

## 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 23 <sup>rd</sup> . May 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Cllrs, Wright, Singh, Clews, Vickers, L Freer, R Freer, Shaw, Pickard, Barker. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Stubbs.
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: G Davis, M Davis, Peat, Jarvis, McElhone, Macchi.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b> It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.		
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To be taken as and when.		
3.	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Mr Stubbs spoke about his wife's allotment plot, and apologised that they had kept a cockerel on the site after the removal deadline. He explained that his son had badly broken his leg, around this time. The cockerel had now been removed. It was agreed to refer this matter to item 18, on the agenda. Cllr L Freer reported that the floral box for the town sign, by the 3m factory in Ratcliffe Road, was lying on the floor. Clerk to ask The Smithy Farm Shop if they can refit the box. Cllr Pickard noted that graffiti was getting worse again, in the town. Cllr L Freer stated the a member of the public had told her that the CCTV had seen a young lad being assaulted, and had called the police to stop the incident. Mrs Clay reported that the waste bins in the cemetery had been overflowing at the weekend. Cllr Singh thanked the past Mayor, Cllr Shaw, and his consort, for all their work, during the previous year, representing Atherstone and the Town Council. Cllr Vickers noted that the road safety measures , in Coleshill Road were not complete.		

18.	<p>It was resolved to bring item 18. forward in the agenda. Proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p><b>REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that the working group had not been quorate. It was resolved that the Deputy Clerk could attend the ARI Forum, on 27<sup>th</sup>. June, in Birmingham. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers. Referred from Public Session, it was resolved that Mrs Stubbs could keep her allotment plot. Proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
4.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p>		
5.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup>. MAY 2012.</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
6.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
7.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
8.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 17<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker</p>		
9.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 17<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
10.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 17<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
11.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 17<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2012</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that M Gibbins from the County Area Office, was willing to attend an Arcade Shops working group to explain community transfers, including development trusts. He had also advised that NWBC should have a policy regarding community transfers on their websites. Clerk to check.</p> <p>Clerk to check if the Coalfields Regeneration Trust funding would be available to Development Trusts.</p> <p>It was agreed to have a working group on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. May if M Gibbins was available, clerk to advise.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P12 05/12</b></p>		

	<p>Cllr Pickard stated that as he could be involved as both a Town Cllr and a Borough Cllr, he would not vote on either council. It was agreed that the clerk should ask for advice from S Maxey.</p>		
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>1/ Taylor Wimpey, this was noted</p> <p>2/ Motor Show funding request, it was agreed to defer this matter until the latest accounts had been received.</p> <p>6/ Volunteer Centre, request for funding, it was agreed to ask for the latest accounts, how many Parishes contribute, and how many volunteers were in Atherstone.</p> <p>E14, 17, 56, Merevale allotment toilet, request permission to erect building and use chemical toilet, managed by association. It was resolved that the Town Council had no objection to this type of toilet, but all necessary permissions should be obtained, risk assessments (including adherence to COSHH Regulations) should be prepared, and abided by. Failure to maintain these would result in permission being withdrawn. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>E57 Merevale allotments request for skip. It was resolved that the Town Council would not pay for a skip, but had no objection to the plot holders arranging for their own. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) Planning lists – 16,17</p> <p>b) Consultations  PAP/2012/0243, 30 Margaret Road, Atherstone, CV9 1EF  Single storey garage extension.  It was resolved that any successful application should have the condition included that no business can be carried out, and ask that the use of the area for DIY/Hobby be defined, the Council were also concerned over the water run-off from the large area of hard standing. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0215, Scope, 86 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AT  Display of advertisement consent.  It was resolved to object to the projecting sign, which could obscure the CCTV cameras. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>c) Decisions  PAP/2011/0130, 10/11 Friary Road, Atherstone - granted  PAP/2012/0137, 8 Outwoods Close, Atherstone – Tree preservation order consent granted.</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings  None at time of compilation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P13 05/12</b></p>		

