earp, A Payne, B Henney, D Downes, N Cooper, M Cooper
APOLOGIES	Councillors: Clark, Wright County / Borough Councillors: L Dirveiks
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Barker
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the apologies. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY. It was resolved that these would be taken as and when. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION (shall not exceed 30 minutes, Members of the Public and Councillors may speak in respect of business itemised on the agenda, or bring up items for future business) Mr Henney said that a new committee was forming for the Atherstone Motor Show, and would be meeting on 1 st . April, the event would be on 13 th . September. The accounts from last year would be sent to the Council. All documentation and cash balance would be transferred. Cllr R Freer said that there were a number of young people, in the town, who travelled to car meets, he would give their details to Mr Henney. Mr Storer spoke about the traffic humps, in Witherley Road, which had been the cause of damage to his car. He had complained to County Highways, telling them that the humps were too high, and that people drove between them, in the middle of the road. Highways had replied that the humps were not too high, and that drivers could not use the centre of the road. Mr Storer said that in Coleshill a camera had been installed outside a school which had the required effect. Cllr Jarvis said that he was shocked to hear that Highways denied any knowledge of the problems, and that he was sure that the humps did not conform to government guidelines. County Council had committed to review the situation when the new school was built. Cllr R Freer said that he too was shocked to hear the comments from Highways, and added that the Town Council had offered, in the past P96 3/15		

	<p>to help with any costs. He said that a solution would be to make the lights on the crossing go red if a speeding car was detected.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard said that he always slows down and had never broken anything on his car.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that he should contact County Cllr Clark, and that residents and the Town Council would give support.</p> <p>County Cllr Dirveiks said that there has been no reports of accidents, and that there would need to be a good argument made for any change. The time to raise the issue is when the plans are issued for the new school.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis said that the police had stated that no law is broken when anyone drives down the middle.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis said that the traffic was very noisy at night, and that there had been numerous near misses, but accidents are only recorded when an injury occurs.</p> <p>Mrs Downes asked about the Arcade Shops and plans for any empty units, Cllr Barker replied that the last unit had now been let, and that plans had been made for a toilet/kitchen downstairs.</p> <p>Mr Henney asked about the precept overcharge, from previous years, and if any interest had been received. Cllr Barker replied that there had been no interest paid, and although some had been spent the full amount had been deducted from the new precept.</p>		
4.	<p>REPORTS FROM POLICE, COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.</p> <p>County Cllr Dirveiks said that the planning application, for the new school, had not been made yet, it was expected in April. He said that it was important to respond with positive comments. It would go to the regulatory committee in June.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer said it was difficult to understand why the County Council cannot say what discussions had taken place with the school. Cllr Dirveiks said that the school was an academy and County was not involved, and had been forced by central government to allow the change to academy status.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer said that the proposed school was not adequate.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw said that the new school design was “shovel ready”, and would have to be accepted. He asked where the money had gone from the trust school.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that County would be the planning authority, not NWBC, and the Town Council must rely on County Cllrs informing them. She said that the EFA would decide regardless of local planning who knew local issues much better. There had been no consultation over the sale of the grammar school, and where would the money go.</p> <p>Cllr Dirveiks said that the school belongs to the foundation trust, and that they planned to use the money for extra facilities at the new school.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that the trust should consult the public.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis said that the residents appreciated that there must be a new school, but the original plan was to accommodate 600, which had now been reduced to 500. It should be cheaper to make allowances in the new build rather than extend afterwards.</p> <p>P97 3/15</p>		

	<p>Cllr Singh asked if the headmaster was satisfied, Cllr Dirveiks said that he would have liked more but has to accept as much as he can, he said it is a private enterprise.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer said that it is similar to the police station/magistrates court, and that if it is private the planning should be made to NWBC, too many old buildings in Atherstone had already been lost.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said the school may be private but the land should belong to the Atherstone public. Cllr Dirveiks said that it was now owned by the school.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said the issue had been made time sensitive, being presented as take it or leave it.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard said that in the absence of transparency/consultation the Town Council should start a campaign to central government.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis said that he had attended the parent's evening, he suspected that all parents had not been informed as not many attended, he said that it had been classed as a consultation, but parents were not able to ask questions.</p> <p>Cllr Clews said that she had also attended, and it was really a presentation, and had doubts about the claim of community use. She asked why the old school could not be retained for community use.</p> <p>Cllr Dirveiks said that the philosophy behind the system is wrong.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis said that everyone should respond to future consultation with one voice.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer said that the planning consultation would be the last chance.</p> <p>Cllr Dirveiks said that we must have a consistent voice.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard reported that a report had been issued about winter deaths, which had increased due to cold weather and reduced effectiveness of the vaccine, he would forward it to the Council. He also said that the Bloors planning application was due.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that she was pleased that the floral displays had not been damaged during the Ball Game. Cllr Barnard said that the one by the old post office was damaged.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked if County Cllr Dirveiks could get the re-instatement officer to look in Market Street where slabs had been replaced with concrete blocks, and was a potential tripping hazard. Cllr Dirveiks said he would check.</p>		
<p>15.</p>	<p>It was agreed to bring forward item 15.</p> <p>REQUEST FOR FUNDING, ATHERSTONE MUSIC FESTIVAL</p> <p>Item 6 in correspondence, request for £1000 towards cost of stages. It was resolved to approve the request, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Jarvis. Cllrs L Freer and R Freer abstained.</p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 18th. February 2015.</p> <p>Cllrs Clews and Jarvis spoke about P94, item 15, where they had left the meeting, after a short discussion it was resolved to accept the minutes as written. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>P98 3/15</p>		

