

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 20 th July 2011 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Clews, M Davis, G Davis, Peat, Vickers, Barker, Singh, Jarvis, L Freer Public: J Broadbent, R Barrow.
APOLOGIES	Town Councillors: Shaw, Macchi, McElhone, Wright, Pickard, R Freer. Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley
CHAIR	Cllr Singh (in the absence of Cllr Shaw)
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION Mr Barrow spoke about problems at the Merevale allotment site where they were being disturbed in the early hours of the morning, by the crowing of cockerels, and at various times by smoke from bonfires. Cllr L Freer noted that advice from NWBC was that fires should only be lit in the late evening. Cllr Barker stated that there were no legal precedents regarding cockerels on allotment plots (under the Allotment Acts) but the Environmental Acts were very effective. Cllr M Davis noted that green materials should not be burnt anyway, and should be used for composting. The clerk explained that from previous instructions, support was being given to the Environmental Health, at NWBC, who had already visited the site, and notices had been displayed. Cllr M Davis stated that plastic windows were being fitted in the Partnership Building, he had spoken to the Planning Department at NWBC, who would contact the County Council. Cllr Clews stated that lorries parking by the scaffolding were causing an obstruction to passers-by. Cllr L Freer asked that a letter be sent to Borough Cllr L Dirveiks as it was her area.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 6th. JULY 2011 Cllr L Freer noted that item 11, page P38 should read 'broken even'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P41 8/11</p>		

	It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr, L Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis.		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 6th. JULY 2011</p> <p>The clerk reported that changes had been made to the website to have a secure area for Cllrs to see e-mails, he had not tried it out yet.</p> <p>The clerk reported that a reply had been received from Warks Police Authority regarding the current status of the Magistrates Court and Police Station, referred to item 11.</p> <p>The clerk reported that that the Kellegher family thanked the Council for the changes decided for the new ashes burial rows.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer reported that she had put the Army Cadets in touch with Jaki Douglas at NWBC.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>E13. Ash plot A408, the clerk reported that the memorial had been erected by a registered mason, had ground anchors, and passed stability testing.</p> <p>E30. Volunteer Centre Accommodation. Clerk to reply Town Council policy is to have it's own accommodation and not to rent.</p> <p>E39. Towpath rowdies Letter of thanks received from the original complainant, this was noted.</p>		
7.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 26, 27</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2011/0280 Reconsultation; Barsby Close, Atherstone, CV91ER Work to trees protected by a preservation order. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if carried out outside the nesting season. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0343 45 North Street, Atherstone, CV91JW Proposed two storey side extension so as to provide two apartments in total on the site. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>PAP/2011/0347 23A Long St. Atherstone, CV91AY Change of use of residential apartment to a shop with treatment rooms. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>Additional consultations</p> <p>PAP/2011/0306 Avondale House, Carlyon Road, Atherstone, CV91JE Sub-division of existing industrial premises with associated demolition and remedial works to the existing. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P42 8/11</p>		

	<p>PAP/2011/0235 68 Station Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BU Conversion into 4 no: cottages and 1 no: apartment. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2011/0237 Springhurst, Terrace Road Atherstone Granted</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None at time of compilation</p> <p>e) Other 1)Email from J Brown NWBC regarding section 106 in Atherstone. 2)Email from Alethea Wilson regarding section 106 in Atherstone It was agreed to keep a copy of these in the Funding file.</p> <p>3)WCC re: PAP/2011/0187 Ivy House, Taverners Lane, Atherstone Demolition of factory units and single dwelling, erect 14 no. new dwellings with associated car parking. Cllr L Freer declared an interest. Noted.</p> <p>4) Letter: New development and Renumbering of Properties – rear of Market Street Atherstone. Noted.</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters Angel Inn Event 23rd July 2011</p>		
<p>8.</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) Clerk's Report The clerk reported that a meeting of the Tannery Close Neighbourhood Watch had been arranged for 2nd. August, 8.00pm at the Town Council offices. A discussion took place regarding the noise nuisance, from cockerels, and smoke from bonfires at the Merevale allotments. The clerk reported that actions had been taken in conjunction with NWBC (Environmental) and presented an e-mail from the Environmental Officer, and a notice displayed at the site. It was agreed to write to the Allotment Association about the situation and ask if they would hand out letters to the plot holders. The clerk to contact NWBC to confirm support of their actions, and to ask how long the complainant had to make a record of the incidents of noise nuisance. The clerk reported that a verbal complaint had been received regarding grass cuttings on the memorials, and rabbit damage in the cemetery. It was agreed to answer that discussions were ongoing with the contractor to improve the grass cutting, and that pest control would re-commence in October. The clerk reported that a wasps nest was reported, in the cemetery, next to a pathway. After checking, a contractor was instructed to remove it. The clerk reported that the Smithy Farmshop was finding that flowers were being stolen from the town planters. They had been asked to send a report. The clerk was asked to contact them regarding watering of the</p>		

	<p>planters as it had been observed that insufficient time was sometimes being taken to fill the tanks.</p> <p>The clerk reported an e-mail from Borough Cllr L Dirveiks, on behalf of users of mobility scooters, requesting that work be done where the footpath through Westwood Road recreation ground meets the canal towpath, as there is a step and a steep slope. It was agreed to approach NWBC to see if any funding was available to help with disabled access. Cllr Dirveiks had also been asked about play equipment for small children on the site, this was referred to the Funding/Strategy Group.</p> <p>b) Representatives Reports</p> <p>Cllr L Freer reported that the geraniums were not being deadheaded in some of the planters, this had been reported to the Smithy.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis reported that at the County Committee it was noted that Warks County Council would not be giving Funding of £25k to WALC, and that it may mean an increase of 12% in the subscriptions at the October AGM.</p> <p>Cllr Barker reported that he had supplied minutes of the Rail Users Group for circulation, he also reported that the annual footfall at Atherstone Station had increased by 22k to 65k.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported that the disabled route being made to the northbound platform was virtually impassable, and would not be acceptable to DDA standards. It was resolved to write to Network Rail, with a copy to Dan Byles MP. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Barker abstained.</p>																																												
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<p>10.</p>	<p>CONTRACT MATTERS</p> <p>a) Play Areas Monthly Inspection reports.</p> <p>There being nothing of an urgent nature it was agreed to obtain prices from Harvey Pointon for repair.</p>																																												
<p>11.</p>	<p>MAGISTRATES COURT/POLICE STATION</p> <p>Reply received from Warks Police Authority, buildings shortly to go on the market, details to be sent to ATC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P44 8/11</p>																																												

	Cllr L Freer stated that Notts Police were planning to close down many front desks, in their area, and had carried out public consultations. It was agreed to write and ask how the consultation had been done.		
12.	MARKET SQUARE UPDATE The clerk reported that the agreement had not been received, but was expecting it shortly as a handover date of 5 th . August was still expected. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Richard Dobbs for an update .Cllr Singh reported that the asking price for Beech House had been substantially reduced. It was resolved to contact the agent, to express an interest and obtain details. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Clews. Voting as follows; for 5, against 1, abstained 2.		
13.	ARMY CADETS (from Public Session 6/7/2011) The cadets had been put in touch with Mancetter Scouts, but their building was fully utilised, other suggestions including Mancetter Memorial Hall, Mancetter Church, Girl Guides, Atherstone Cricket Club had been given to them. It was also suggested that Atherstone Scouts could be approached.		
	The meeting closed at 8.40pm		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.