	<p>e) Other WCC: Reply to PAP/2012/0219, Unit 34 Innage Park, - objection This was noted.</p> <p>Redrow, housing consultation. It was resolved to reply that the Town Council were pleased to see development taking place, in Atherstone, however they had concerns that there was already a lack of services, in Atherstone, for the existing housing. They also believe that the percentage of affordable housing, was too great, and should not be more than 25%, with the remainder spread around the area. There was also no affordable housing for the elderly. Copy to be sent to NWBC. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker. Draft letter to be circulated.</p> <p>f) <b>Licensing Matters</b> None at time of compilation</p>		
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p>Clerks Report The clerk reported the cost for clearing the debris from the proposed ashes scattering area, It was resolved to do this after one month, after nesting had finished. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Clews. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks to Mr Brian Cheshire for cutting the bushes. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker. The clerk reported that training for the General Power of Competence had been organised for the 28<sup>th</sup>. June, at Wolston, it was resolved that both clerks should attend and a cheque be raised for £60. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Wright. The clerk reported that Cllr Jarvis had sent a complaint from a member of the public regarding electric fencing being erected alongside a footpath near the Outwoods. It was agreed to ask Cllr Jarvis for clarification. The clerk reported that further damage had occurred at St Mary's Road, with swings being damaged. Harvey Pointon had carried some repairs, already and could refit the panel to the activity unit, which had been returned. It was resolved to buy a new swing for fitting by Harvey Pointon. The clerk reported that 2 crime numbers had been received for the incidents. The clerk reported that a claim form had been received from the insurers. It was resolved to repair the equipment and make an insurance claim. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers. The clerk reported that trials had been carried out with the digital radios, but there had been some problems. He had been contacted by Servicom who were making some adjustments to the equipment and would then lend some radio sets to the Council for further trials. The clerk reported that a meeting had been held between Quadrant and Cllr R Freer plus the clerk. It had been agreed that a trial would be set up with a digital camera, and the results brought to the Council. The clerk reported that County Highways would be cutting the hedges along the A5 footpath, it was resolved to ask them to wait until after the nesting season. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P14 05/12</b></p>		

	<p>Representatives reports</p> <p>Cllr Shaw noted that the street lighting consultation had been circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Singh noted that he visited the Mayor making at Leamington Spa, and was due to visit Works Crimebeat Awards ceremony on Thursday, and Coventry Cathedral on Friday.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer asked the clerk to find out when the floral displays summer planting would be complete.</p> <p>Cllr Barker reported that there was a problem with feral cats in Atherstone, and that he was involved with a project to catch and neuter them.</p> <p>Cllr Singh reported that the quarterly meeting had been held with NWBC, items disc used included were Arcade Shops, retail radios, money from Portas Fund, Atherstone Market, and money from NWBC for mobile cameras.</p>		
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>CEMETERY MATTERS</b></p> <p>The following memorials have been approved.</p> <p>E625            Sidney and Roy Wood and Elsie Stokes – headstone</p> <p>B155            Marlene Ann Carberry – inscription</p> <p><b>Recent Burials in Atherstone Cemetery</b></p> <p>John David Riley                            B186 New triple grave</p> <p>Lloyd Joseph Finley                        B149 re-open to double depth</p> <p>Elaine Denise Elliott                        E490 re-open for ashes</p> <p>Mary Shilton                                 B113 re-open to double depth</p> <p>Clyde Stringer                                B191 New triple grave</p>		
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE</b></p> <p>Request from County Council to use the Square for their Rural Mobile Bus, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. June 10am to 2.30pm. Smoking cessation/tobacco control presentation. It was agreed that this could take place subject to a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes.</p> <p>The clerk reported that HBBC had offered free stalls for charity organisations, this had been circulated through WCAVA.</p> <p>The clerk reported that HBBC were planning a promotion for Love your Local Market days on 12<sup>th</sup>. and 15<sup>th</sup>. June.</p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that a meeting had been held between the traders and HBBC, it was noted that all correspondence should come through the clerk. The clerk was asked to set up a meeting with HBBC.</p>		
<p><b>17.</b></p>	<p><b>DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS</b></p> <p>Cllr Pickard reported that NWBC had funded 78 events, throughout the borough, to a total of £22,700.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P15 05/12</b></p>		

19.	<b>REPORT FROM OLD ALLOTMENT GARDENS PROJECT PLANNING GROUP, 16<sup>th</sup>. MAY</b> A list of 6 recommendations had been circulated, it was resolved to approve all 6 recommendations, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.		
20.	<b>PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS</b> The clerk reported that no training arranged yet for monthly inspections, it was resolved that NWBC should be asked to carry out these on a temporary basis. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.		
	<b>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 (namely the details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods and services), 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.</b> Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.		
21.	<b>INSURANCE RENEWAL</b> The renewal premium, from the current insurer had been circulated, it was resolved to take the option of the 3 year agreement, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr L Freer.		
	<b>The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.</b>		

Signed ..... Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.