6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 18th. February 2015</p> <p>P92. Item 10. New homes bonus reply received from NWBC, this was noted.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that the bollards were being left out again, after the market, and were a potential tripping hazard.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>Revised cheque list presented by clerk.</p> <p>It was resolved not to sign the cheque number 106955, for the Red Lion, pending discussions for a reduction in the bill, due to bad service and food. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve and sign the remaining cheques, numbers 106936 to 106965. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p><i>List of cheques over £500;</i></p> <p><i>Salaries £2575.48</i></p> <p><i>Warks County Council pensions £873.06</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £619.96</i></p> <p><i>PA Parker £2030.00</i></p> <p><i>Benchmark £2605.20</i></p> <p><i>Atherstone Red Lion £1482.25</i></p> <p><i>Garner Canning £80,240.00</i></p> <p><i>HTM Traffic £1173.12</i></p> <p><i>Atherstone Landscapes £1650.00</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £1584.00</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £2280.00</i></p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>E6. CCTV cameras, the clerk reported all Cllrs could visit the offices of the supplier, it was resolved that Cllrs R Freer, Pickard and Wright should visit, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>E12. Badgers 10k run. The clerk reported that no answer had been received, it was resolved to ask if liaison with the police had been carried out, especially with regard to any closure of Coleshill Road. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>E27. Emergency plan template. The clerk to download and report to a future meeting.</p> <p>E36. & E37. Cllr Jarvis said that the First Responders had held their first training course in the Council offices.</p> <p>E55. & E87. Witherley Road speed humps, discussed in Public Session.</p> <p>E81. Final plans received for Arcade toilet/kitchen, the Council decided that the following contractors should be asked to quote; Dave Piper, Glen Slater, Will Kiteley, the company identified by the architect, and another whose details would be supplied by Cllr Gurney.</p> <p>Cllrs Shaw and Singh left the meeting.</p>		
9.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.</p> <p>P99 3/15</p>		

b) Consultations

PAP/2015/0082, 33 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AY – change of use from A2 (financial and professional services) to D1 (non-residential institutions) and ancillary A3 (café), amended plans. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.

PAP/2015/0120, 21 Sheepy Road, Atherstone, CV9 1HD – single storey side extension. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if acceptable to the neighbours, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis.

PAP/2015/0095, Bracebridge Court, Friary Road, Atherstone, CV9 3AL – variation of condition no. 2 of planning permission PAP/2013/0058 relating to single storey extension to enclosed courtyard to provide additional floor space to day room: in respect of redevelopment of an existing residential care home site, comprising the demolition of an existing 3 storey building (35 bedrooms) and the erection of a new replacement residential care home with 2 storeys and a partial basement (63 bedrooms), together with revised access and car parking arrangements. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr G Davis.

PAP/2015/0089, land at Richmond Road, Slacks Avenue, Ambien Road, Stanley Road, Bachelors Bench, Erdington Road, Atherstone – installation of external wall insulation. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Barnard.

PAP/2014/0540, land at Durnos Nurseries, Holly Lane, Atherstone, CV9 2HD – demolition of Virginia House and nursery buildings and erection of 105 dwellings with public open space and associated infrastructure, amended plans. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr M Davis.

PAP/2015/0132, Warwick House Ratcliffe Street, Atherstone, CV9 1JP – replacement of existing windows and doors with grey aluminium windows. It was resolved to strongly object to this application, as it was not in keeping in a conservation area, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis. Cllr Pickard abstained.

c) Decisions

PAP/2015/0017, Cooks Close, Barsby Close, Meadow Street, works to trees – granted.

PAP/2015/0045, Aldi Foodstores, erection of bee hotel – granted.

PAP/2015/0034, units 45 to 48 Fourways, Carlyon Road, change of use – granted.

