

## 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> . April 2014 start 7.00 pm
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Town Councillors: M Davis, G Davis, Barker, Singh, R Freer, L Freer, Clews, Jarvis, Shaw, Wright, Pickard, Clark.</p> <p>Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Wileman, Mr Reece.</p> <p>Borough Cllr: L Dirveiks          Borough and County Cllr: N Dirveiks</p>
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: McElhone,
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Council apologies, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
2.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST &amp; DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST</b></p> <p>To be taken as and when. Cllr Clews declared an interest in item 8 / 7.</p>		
3.	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>Cllr Singh stated that he had been informed by Cllr Jarvis that he was now to be considered as an independent councillor.</p> <p>Mr Wileman spoke about the precept overpayment the Town Council had received on the 2013/2014 year. He asked what had happened to the money and asked that his portion of it be paid back to him. The Chairman confirmed that the overpayment could not be paid back individually as payment details were confidential and only held by NWBC, the clerk confirmed that it was held in the Town Council funds.</p> <p>Mr Wileman said that he would be contacting the Borough Council and if not satisfied, would contact the press. A discussion took place regarding the circumstances of the new budget and it was agreed that copies of all relevant minutes be sent to Mr Wileman.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis spoke about the issue of parking in Witherley Road and the service road outside his house, when any event took place at QE School. County Cllr N Dirveiks said that he would pursue the matter.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that there was a hole burnt in one of the planters in Long Street, Cllr Singh thought that this may have been done by a generator on Dicken's Night.</p> <p><b>P147 4/14</b></p>		

	<p>Cllr L Freer spoke about the parking issues in Margaret Road and the damaged grass verges. County Cllr N Dirveiks said that he would pursue the matter.</p> <p>Mrs Clay said that she had been speaking to a number of people in the cemetery, who had remarked on the number of graves lying down in the old section. Cllr Singh said that it would be looked at.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that Cllrs should not put articles in the press on behalf of the Council, the clerk advised that when Cllrs did speak to the press they should try to make clear that they spoke as an individual, and not on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>Mr Reece gave an update on the OSCA situation, they were actively engaged in fund raising activities, and had met their solicitors to discuss the covenants on the building. They had been advised that it was not the time to try and change them.</p>		
4.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM POLICE, BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>Cllr N Dirveiks said that the flooding issue by the ALDI entrance was on the works programme, but there were problems underground that would have to be resolved.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that there were similar problems with the drains by the Partnership Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis said that were problems with a lot of drains when there was heavy rain, and felt that preventative work was not being done.</p> <p>Cllr Singh asked if there was money available to paint the bollards and benches in the Town.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked that a poster from OSCA be put in the noticeboard, Cllr R Freer asked Mr Reece if efforts had been made to increase revenue, Mr Reece answered yes.</p> <p>Cllr L Dirveiks spoke about the North Warwickshire Tourism website.</p> <p>Cllr Clews said that there were still problems with the waste bins in Erdington Road. Cllr L Dirveiks said that it was still being reviewed.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw said that the town centre was still a mess, due to the 2 week waste collections, Cllr L Freer said this was under review.</p>		
5.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b></p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that her name had been written as F Freer in item 2, this was amended.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer wished to have recorded that he had sent in some changes to the draft minutes, which had been ignored.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
6.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014.</b></p> <p>P141, Arcade window grills reply received from NWBC they have no room for storage. It was agreed to get costs for splitting the grills so that they could be stored in the Arcade.</p> <p>P142, item 7, Market Square Enhancement group, the clerk reported that the pass book had been found. Clerk to contact Nationwide.</p> <p>P142, item 7, part night lighting, no change, see item 71 correspondence.</p> <p><b>P148 4/14</b></p>		

	<p>P143, item 9, Nomad camera had been delivered, e-mail received from the police suggesting sites. It was resolved to have the supply work carried out, after consultations completed with the police. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>P144. item 9. Arcade unit 4, the A-frame had been removed.</p> <p>P145, office roof repair, contractor informed about netting, waiting for reply, clerk to contact for an answer.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis spoke about some of the meals at the recent annual dinner being unacceptable, it was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would contact the Red Lion. Proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p>		
7.	<p><b>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</b></p> <p>A list of cheques was presented, numbers 106506 to 106525. Cllr Shaw stated that cheque number 106524 should be withheld until the authorised accounts were received, this was agreed. It was resolved to approve, and sign, the cheques as listed, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p><i>List of cheques over £500</i></p> <p><i>Salaries (2 cheques) £2,860.70</i></p> <p><i>Warks County Council, pensions £822.64</i></p> <p><i>HMRC £2,547.59</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £1,554.00</i></p> <p><i>NWBC £2,237.25</i></p> <p><i>Motor Show £1,000.00</i></p> <p><i>Rapid Vision Systems £7,446.00</i></p>		
8.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>7. Mrs P Henney, statement by Mayor.</p> <p>It was resolved to send a letter of apology for the omission from the list of invitees to the annual dinner, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright. Draft letter to be circulated.</p> <p>10. Mr B Wileman, precept overpayment. It was resolved that all relevant minutes, and those of the present meeting (when approved) be sent to Mr Wileman.</p> <p>E12. Mobile phone app to report dog mess. It was agreed to contact Angela Coates at NWBC and to put on a future agenda.</p> <p>E34. Cllr Jarvis, Summer in the Square, Cllr Jarvis asked for a dispensation to discuss this item, this was agreed. It was agreed to issue orders for Summer in the Square.</p> <p>E40. Scanning of Atherstone maps. The clerk reported that an order had been placed.</p> <p>E52. Arcade, (Friends of Atherstone Heritage) It was resolved that the society could have unit 7, at £1 per month rent, for 6 months, they would have to carry out any work, and cover any user costs (eg. electricity, NDR). Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>E54. P Farrugia, future of Warks Fire &amp; Rescue, it was agreed to advise the correspondent that the Deputy Chief Fire Officer would be attending the next meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup>. April.</p> <p>E58. Flood resilience workshop. It was resolved to apologise for not being able to attend due to the annual meeting, but to request a copy of the minutes/documentation. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p><b>P149 4/14</b></p>		

