

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 . September 2009 7.00pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Sweet, Hopkins, Shaw, Chambers, Clews, Jarvis, Wright, Barker, G Davis, M Davis, Singh, Freer
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Macchi, Peat, Vickers.
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Hammond, Mr Wood, Mr & Mrs Cooke.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the apologies as stated above. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Mr Hammond spoke to the meeting regarding his notice to quit his allotment plot; he stated that was clearing the plot for the 30th. September as requested but requested that he could keep half of the plot where he had mature fruit trees, and he would no longer keep chickens. This was referred to later in the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Cooke spoke to the meeting, requesting to take on the tenancy of plot 5 at Merevale as a full plot. He stated that he was giving up a plot at Gypsy Lane. This was referred to later in the meeting.</p> <p>Mrs Wrigley stated that there was a path in a very bad state in Dudley Street, Cllr Freer asked if it was dangerous, and was told it could be a tripping hazard. Cllr M Davis said that she should report this to Warks CC and Cllr Shaw said she could do this at the one-stop-shop in the Borough Council reception.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers gave a report from the Arden Trail meeting and had brought some notices for display.</p> <p>Mrs Wrigley stated that there was another rough pathway leading to the Guide Headquarters.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis commented that traffic bollards in the town were knocked over quite easily and whether the County Council could provide bollards in a more suitable material, to save costs. Cllr Shaw replied that he thought that the bollards were designed to snap off for Health & Safety reasons.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 26th. AUGUST 2009</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr G Davis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P58 09/09</p>		

5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 26TH. AUGUST 2009. Cllr Singh asked if any response had been received from Nwbc regarding the boxing club, Cllr Freer replied, none.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 6/ Request for sponsorship. Council unable to give individuals, clerk to write back and offer to sell the bears from the office. 7/ & 9 /Requests for funding, Atherstone Theatre Workshop, clerk to write back and request more information. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Singh. 15/ Notice of demonstration, TNT, clerk to contact NWBC and R Fildes. 17/ Enterprising Warwickshire, display in noticeboard. E9/ Refer to Environmental Health. E17/ Cost of ADSL line, refer to CCTV Group. E36/ Nature Park, Cllr Freer has approached Alethea Wilson (NWBC) and asked her to contact the Town Council. E41 to E46/ WFRS consultations, Cllr Shaw stated that the Atherstone consultation was due for 28th. September. E50/ Clerk had replied with guidance documents regarding 'interested parties'. It was resolved to write to Steve Maxey (NWBC) and ask for an overview scrutiny to be carried out on the licensing department, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Jarvis, abstained Cllrs Freer, G Davis, M Davis. E54/ Complaints of dog mess, St Mary's Road. Clerk to reply Council in process of banning dogs from area.</p>		
7.	<p>PLANNING Consultations PAP/2009/00183 Bank Gardens, rear of 94/96 Long Street, Atherstone Erection of 2 no: 2 storey cottages It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, as long as materials used were in keeping with a conservation area. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2009/0403 215 Long Street, Atherstone Crown lifting and works to tree protected by a tree preservation order. It was resolved that was no objection to this application provided it was carried out when birds were not nesting. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>PAP/2009/0403 215 Long Street, Atherstone Works to tree in conservation area. It was resolved that was no objection to this application provided it was carried out when birds were not nesting. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>PAP/2009/8098 4 Florence Close, Atherstone Application for minor amendment to planning approval. It was resolved there was no objection to this application if it was acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P59 09/09</p>		

