

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 26 th . August 2009 7.00pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Wright, Peat, G Davis, M Davis, Shaw, Singh, Vickers, Chambers, Clews, Jarvis, Freer.
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Macchi, Barker.
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr & Mrs Hammond.
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 Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</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 the letter he had received from the council to quit his allotment at the Merevale site. He said he had now complied with the RSPCA recommendations and was cultivating the plot. He stated that he had leased the plot for the last 10 years but recently had problems with family illness. The cockerels had now been removed and he was left with only 5 hens and 1 cockerel. Council to discuss the matter later.</p> <p>Mrs Clay stated that a drain at the rear of the Co-op furniture store was blocked up.</p> <p>Mrs Wrigley stated that a drain was blocked in South Street between the garage and Welcome Street.</p> <p>It was stated that if any member of the public reported issues such as these to the Town Council they would be passed on to the appropriate place.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 22nd. July 2009</p> <p>It was stated that the reasons for apologies should not be included, and that item 3 should read "train station and timetable display"</p> <p>It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Freer, seconded by Cllr Shaw.</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 22ND. July 2009.</p> <p>Cllr Freer reported that she had contacted Simon Powell at NWBC regarding accommodation for the Boxing Club.</p>		

	<p>Item 8b. The clerk reported that the wasps in the cemetery toilet block had continued to be a nuisance and that after checking by Cllr Jarvis they had been removed.</p> <p>Item 8h. Dog bans and fouling. It was agreed that the procedure at St Mary's Road should continue asap. The item to be put on Forward Strategy where employment of a part time warden or a share with NWBC could be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Wright stated that on the canal towpaths some people would not use bags even where they were provided.</p> <p>Cllr Chambers stated that it now seemed possible to take photographs as evidence.</p> <p>Cllr Freer stated that CCTV should also be used.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>2. WCC, Witherley Road. Item noted.</p> <p>4. BRAMM newsletter. Item noted.</p> <p>9. NWBC, Big Launch Lunch. Item noted.</p> <p>E10. NWBC, damage to Floral Displays. Item noted.</p> <p>E12. Graffiti on towpath. Item noted.</p> <p>E13. WALC update, licensing. NWBC to be asked if Town Council can be notified as an "interested party"</p> <p>E16. Information system. Back minutes now loaded onto website, update continuing. More information needed regarding correspondence for each meeting.</p> <p>E28. Applications for storytelling events. Item noted.</p> <p>E35. Update on Gypsy Lane waste land. Item noted.</p> <p>E37. Riverside LNR. Item noted. Cllr Freer has e-mail address.</p> <p>E38. St Mary's Road. Moved to Play Areas.</p> <p>E42. Witherley Road. Item noted.</p> <p>E47. Donation to Summer in the Square.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest and the Chair was taken over by Cllr Clews, It was resolved to give the donation as requested, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers, Cllrs Shaw and Jarvis abstained.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis resumed as Chairman.</p> <p>E49. Angel Inn. Letter to be sent to D Pickard and A Forwood.</p> <p>E53. Moved to Play Areas.</p> <p>E56. Moved to Play Areas.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p>PLANNING Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2009/0369 157-159 Atherstone Garage, Long Street, Atherstone Part change of use to A2 It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>PAP/2009/0365 1 Witherley Road, Atherstone Replace corrugated sheet roof with a tiled roof on the garage. It was resolved that was no objection to this application, but recommended that the materials used should be in keeping with the original property. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P46 08/09</p>		

PAP/2009/0339

1 Bath Road, Atherstone

Erection of conservatory to rear.

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if is acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Freer.

PAP/2009/0346

112 Long Street, Atherstone

Advert consent for new illuminated sign.

It was resolved to object to this application, it was felt that the sign should be more in keeping with the original building and should not be illuminated.. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Peat, Cllr Shaw abstained.

PAP/2009/0354

2A Church Street, Atherstone

Replacement of shop front and redecoration to frontage re-roofing and render and repointing.

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.

PAP/2009/0320

80 South Street, Atherstone

Amended plans, single storey extension to side and rear.

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.

Additional Consultation

PAP/2009/0345

Avondale, Carlyon Road, Atherstone

Change of use of existing industrial unit to display and retail caravans, amended plans.

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Peat.

Decisions. None

Appeals. None

Conservation areas and listed buildings.

It was reported that the signage at the Atherstone Glass shop in Long Street had been altered but no application had been seen by the Town Council. Clerk to write to NWBC.

Other.

Letter received from NWBC regarding placement of bench near Regal Court. It was resolved to write to NWBC to ask why benches previously vandalised had not been replaced. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Freer

Licensing Matters. None

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POLICY MATTERS

a) Gypsy Lane waste land and allotments.

Nothing to report.

b) Cemetery

The report from the working group was distributed, it was agreed to study the report and refer to next Policy meeting.

Complaints had been received regarding the standard of grass cutting and grass left on memorials. It was agreed that a "sign off" be introduced each occasion the cutting was finished.

The leak on the tap near the shelter was still to be repaired.

The clerk reported that he had met an engineer from Severn-Trent to discuss the new supply and now had to arrange for a new meter to be fitted when the new connection was completed.

Cllr Wright reported that he had caught 17 rabbits recently.

c) Allotments

The statements from Mr Hammond from the Public Session were discussed regarding the letter sent to him to quit his allotment, it was decided that no mistake had been made regarding the tenancy of the plot and owing to the report from the RSPCA it was resolved to uphold the original decision. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr M Davis.

d) Open spaces / play areas

E38. Moved from correspondence, information for dog ban.

E53. Moved from correspondence. Complaint regarding dogs and dog fouling. Send reply process under way.

E56. Moved from correspondence, St Mary's Road disabled access. Cllr Clews to check access with mobility scooter.

e) Market Square

E-mail received from Karen Stokes advising receipt of intention to lease the square, sent by Town Council.

It was agreed that an invite to the Vice-Chairman to the Summer in the Square be accepted.

It was reported by Cllr Shaw that litter was not being picked up after the Friday market, clerk to contact Richard Thomas, copy to Environmental Health.

Clerk to check if Town Council still paying for an extra clean on Sundays.

f) CCTV

It was resolved to accept a recommendation from the committee that the current partnership agreement be extended to the end on November while negotiations continued including a review of monitoring hours and times. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw.

Copy of a report from Cllr Barker issued to all Cllrs.

It was resolved to ask G McGenity-Thomas for costs of installation and operation of an ISDN line to Police HQ at Leek Wootton , proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Singh.

g) Floral Displays

The clerk reported that the signs had been received from A5 signs.

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	<p>h) Christmas Lights A report, including budget quotes, was presented from the working group, it was resolved to call in Festive Lighting to look at the equipment and give a firm quotation. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>i) Funding Nothing to report.</p> <p>j) Bus Services A report was presented from the working group. It was agreed that Cllrs would study the recommendations and discuss them at the Town Council meeting of 2nd. September and decisions given to County Councillors Shaw and Fox who had a meeting arranged with County officers on 3rd. September.</p>		
9.	<p>STAFFING MATTERS Letter received from Warks CC giving notice of Pension Fund Annual Meeting. The clerk reported that results had been returned regarding the CiLCA qualification. G Day had failed 3 items and S Oldham 2 items. It was resolved that the clerks should re-sit the failed items, council to cover costs. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.