	<p>E67. Atherstone Rangers presentation, it was confirmed to advise them no arrangements could be made until the annual meeting.</p> <p>E72. Funding update, it was agreed to forward this to the next project meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis noted that he had sent an e-mail in to the clerks, regarding a van parked on the pavement, in Long Street, this had been forwarded to the police who had dealt with the matter.</p>		
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED (available in office)</b></p>		
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) Planning Lists - 10</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>SNN-0142014, land at rear of 23 Long Street. New street name/numbers, 1 to 6 Avins Courtyard, Station Street, Atherstone. There was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>c) Decisions</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>e) Other</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>		
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p>Financial Report</p> <p>The clerk circulated the budget reports and bank reconciliation for March and for the end of year.</p> <p>It was resolved to forward them to the internal auditor. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr G Davis. Cllrs R Freer and L Freer voted against, Cllrs Clark and Pickard abstained.</p> <p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The clerk asked for a clarification of unitary authority report précis. It was resolved to issue the following "Atherstone Town Council supports the principle of Warwickshire becoming a unitary authority" Cllr Barker asked Cllr R Freer if he agreed to the change, he answered yes. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>The clerk asked for a clarification of the Ball Game letter to police and committee. It was agreed that a draft submitted by the Chairman be circulated for approval.</p> <p><b>P150 4/14</b></p>		

	<p>The clerk reported that a visit by an alternative CCTV camera supplier had been arranged for Tuesday 8th. April at 11.00am. Any Cllrs available please attend.</p> <p>Representative's Reports Nothing to report.</p>		
12.	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that the combined churches were holding a walk on Good Friday, culminating in a short service on the Market Square, they wish to use the electrical supply.</p> <p>The clerk circulated a grant application received from Atherstone Music Festival. Cllrs R Freer and L Freer asked for a dispensation to remain in the meeting but not to discuss or vote, this was agreed. It was resolved that the Town Council would give a total of £750, but would order directly the sound equipment, tables and chairs, and advertising flyers. Hi-vis vests could be loaned by the Council. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw. Cllrs R Freer and L Freer abstained.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the cost of the memorial bench, had increased from the original price given to the applicant, due to the addition of VAT, despite the Council covering the installation. Cllrs Shaw and Singh offered to collect the bench from the supplier to save the delivery cost. This was agreed, clerk to check with supplier.</p>		
13.	<p><b>REQUEST FROM OSCA</b></p> <p>An update had been received from Mr M Reece (OSCA) during the Public Session. A discussion took place it was agreed that the Town Council was supportive but required to know what could be done. Cllr L Freer asked if OSCA had been asked to contact NWBC, the clerk stated that he had advised Mr Reece, by phone. Cllr L Freer said this should have been in writing.</p> <p>It was resolved to issue a notice of intent to purchase the freehold, subject to legal requirements and the satisfaction of the majority of the Council. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
14.	<p><b>TOWNWATCH RADIO</b></p> <p>The clerk circulated a report from the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup>. March and another supplied by the police.</p> <p>It was resolved that the support would continue for another 18 months, before review. It was noted that the total number of radios supported by the Council could presently be 25. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Clews would be added as a representative from the Town Council. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
15.	<p><b>2013 PRECEPT OVERPAYMENT</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Pickard and seconded by Cllr L Freer that an EGM be called on this subject, this was not approved. Voting as follows: in favour; Cllrs L Freer, R Freer, Pickard, Clark, all other Cllrs against.</p> <p><b>P151 4/14</b></p>		

16.	<p><b>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</b></p> <p>E-mail received from Merevale Estate, they are carrying out an inspection of boundary wall.</p> <p>Second tenant given warning notice regarding bonfires at Merevale.</p> <p>A locksmith had checked the Merevale padlock and it was beyond repair, there are 70 tenants. It was resolved to replace it with a good quality combination lock. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>The clerk noted that there had been no attendees at the Merevale site meeting, 26<sup>th</sup>. March, to view the Area requiring clearance. It was agreed to get further costs to clear the area, but it must include removal of all waste.</p> <p>Merevale plot 3, tenant warned about bonfire, is now giving up plot and has stated it will be cleared.</p> <p>Gypsy Lane, plot 16a, clearance no longer required as it is now let.</p> <p>Gypsy Lane, cockerel seen on one plot, warning letter being sent.</p> <p>Gypsy Lane, tenant of plot 9b requests to have poly tunnels, this was agreed.</p>		
17.	<p><b>ARBORETUM TRIP</b></p> <p>Cllr Shaw declared an interest.</p> <p>Cllr Singh suggested that the trip takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup>. July 2014, a coach for 49 people to be ordered costing £260.00. Including refreshments this would cost the Council approximately £20 per head. The meeting place would be on the Market Square. It was resolved that this be approved and bookings made, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr L Freer. Cllr Jarvis stated that if flyers were produced advertising the event they could be given out at Summer in the Square.</p>		
18.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (confidential)</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence to report. It was agreed that in future this item would only be included when there was specific correspondence.</p>		
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.35pm</b></p>		

Signed ..... Chairman of Atherstone Town Council