

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	<b>MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</b>
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 22nd July 2009 7.00pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Wright, Hopkins, M Davis, G Davis, Peat, Vickers, Barker, Singh, Jarvis, Freer, Shaw (arrived 7.22pm)
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Chambers, Sweet, Clews, Macchi
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Beeston
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>It was resolved to accept the apologies as stated above.                      Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
2.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>Mr J Beeston, secretary of Atherstone Boxing Club, spoke regarding their attempts to find suitable premises. The club have equipment, money in the bank, coaches and the old committee who are willing to assist. They are looking for a room at least 60 feet by 24 feet with room for storage. Cllr Freer advised any approach to NWBC should state that the club covered the whole of the district, not just Atherstone. Cllr Freer stated she would contact Simon Powell at NWBC and advised that Mr Alan Lloyd should also be asked.</p> <p>Mrs Wrigley stated how successful the opening of the St Mary's Road play area had been and wished that more of the Council had been available.</p> <p>Cllr Freer stated how good the train station and timetable display was in the arcade shop and asked for a letter to be sent to the Civic Society.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that there were problems with motorcycles on Westwood Road play area, but as yet the Police had been unable to catch them.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis stated that the CCTV should be used to try and identify the motorcyclists</p> <p>Cllr Freer stated that more monitoring was needed, Cllr M Davis stated that this was a topic in the current partnership renewal meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that the drains in the town needed unblocking, County Councillors to be contacted.</p>		
4.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>. June 2009</b></p> <p>It was resolved that they be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Singh. Cllrs Shaw and Barker abstained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P28-07/09</b></p>		

5.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 24<sup>TH</sup>. JUNE 2009.</b></p> <p>ITEM 6  E10 Station bridge not listed.  E42 Not possible for public to visit  E68 Clerk to contact Streetscape.  Item 8a Cllr Freer stated that the 5 points made against the purchase were raised by her and should be stated in the minutes. It was resolved to change the copy of the minutes. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		
6.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>2 &amp; 10. To be kept on file.  7. Clerk to write back suggesting Alan Lloyd be contacted. It was resolved that the issue of insurance cover be held in abeyance. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Singh.  12. Noted  14. Noted  15. Clerk to fill and reply after checking NAMM scheme against ATC.  E7. Moved to CCTV  E11. Noted  E12. Noted  E24 It was stated that that the full CCTV group should have attended the meeting, clerk to check previous minutes.  E30. Noted  E36. Noted  E37. Noted. Cllr Shaw commented that the railways should be used instead of roads.  E38. Move to Item 8i.  E40. It was resolved to send the document produced by the clerk. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright. Cllrs Freer, Shaw and Vickers abstained.  E50. Noted, moved to CCTV.</p>		
7.	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p><b>PAP/2009/0313                      2a Church Street, Atherstone</b>  Listed building consent for replacement of shop front and redecoration to frontage. Re-roofing and render and repointing.  <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application.</b>  <b>Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Barker.</b></p> <p><b>Additional consultations</b></p> <p><b>FAP/2003/8098                      4 Florence Close, Atherstone</b>  Conservatory at rear; Porch; Living room extension; Garage extension and convert garage to habitable room. Minor amendment to planning permission.  <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, but recommend that the obscure window be non-opening to protect privacy of neighbours. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Freer.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P29-07/09</b></p>		

	<p><b>PAP/2009/0320</b>                      <b>80 South Street, Atherstone</b>  Single storey extension to side and rear.  <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application.</b>  <b>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers.</b></p> <p><b>PAP/2009/0331</b>                      <b>131 Long Street, Atherstone</b>  Retrospective change of use from retail to estate agent.  <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application.</b>  <b>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Peat.</b></p> <p><b>Decisions.</b> None</p> <p><b>Appeals.</b> None</p> <p><b>Conservation areas and listed buildings.</b> None</p> <p><b>Other.</b> None</p> <p><b>Licensing Matters.</b> Concern was expressed regarding the noise of the music from Barbarellas, being heard in the street. It was agreed to ask NWBC for a copy of the licence and also for the forthcoming temporary event at the Angel. Clerk to also contact Borough Cllr L Dirveiks. It was reported that Somerfield had also applied for a change of licence, and none of these had been forwarded to the Town Council, as consultees. It was agreed that Cllr M Davis would investigate the delegated powers of NWBC officers. Clerk to investigate position of Town Council as statutory consultees.</p> <p>It was reported that outside the Angel one morning before an organised trip that people were seen drinking at 7.45am. This is not seen as a good advert to the town. Clerk to write to Borough Cllrs L &amp; N Dirveiks.</p>		
8.	<p><b>POLICY MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>a) Gypsy Lane waste land and allotments.</b>  Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>b) Cemetery</b>  The clerk reported that Mr Renchen of 27a Sheepy Road had complained that wasps were going through their garden in and out of the old toilet block. It was resolved that it should be council policy that any such creatures should be left undisturbed unless there was a danger.  Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>Having been referred from contracts meeting it was resolved that the clerks could approve memorial applications, unless they did not conform to normal standards in which case they would still be brought to a meeting for approval. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>The clerk reported that an investigation of the grave digging charges compared to interment charges showed that costs to the council were covered. It was resolved to keep these on file and review them annually.  Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p><b>c) Allotments</b>  It was resolved to accept applications from K Price, for plot 24a at Gypsy Lane and from D Manning for plot 3a at Gypsy lane. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Freer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P30-07/09</b></p>		

It was resolved to lock up plot 5 at Merevale until it had been cleared. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright.

