

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 23 rd . January 2013 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: R Freer, L Freer, Clews, Jarvis, Shaw, Barker, Singh, Pickard. Public:
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: M Davis, G Davis, Barnard, Macchi.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the Town Council apologies. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Cllr Clews asked about lack of snow clearance on pathways, in the town, while workmen from the Borough Council cleared around the Council House. Cllr L Freer stated that it was an issue of safety at work. Cllr Jarvis stated that he had not been contacted about the snow warden scheme.		
4.	TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 9th. January 2013 Cllr Shaw stated that P124, item 4, line 6, should be Friars Gate not Priors. It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Pickard.		
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 9th. January 2013. Cllr L Freer asked if the Ball Game had been warned about potential damage to the planters. Cllr Singh said he would be doing so. Cllr Shaw stated that the car in Friars Gate had been removed on the 15 th January. P129 1/13		

	<p>Cllr Pickard stated that the old peoples homes transfer had taken place and they would be reconfigured. Cllr Shaw said that it had been delayed for about 2 weeks, there would be £500k invested in Bracebridge Court, with no job losses.</p>		
6.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 9th. January 2013 It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 9th. January 2013 There were no matters arising.</p>		
	<p>It was resolved to move item 21 forward in the agenda, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard</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 (<i>Details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods or services</i>), 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. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker. This will apply to items 19, 20, and 21.</p>		
21.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS UPDATE E-mail from R Dobbs (NWBC) and from Cllr R Freer circulated. It was proposed by Cllr R Freer and seconded by Pickard that a reply be sent to NWBC, "Atherstone Town Council has a number of questions on covenants, and are against overages as they would be too difficult to work out, and would also like to meet with representatives from NWBC. They would also like to know the basis of the £200k valuation" (proposal 1) A counter proposal was made by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Barker "to remain with the original offer made, with no conditions". (Proposal 2) Voting took place on the proposals, Cllr L Freer asked for a named vote. Proposal 1, 3 votes for (Cllrs R Freer, L Freer, Pickard), 3 votes against (Cllrs Shaw, Barker, Jarvis), abstained Cllrs Clews, Singh. Cllr Singh then placed his casting vote against the motion. Proposal 2, 4 votes for (Cllrs Singh, Barker, Jarvis, Shaw), all other Cllrs abstained. Clerk to send reply as proposal 2. The meeting went back into public session.</p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 1/ Letter from P Clamp. It was resolved to reply that if Mr Clamp had any issues, either of Council business or of a private nature he should write directly to Cllr Freer. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard. P130 1/13</p>		

	<p>6/ Atherstone Town FC, request for grant, SEE ITEM 18.</p> <p>8/ Big Lottery Fund, changes to applications, this was noted.</p> <p>E15/ Tree enquiry, it was agreed that the clerks should investigate, obtain quotes and report back.</p> <p>E25/ Recycling, this was noted.</p> <p>E30/ Royal Garden Party nominations, It was resolved that the Chair and consort be nominated, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 51, 52, 1, 2.</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2012/0615, Lloyds TSB, 96 Long Street, Atherstone Display of illuminated signage It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0593, Waivan, 58 South Street, Atherstone Application to apply for a further 3 year extension to implement planning permission PAP/2009/0434 - Appeal APP/R3705/D/09/2118444 dated 27/1/2010 for single storey side extension with 4 dormers in the roof space. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis</p> <p>PAP/2012/0621, Unit 8a, Innage Park, Holly Lane Industrial Estate, Atherstone Change of use to emergency base for ambulance service It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0598, Land at Lister Road, Atherstone Redevelopment of the site, 24 dwellings including affordable housing with local amenities shops and associated works. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0582, New Dolphin Inn, 162 Long Street, Atherstone Conversion to create five one bedroomed flats It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds of traffic safety issues concerned with the access and egress to the car parking area, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>PAP/2013/0016, 4 Oakfield Gardens, Atherstone Works to trees protected by a tree preservation order. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if outside the bird nesting season, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>P131 1/13</p>		