	<p>Additional consultation PAP/2009/0434 58 South Street, Atherstone Single storey side extension with dormer roof. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application providing materials used were in keeping with the original building. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Freer.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that work was being carried at the Victor Works in Station Street, and that no planning application had been seen. There Had been a complaint, from a member of the public, that pedestrians had to use the road, without adequate warning and that they had a near miss from a falling slate. It was resolved to write to NWBC, Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>Decisions. PAP/2009/0331 131 Long Street, Atherstone Change of use from retail to estate agent. Granted. PAP/2009/0313 2A Church Street, Atherstone. Listed building consent for replacement of shop front and redecoration to frontage. Re-roofing and render and re-pointing. Granted.</p> <p>Appeals. None</p> <p>Conservation areas and listed buildings. None</p> <p>Other. None</p> <p>Licensing Matters. None</p>		
8.	<p>CLERKS REPORT Notification received from Helen Garrett, Warks CC, regarding improved bus services for Atherstone and Mancetter on Tuesdays and Fridays. To be put on noticeboard. Warks CC had been contacted with 3 options for the re-erection of the town welcome sign, on the bottom of the slip road from the A5, near the station. A complaint had been received that 2 women had been seen around 4.00pm on Sunday 13th. September, running over the baby graves while trying to knock conkers out of the trees with a long piece of wood. Police to be informed. A complaint had been received from a Mrs Blower regarding rabbit damage in the cemetery. An e-mail had been received from Central-Networks regarding costs for CCTV supply. It was resolved to refer the matter to the CCTV group, proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis. Advice had been received from the Royal British Legion that there was no protocol for the removal of Remembrance wreaths, but recommended that they be removed if they become untidy or 2 weeks before the next service. An appointment had been arranged with Garner Canning at 11.00am on Tuesday 29th. September, it was agreed that Cllr M Davis and Cllr Jarvis would accompany the clerk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P60 09/09</p>		

	<p>An e-mail had been received from TNT regarding disposal of food waste, available for composting. It was resolved that this would not be suitable for the allotments as it might draw rats. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the replies to the queries from the external auditor had been returned and would be distributed in the 7th. October packs.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p>POLICY MATTERS</p> <p>a) Cemetery The report from the working group was discussed, it was agreed to refer the possibility of an ashes scattering area to a future group meeting. Disposal of excess soil from new triple grave. It was resolve to increase the cost of a first interment in a new triple grave to £400 (double for out of parish). Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Singh. Cllr Clews abstained. Cost of Memorial Testing training referred to Private & Confidential</p> <p>b) Allotments Complaint received about bonfires at Merevale. It was resolved to write to the association and warn them that fires could be banned if nuisance was caused. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright, against Cllr Barker. It was proposed that the items from Public Session regarding tenancies be discussed, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright. It was resolved that Mr Cooke could lease both plots 5A and 5B, proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Barker, against Cllr Wright. It was resolved that Mr Hammond could lease half his original plot, subject to starting a new tenancy agreement and not keeping any chickens. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>c) Nominations for Queens Award Referred from Contracts, August 12th. It was resolved that the Girls Friendly Society be nominated, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Wright..</p> <p>d) Sustainable Communities Act, Amendment Bill 2009 Referred from Contracts September 9th. Standard letters were available which could be sent to Borough and County Councillors, and MPs.</p> <p>e) Canal, Promotion of Tourism Referred from Strategy Group. It was resolved to write to British Waterways pointing out that the canal was central to the promotion of tourism in Atherstone, considering measures such as improvements to towpaths, to lighting, and providing information noticeboards. The situation had improved over recent years due to the activities of British Waterways personnel It was resolved that the clerk would produce a draft letter and circulate it to Councillors. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Chambers.</p> <p>f) Power of Wellbeing Cllr Jarvis gave a report from a briefing he had attended with one of the clerks. It was resolved to contact Alison Hodge with a view to setting up training for all Councillors, one evening at the Council offices. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P61 09/09</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 (namely the details of the terms of contracts 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.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>g) Christmas Lights A finalised quote had been received from Festive Lighting, the clerk confirmed that the 15% discount was available up to 30th. September. It was proposed to order items 1 & 2, existing displays and new lights for the trees outside the church. It was stated that the new lights should of extreme white colour. Clerk to also check what support was available during display period. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>h) CCTV The report from Cllr Barker had been distributed, it was agreed to set up a group meeting asap. A quote had been received for retail radios, it was resolved to buy 2 radios, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Clews, against Cllrs Freer and M Davis, abstained Cllr Singh.</p> <p>a) Cemetery (continued) Memorial Testing Training Costs No decision made, clerk to find out what qualifications were given</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.