

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 19 th January 2011 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Wright, M Davis, G Davis, Peat, Vickers, Jarvis, Clews, Chambers, Shaw, L Freer, R Freer, Barker(arrived late) Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Katy Harper (BEELINE)
APOLOGIES	Councillors Macchi, Singh.
CHAIR	Cllr D Clews
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Katy Harper (BEELINE) spoke about the expected loss of County Council funding for community transport. It was explained that BEELINE, who operated in North Warwickshire, stood to lose around £10k of their funding. To present this had been reported verbally only, with no written communication or any consultation with BEELINE. She explained that BEELINE started in 1983 and currently had around 800 clients, travelling in excess of 3000 miles a year. Questionnaires returned by clients showed that around 87% had some disability with 10% of these very disabled (required mobility scooters). She asked for support from the Town Council to persuade the County Council to continue to give funding. Cllr Shaw reported that he was still in discussion at County, prior to a transport seminar and final decisions being made. She stated that she was due to attend a conference about the 'Big Society' and would give feedback to the Town Council. Mrs Clay reported that there had been a policeman, in the town, issuing parking tickets, who was actually from Polesworth.		
4.	TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 5th January 2011 Cllr R Freer took the Chair for the approval, and signing of the minutes. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.		
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 5th January 2011 P125, item 14, Exercise Watermark. The clerk presented a reply from Mick Potter, Warks County Council. It was agreed to thank him for his reply, and to state that the Town Council had misunderstood the scale of the exercise, but would help if needed on the day of the exercise, and would follow the wishes of the Emergency Planning Unit. P126 1/11		

6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Item 2, It was agreed that the reply regarding the Royal Wedding should be framed and put on display.</p> <p>Item 3, Chamber of Commerce. This was noted.</p> <p>Item 5, Royal British Legion, Poppy Party, it was agreed to put this on a future agenda.</p> <p>Item E4, List of past Chairmen/Mayors, it was agreed that first names should be included.</p> <p>Item E11. It was agreed that the Town Council did not require any space for storage.</p> <p>Item E34. The clerk explained that the CCTV link to Leek Wootton had been held up by the Police IT people, but the installation of the telephone line at Police HQ was now due for 21st January.</p>		
7.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – none to report</p> <p>b) Consultations (Cllr M Davis abstained from all of the following)</p> <p>PAP/2010/00637 2 Baxter Close, Atherstone, CV9 2NY Certificate of lawfulness application for proposed development for alteration of a dwelling house. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>PAP/2010/0250 Bank Gardens and Post Office Yard, Rear of 94/96 Long Street Atherstone, CV9 1AP Erection of 2 no: new dwellings to garden area and conversion of ex telephone exchange into 3 no: dwellings. PAP/2010/0327 Bank Gardens and Post Office Yard, Rear of 94/96 Long Street Atherstone, CV9 1AP Listed building consent for above application. Cllr Shaw declared an interest in the above 2 applications and abstained. It was resolved to object to the above 2 applications on the grounds of the scale of the development, and the impact on the surroundings. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>PAP/2010/0621 2 Oakfield Gardens, Atherstone, CV9 1SA Works to 4 lime trees protected by a tree preservation order. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, but the work should be carried out before birds started to nest. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>MIA/2010/0029 Land adjacent to 12 Meadow Street, Atherstone, CV9 1DH Minor amendment to PAP/2010/0387 and 0388. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0003 St Benedicts RC Church, Owen Street, Atherstone, CV9 1DG. Demolition and reconstruction of wall. Provision of security railings and main access gate. Relocation of vehicle access gate. Security fence and access gate to presbytery garden.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P127 1/11</p>		

