

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 1 st . August 2016 start 7pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Clews, Jarvis, Barnard, Freer, Singh, Gurney, Bishop, L John, Wright. Public: Mr Wood, Mr Sparrow.
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: G Davis, M Davis, Dirveiks. Clark (by e-mail found after meeting)
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		
2.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>The clerk said that the organisers of the Car Show had asked to have a photo shoot, on the Market Square, on 21st. August, and wanted to put new bunting around the Square for show day. There were no objections to these requests.</p> <p>Mr Wood spoke about the current position of grounds maintenance, in the cemetery, and further explanations about the schedule for the contractor took place.</p> <p>The clerk said that it was quite difficult to find companies, especially locally, who would submit quotations.</p> <p>The clerk said that the Council did not give long term contracts but an order number and schedule for the forthcoming month was given. The present contractor had declined any future work, after the end of July, due to the possible detrimental effect on his business, following comments on social media which he was unable to directly answer, and verbal harassment of his staff working in the cemetery. The clerk said that the contractor had been awarded the work as it was a smaller company wishing to achieve the best possible standard. The clerk said that this year's work had commenced in March, with no complaints received by the Council until after one week in June when it had been so wet that no cutting had taken place, this usually happened in March when cutting started but conditions were wet.</p> <p>It was stated that most of the problems occurred around memorials, where the only method of cutting was strimming, but wet conditions caused grass to stick to them.</p> <p>Mr Sparrow introduced himself and explained that he was just starting a grounds maintenance/gardening business, and that he was interested in quoting for the work.</p> <p>P22 8/16</p>		

	<p>Cllr Freer said that at this point the Council had got to choose a company that they were sure of. It was agreed that the schedule and cemetery maps be sent to Mr Sparrow.</p>		
3.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST, DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY To be taken as and when.</p>		
4.	<p>TO CONSIDER GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OPTIONS FOR ATHERSTONE CEMETERY, FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF CURRENT CONTRACTOR. The clerk presented 2 quotations, one from Glendale and one from Mr P Goode. Cllr Wright said he was concerned that the standard of work, from Glendale, might not be good enough, Cllr Freer said he agreed with this but in the current situation there were no alternatives, who the Council were sure could carry out the work. It was resolved to appoint Glendale, for the remainder of the year, and that quotations would be sought, as normal, for next year in November/December. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.30pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council