It was agreed that plot 24 at Merevale would be split into two before being re-let.

It was resolved that the neighbouring allotment site at Gypsy Lane be allowed to put asbestos in the skip. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.

It was stated that there was still an asbestos shed on Gypsy Lane, clerk to contact the owner either to remove it by way of the skip, or to paint it. Cllr Singh left the meeting at 8.35pm.

The clerk presented a quotation to clear plots 5 & 55 at Merevale, from P Richards (including electrical items), it was resolved to accept the quote, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright, Cllr Shaw voted against.

The clerk presented the costs from NWBC to remove electrical items from plot 5, this was noted.

The clerk reported that Merevale Association had offered to remove the items themselves this was declined on Health and Safety reasons. Merevale Association asked if the roadways at the site could be strimmed. It was agreed to ask the grounds maintenance supplier to do both sites.

It was agreed to get the probation service to cut the Canal Park site again on their next visit on 15<sup>th</sup>. August.

It was agreed to inspect the plot at Gypsy Lane, designated "sharps" with a view to re-letting it.

It was resolved to accept the allotment awards as per the e-mail from Cllr Clews. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Shaw.

First, Mr Blount plot 29 Gypsy Lane  
Second, Mr Gillet, plot 61 Merevale  
Third, Mr Casey, plot 36a Merevale  
Best new plot, Mrs Vann Turner, Plot 37a Merevale

**d) Open spaces / play areas**

It was reported that St Mary's Road had been officially opened on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs Clay and Mrs Wrigley were thanked for their help on the day.

It was reported that there was funding available through the Green Spatial Strategy, clerk to contact NWBC for expression of interest form.

**e) Market Square**

The clerk reported that he had spoken to John Bird at NWBC. They had no resource to sort out parking records. He was waiting for a commitment from the Town Council to lease the square, subject to a mutually acceptable legal agreement. He would expect it to take 2-3 months and recommended the takeover to be from 1<sup>st</sup>. April 2010.

It was resolved to contact him and agree to these suggestions, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.

**f) CCTV**

Item E7 from correspondence was discussed.

Cllrs. M Davis and Barker reported on their meeting with NWBC regarding the new partnership agreement, at present monitoring hours were left open. Cllr Barker stated he would check proposed hours against police requirements and existing schedule for the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August in Private & Confidential

	<p>It was stated that more commitment was needed from the police senior officers.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that priority for the Town Council should be extension of the system to cover St Mary's Road. The clerk was asked to write to Atherstone Surgery, Nuneaton &amp; North Warks College and the Early Years Centre to see if they would support the installation of a camera.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that he had asked WCC to carry out a scrutiny regarding the recent incident at Sheepy Road car park when no police units were available.</p> <p>It was stated that the CCTV monitor at Atherstone Police Station was not manned due to staff shortages.</p> <p><b>g) Floral Displays</b></p> <p>The clerk was asked to investigate the cost of watering due to frequency of visits.</p> <p><b>h) Dog bans / Alcohol bans</b></p> <p>It was agreed that alcohol bans would be ineffective due to the inability to enforce them.</p> <p>It was agreed to monitor the process in hand for a dog ban at St Mary's Road before looking at other areas.</p> <p><b>i) Bus services</b></p> <p>E38 from correspondence, refer to working group.</p> <p><b>j) Dickens Night</b></p> <p>It was resolved to grant funding for the firework display and give permission to use Merevale allotments. Mayor to attend. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Freer.</p> <p>It was agreed to obtain quotes for the reception from The Red Lion and Chapel House.</p> <p>Mayor to compile the guest list.</p> <p>It was resolved to pay for buffet tickets for any dignitaries who remained at the end of the event. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
9.	<p><b>STAFFING MATTERS</b></p> <p>Cllr Jarvis thanked the clerks for their help at the St Mary's Road opening.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the cleaner would be off work for an unknown period for medical treatment.</p> <p>Clerk to ask one of the grounds maintenance suppliers if they can look after the cemetery toilets.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he would be on annual leave from 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> August and Sally Oldham would be on leave from 17<sup>th</sup> August to 28<sup>th</sup> August</p>		
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.</b></p>		

Signed .....

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.