	<p>Application for an advisory disabled parking space, 7 St Georges Road, Atherstone. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>c) Decisions SNN-0402012, new street names/numbers, Clement Court – granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0530, St Mary’s Church – Tree preservation order consent granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0470, Land to rear of 58-82 St Georges Road – granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/00606, Brereton Place, 1 Witherley Road, – No objection to works (trees)</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None at time of compilation</p> <p>e) Other Letter from County Highways, PAP/2012/0462, Atherstone Surgery – objection</p> <p>Letter from County Highways, PAP/2010/0462, Beech House, - no objection, with condition.</p> <p>Letter from County Highways, PAP/2012/0598, Land at Lister Road – objection</p> <p>Letter from County Highways, PAP/2012/0621, Innage Park, Ambulance Station – no objection</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None at time of compilation.</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p>REPORTS Clerk’s Report The clerk presented a budget report and bank reconciliation to the end of third quarter, It was resolved to approve the documents for submission to the internal auditor. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>An e-mail was circulated from Mrs Pond requesting grit bin at Greendale Close (a verbal request was also received from Mrs Holland). It was resolved to provide a bin if acceptable to County Highways, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>An e-mail had been received from Mrs Sproston regarding an unused grave plot, it was noted that Council policy only allowed refund of the original cost of purchase.</p>		
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	<p>The clerk reported that Mr D Smart had complained of a badly rutted roadway at Gypsy Lane allotments. It was resolved to carry out minimum repairs, for safety reasons, and review later in the year.</p> <p>The clerk reminded that on Wednesday 30th. January, there would be a meeting with the Canal & River Trust, at 6.30pm. followed by the Strategy working group at 7.00pm.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he attended the finance course on 17th. January, He confirmed that the calculation of precept changes was done on the band D charge, not the precept amount. He also confirmed that the current use of cheques, with Councillor signatories would remain for the present.</p> <p>Representative's Reports Cllr Jarvis reported that the Dickens Night AGM was due for the 21st. February, not yet confirmed. Cllr Shaw said that he had sent in e-mails about the Magistrates Court and the Rowan Centre, clerk to circulate. Cllr Singh stated that he had attended the annual NWBC/parishes meeting. It had been said that the £100k received, from the Portas Fund was to be split between Coleshill, Polesworth, and Atherstone. Cllr L Freer stated that Cllrs should consider projects for the strategy meeting. Cllr Shaw said that Pride in Atherstone would be making a presentation at the next Forum meeting. It was agreed to write to Steve Maxey and thank him for the information given about the grant and the designated allocations. To ask what is the procedure for applying, and what are the timeframes involved, and can we ensure that all the money allocated to Atherstone is spent within the town boundary.</p>		
11.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS a) The following have been approved. E163 Alec George Chesterton – additional inscription</p> <p>b) Recent Burials in Atherstone Cemetery Derek Edward Leedham A432 – new ash plot Alec George Chesterton RCE163 – re-open for ashes</p>		
12.	<p>MARKET SQUARE Nothing to report.</p>		
13.	<p>PEST CONTROL It was agreed to leave this item for future discussion.</p>		
14.	<p>ASHES SCATTERING AREA Site visit postponed due to weather</p>		
15.	<p>OLD ALLOTMENT GARDENS Site visit postponed due to weather P133 1/13</p>		

16.	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BUDGET SETTING GROUP</p> <p>The clerk presented a budget spreadsheet circulated as agreed at working group.</p> <p>The precept figure had been increased by 2%, Arcade Shops had been included on both income and expenditure.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the recommendations from the working group, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		
17.	<p>CCTV UPDATE</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		
18.	<p>REQUEST FOR GRANT</p> <p>Atherstone Town FC, request for £950, improvements to floodlights.</p> <p>It was agreed to reply that as this was NWBC property it was inappropriate to give a grant.</p>		
	<p>The Council now went back into Private and Confidential for items 19. and 20.</p> <p>It was resolved to suspend Standing orders and Financial regulations for the next 2 items</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p>		
19.	<p>FLORAL DISPLAYS QUOTE 2013</p> <p>The clerk reported that the Smithy Farm Shop would revert back to the costs of 2011, for the plants and planting, would add £1 per visit for watering, and charge the same as 2012 for the compost. It was agreed to appoint The Smithy Farm Shop for the Floral Displays 2013.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
20.	<p>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE QUOTE 2013</p> <p>The clerk reported that Glendale would hold all prices as 2012.</p> <p>It was resolved to appoint Glendale for Grounds Maintenance in 2013.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.52pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.