	<p>PAP/2015/0065, 67 Lister Road, single storey side extension – granted. PAP/2015/0049, Sycamores, North Street, works to trees – no objection to works</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings Nothing to report</p> <p>e) Other Letter from County Highways, request for advisory disabled parking space at 60 Erdington Road. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters Nothing to report.</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reports The clerk presented the budget report and bank reconciliation for February, for information only. • Clerks Report The clerk reported that there had been some break-ins reported at Merevale allotments, tenants had been advised to report to the police. <p>The clerk reported that there had been a lot of broken glass at St Mary’s Road play area, NWBC had cleaned it up immediately, the police had checked the camera records but had been unable to see faces clearly, but would continue to check the area. It was resolved to purchase a waste bin, to be situated by the teenage shelter, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the tenant, in Arcade unit 8, had complained about damp coming through the rear wall, it was agreed to purchase 2 screens, to allow the wall to dry out now the guttering had been repaired.</p> <p>The clerk reported that £660.77 raised at annual dinner for Mayor’s Charity, because of the election it would be presented after 7th. May but before the new Council takes over on 11th. May. Cllr Pickard asked for a breakdown of the expenditure. The clerk reported that grounds maintenance at the cemetery and play areas had now started.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Councillors Reports There were no reports. 		
<p>11.</p>	<p>MARKET SQUARE Market stalls and canopy, The clerk reported that the company will demonstrate the canopy and a stall, Smithy Farm Shop will attend. Clerk to obtain dates. P101 3/15</p>		

	The clerk reported that NWBC had requested a meeting, initially between ATC & NWBC. Clerk to obtain dates.																												
12.	LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME Deputy clerk investigating requirements, report to be submitted later in year.																												
13.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial applications approved by clerk <table border="0"> <tr> <td>RCE912 Anthony Wood</td> <td>headstone, kerbs and vase</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B244 Lin Chan</td> <td>headstone (6 mths from Jan 20th 2015)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E1383 Thomas Henry Lewis</td> <td>Headstone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B92 Leon Albert Saunders</td> <td>headstone with kerb</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B246 George Henry Willis</td> <td>headstone kerbs and vase</td> </tr> </table> Recent burials in Atherstone Cemetery <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Peter John Clark</td> <td>0599 re open to double depth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nancy Iris Cartwright</td> <td>B176 re open for ashes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rose Alice Lees</td> <td>A457 new ash plot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barry John Thawley</td> <td>A61 re-open for ashes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Janet Huxley</td> <td>B196 new triple burial plot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Doreen Marjorie Parkinson</td> <td>B201 New Triple burial plot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lorraine April Underwood</td> <td>B197 New triple grave</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patrick Noel O'Brien</td> <td>RCE989 New triple grave</td> </tr> </table> Ashes scattering area, update. The clerk reported that a site meeting had been held with the designer, the suggested plan is to clear out bottom corner, situate the benches, memorial wall, outside the path on a gravel area, leave grassed area for scattering, with some small trees, and low hedge. Cllr Jarvis asked that the cemetery gatekeeper be provided with a hi-vis jacket, to identify him to anyone in the cemetery. 	RCE912 Anthony Wood	headstone, kerbs and vase	B244 Lin Chan	headstone (6 mths from Jan 20 th 2015)	E1383 Thomas Henry Lewis	Headstone	B92 Leon Albert Saunders	headstone with kerb	B246 George Henry Willis	headstone kerbs and vase	Peter John Clark	0599 re open to double depth	Nancy Iris Cartwright	B176 re open for ashes	Rose Alice Lees	A457 new ash plot	Barry John Thawley	A61 re-open for ashes	Janet Huxley	B196 new triple burial plot	Doreen Marjorie Parkinson	B201 New Triple burial plot	Lorraine April Underwood	B197 New triple grave	Patrick Noel O'Brien	RCE989 New triple grave		
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14.	<p>OSCA WORKING GROUP MEETING</p> <p>Copy of OSCA board meeting minutes was circulated. It was resolved that the Chairman and Deputy Chair should sign the documents, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis. It was resolved to approve and to sign the following documents: Land Registry transfer, Deed of Covenant, Sale contract, Lease. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>																												
15.	<p>REQUEST FOR FUNDING, ATHERSTONE MUSIC FESTIVAL</p> <p>See earlier in meeting.</p>																												
16.	<p>ACTIONS FROM FIRE ASSESSMENT REPORT</p> <p>The clerk circulated a list of actions required which had been identified in the report, it was agreed to obtain costs and report back to the next meeting. P102 3/15</p>																												

	<p>It was agreed 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>19.</p>	<p>QUOTATIONS RECEIVED The clerk presented a quote to cut the hedge at the side of the Old Allotment Gardens, and remove all waste, it was agreed to get a second quote from the Smithy Farm Shop, job must be completed before the end of March.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.00pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council

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