

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 21 st . April 2010, start 7.00pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Jarvis, Vickers, Wright, Chambers, Clews, Hopkins, L Freer, R Freer, Shaw, Singh, Barker
APOLOGIES	Cllr M Davis, G Davis, Macchi
IN ATTENDANCE	None
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as stated above. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Cllr R Freer reported that there was a band concert at the Mancetter Church Hall on the following Saturday, organised by The Rotary Club, in aid of charity. It would be Church Gresley Band, starting at 7.00pm and tickets were still available.</p> <p>Cllr Vickers noted that the Floral Displays were looking very good this year.</p> <p>Cllr Singh stated that a banner had been erected across Church Street from the New Swan.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer stated that NWBC were still looking into future accommodation requirements, with refurbishment of the current premises looking most viable. Until a decision was made by the Full Council officers were only seeking information from potential partners. She also reported that the issues regarding the boxing club had now been resolved.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer also reported that NWBC was employing temporary labour to carry out the duties of the Dog Warden, and that County Cllr Fox was asking the Police to give powers to the PCSOs regarding dog fouling.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer asked which councillors could attend working groups, it was re-stated that all councillors could attend any working group, and that the clerk should thus notify all of them.</p> <p>He also noted that people were walking dogs in the cemetery and that bye-laws should be examined for this type of problem.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that it was disappointing that there had been a number of burglaries in the town.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis that Superdrug were leaving their old cardboard cartons at the front of the shop for collection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P163 04/10</p>		

	<p>Cllr Clews stated that instances of anti-social behaviour at the Barge & Bridge had stopped now it had re-opened but the people had moved to Gypsy Lane, however there had been no complaints made to date to the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Wright noted that there were people frequenting the town, drinking and sometimes urinating in public places.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that Warks County Council were investigating the costs of providing off road parking at King's Avenue, with NWBC.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 24th. MARCH 2010</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 24TH. MARCH 2010.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>E14. Letter from Judy Vero, regarding Magistrates Court/Police station consultation, this was noted.</p> <p>E16. Letter from Derek Pickard, above subject, this was noted.</p> <p>E35. Launch of Community Development Fund 2010/11. Cllr Shaw stated that he had the application forms.</p>		
7.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning lists; b) Consultations.</p> <p>PAP/2010/0146 Rear of 125 Coleshill Road, Atherstone Erection of 2 no; 3 bed dwellings It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>Additional Consultations.</p> <p>PAP/2010/0125 Rear of 75 Long Street, Atherstone Erection of 1 no; 2 bed apartment on the first floor and ground retail unit. It was resolved to ask if the public amenity of the area for waste bins, at the rear of the property would be removed, and an extension be asked for to allow the reply to be discussed. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2010/0101 Hewden Hire, Carlyon Road, Atherstone Change of use from plant hire to B8 storage & distribution. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, with the conditions that there would be no loss of green space at the front of the premises, and no associated parking on Carlyon Road. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P164 04/10</p>		

	<p>PAP/2010/0169 1 Grendon Villa, Old Watling Street, Atherstone</p> <p>Double and single storey extension to rear. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, with the conditions that the materials matched the existing building and it conformed to the Conservation Officers requirements.. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>c) Decisions None</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other None</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters. None.</p>		
8.	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p>The clerk reported that the invitation received from Warwick District Council was for the retiring Mayor's Consort, this was agreed. The clerk reported that a letter had been received via Atherstone Allotment Association requesting that the fence be made higher at one area adjoining the cemetery to prevent access as there had been some thefts. It was resolved that the fence should not be altered, to preserve the old image of the cemetery, and that a site visit be arranged with view to planting 'whips' instead. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
9.	<p>POLICY MATTERS</p> <p>a) HEIGHT OF MEMORIALS, from 24th. March. It was agreed that ashes memorials would be restricted to 600mm height, while being referred back to the Working Group. Clerks to bring any applications higher than that to the Council in the mean time.</p> <p>b) MAGISTRATES COURT/POLICE STATION The clerk reported that a letter had been sent to Steve Maxey regarding the area and densities. It was agreed that this would be on each agenda, for purposes of updating the Council.</p> <p>c) MARKET SQUARE A reply had been received from County Highways (E43, correspondence). It was agreed to forward it to Howard Vero for comment. It was agreed to contact Hinckley Council regarding a draft agreement. It was agreed that this would be on each agenda, for purposes of updating the Council.</p> <p>d) TOWPATH REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS The clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to Jo Gordon regarding the new steps but there was no reply yet, Cllr R Freer stated that the Council had previously asked for a kissing gate by the bridge and a fence. The specification for the towpath repairs had not been received. Spoil from the repairs had been dumped on adjoining land.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P165 04/10</p>		

	<p>e) CALENDAR OF MEETINGS It was resolved that the meeting before Christmas be moved to Thursday 16th December as suggested, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright. It was resolved that the draft calendar be accepted, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>f) LAND ADJACENT TO CEMETERY, SHEEPY ROAD It was resolved that the land should be called The Old Allotment Gardens, Sheepy Road. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr R Freer. The clerk reported that the Probation Service was available 11th and 12th May for litter picking, it was agreed to order 2 skips, with the gateway being taped off to prevent parking. The clerk reported that he was waiting for a specification to be drawn up for the repair of the fence on Sheepy Road. Cllr Wright agreed to attend for the Probation Service risk assessment.</p> <p>g) BALL GAME DONATION, DOCUMENTS RECEIVED The insurance and accounts documents had been provided, it was resolved to give donation of £800, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Singh, Cllrs Clews and Wright declared an interest and abstained.</p> <p>h) WARWICKSHIRE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN The clerk reported that the maps were available at the library, but were not up to date and copies could not be obtained. New copies could be bought from the County Council at £30 each. The map numbers were SP39NW and SP29NE, Cllr Shaw stated that he would make enquiries directly at County.</p> <p>i) FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCEDURE It was agreed that the monthly budget report and bank reconciliation be presented as drafts only, and not for approval, as they could not be prepared for inclusion in the meeting packs. It was also agreed that at the Policy meeting following the end of each quarter that a budget spend report and bank reconciliation, to date be presented for formal approval.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.