	<p>PAP/2011/0004 St Benedicts RC Church, Owen Street, Atherstone, CV9 1DG. Conservation area consent for demolition of wall. It was resolved that there was no objection to these applications and that the applicants should be commended for the proposed design. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2010/0477 Barge & Bridge Public House Granted PAP/2010/0570 Beech House Refused PAP/2011/0577 71 The Arcade Granted</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings Nothing to report</p> <p>e) Other Copy of letter received from County Highways regarding PAP/2010/0506, access to site Mythe Bridge Farm. This was noted.</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None.</p>		
8.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) Clerk's Report The clerk reported that the Rights of Burial course scheduled for Atherstone had been cancelled due to lack of numbers. He had accepted an offer for both clerks to attend the same course near Telford on 8th. February 2011, at a cost of only one place. The office to be closed for the day (notices to be displayed). It was resolved to ratify these arrangements, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Wright, passed by a large majority. The clerk reported that an initial meeting had been held with Garner Canning regarding the Allotment Association lease and the Market Square, it was agreed to refer the lease advice to a working group, after the cemetery working group on 26th. January, and to wait until NWBC replied regarding the Market Square. The clerk reported that Beeson memorial bench had now been delivered. It was agreed to contact the family and Father Gallagher for suitable dedication dates.</p> <p>b) Representatives Reports Cllr R Freer reported that, with the clerk, he had attended a WALC Financial Matters Clinic at Curdworth. Some of the advice had been incorporated into the budget proposal to be discussed later in the meeting. Cllr Vickers asked that a letter of condolence, from the Council, be sent to the widow of Derek Finch, this was agreed. Cllr Clews reported that at the last meeting of the charities group, the sale of some of their land was mentioned. It was agreed that Cllr Clews would ask for details, and to see any original documents from the acquisition of the land. Cllr R Freer proposed that the Town Council meeting room be made available for the charities meeting in future, this was seconded by Cllr Wright and agreed.</p>		

13.	<p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>As per clerk's report, no action to be taken with Garner Canning before reply received from NWBC.</p> <p>It was resolved that the debrief meeting should not have been set up with Hinckley and Bosworth, until agreed at a Town Council meeting. Clerk to cancel Thursday meeting and invite Hinckley to the next Council meeting on 2nd. February. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
14.	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FUNDING GROUP (19th January)</p> <p>A report was received from the Council meeting with W Gibbons of Warks CAVA. It was agreed to pursue an expression of interest with Biffaward for property alterations (Magistrates Court), and to work with W Gibbons and R Parker of WCAVA.</p>		
15.	<p>CHRISTMAS MARKET (DEBRIEF MEETING)</p> <p>Meeting postponed, see item 13.</p>		
16.	<p>GRIT BINS</p> <p>a) Cemetery, to be sited on Sheepy Road. b) Request for new bin for Westwood Crescent.</p> <p>It was resolved to ask County if these sites met the criteria. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>Reply received from County regarding Chamber of Commerce request fro Long Street, to be forwarded.</p>		
17.	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BUDGET/PRECEPT SETTING WORKING GROUP</p> <p>The clerk explained that the budget document had been altered following the Financial Matters Clinic, in regard to the Donations/Grants, which was now presented as only an overall total. This was to prevent any conflict of interest preventing individual Cllrs discussing and agreeing the Budget.</p> <p>The proposed budget for year 2011/12 was presented.</p> <p>The Precept level to be unchanged at £182,510.</p> <p>The statement requested by NWBC, for publicity purposes, to have the Town Council logo added, and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the above 3 documents, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
18.	<p>BUS SERVICE (from 17th. November)</p> <p>It was agreed to leave this item until after the Transport Seminar at County, Cllr Shaw to advise.</p>		
19.	<p>BALL GAME SCULPTURE (from 5th. January)</p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that British Waterways had contacted him to apologise that the previous correspondence had been overlooked in management changes, and they would be writing to the Town Council. Clerk to write to BW, Cllr Wright to provide contact details.</p>		
20.	<p>ANNUAL DINNER UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Clews reported arrangements she wished to make for the dinner: Black tie preferred, no speaker, Vicar to be invited to say grace, Chair to set 'order of play', menu & price to be reported, no wine to be put on tables only welcome drink. It was resolved to approve these arrangements, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr R Freer. Cllr Barker abstained.</p>		

21.	<p>LIST OF PAST CHAIRMEN/MAYORS</p> <p>It was agreed to have the Town Council at the top of the board, with the header 'List of Chairmen/Mayors'. First names to be included.</p> <p>It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders at the next meeting, to accept the quotation already received.</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 information provided by a government department on items that forbid disclosure to the public</p> <p>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 Barker seconded Cllr Shaw</p>		
22.	<p>CCTV PARTNERSHIP MEETING, MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>Visit to IFSEC conference.</p> <p>The minutes of the last Partnership meeting and statistics had been circulated for Cllrs information.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs R Freer, Shaw, and M Davis should attend the IFSEC conference/exhibition. Clerk to obtain tickets.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.