

## 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> . May 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Cllrs Shaw, Jarvis, Singh, G Davis, M Davis, L Freer, R Freer, Wright, Barker, Clews, Peat, Pickard, Vickers, McElhone. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, K Kaur, T Kaur, S Kaur. Press: G Wilding Borough Cllrs : L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks County Cllrs: C Fox
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Macchi,
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Shaw (Items 1, 6, 7, 8, 9), Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<b>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND TOWN MAYOR FOR 2012/2013</b> It was proposed by Cllr M Davis and seconded by Cllr Clews that Cllr Singh be Chairman, this was carried unanimously. Cllr Singh took the chair.		
2.	<b>ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2012/2013</b> It was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr G Davis that Cllr Wright be Vice- Chairman, this was carried unanimously.		
3.	<b>APOLOGIES</b> It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.		
4.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To be taken as and when.		
5.	<b>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</b> Cllr Shaw reported that the issue of switching off street lighting, would be coming to Forum East and the Town Council. County Cllr Fox reported that the War Memorial, in Hartshill had been cleaned and moved, and would be re-dedicated on June 30 <sup>th</sup> . at 10.00am. Cllr Singh asked about the £100k received from the Mary Portas High Street Innovation Fund, Cllr Pickard replied that nothing had yet been formulated. <b>P1 5/12</b>		

6.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 18<sup>th</sup>. April 2012</b> (Cllr Shaw took the Chair) It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
7.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 18<sup>th</sup>. April 2012.</b> Cllr G Davis reported that the withdrawal of acupuncture services had been discussed at the North Warks Clinical Commissioning Group.</p>		
8.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 18<sup>TH</sup>. April 2012</b> It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
9.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 18<sup>TH</sup>. APRIL 2012</b> There were no matters arising.</p>		
10.	<p>Cllr Singh took the Chair <b>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</b> New list issued with cheques 105910 and 105911 added. Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque 105899. Cllr Pickard declared an interest in cheque 105909. It was resolved to approve cheques 105885 and 105886 for ratification, and cheques 105887 to 105911 for approval &amp; signing. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
11.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> 1. Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All, confirmation of closure of grant. 2. Redrow, housing consultation, it was resolved to put this on the next meeting agenda, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Pickard. 6. Dan Byles MP, Neighbourhood Plans, it was agreed to refer this to the Strategy Group. 8. Reply from Ambulance Service Responders, it was resolved to give a donation of £1100, proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr Barker, Cllr R Freer noted that accounts should have been provided. 9. Atherstone Funday, request for funding. It was resolved to decline this application, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis. E5. Cllr Shaw reported that he had attended the meeting at Trinity Church. E43. Comments, by Cllr Pickard, on recent training session. It was resolved to forward the comments to WALC, supported by Cllr R Freer and the Town Council. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p>		
12.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</b> List available in office. <b>P2 5/12</b></p>		

13.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ORGANISATION AND GROUPS</b></p> <p>The list was discussed and representatives updated as required, working groups were removed, as they are open to all Cllrs. It was resolved to add West Coast Route 250 to the list, Cllr Barker added as representative. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Vickers. Cllr R Freer asked for a named vote, voting as followed: For Cllrs Shaw, M Davis, Peat, Vickers, Jarvis, Wright, Singh. Against, Cllr R Freer. Abstained Cllr L Freer, Clews, Pickard, McElhone.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the amended list, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
14.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) Planning List received, 13, 14, 15</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2012/0218, 1-11 Barsby Close, Atherstone, CV9 1ER Works to trees protected by a tree preservation order. It was agreed that there was no objection to this application if carried out after the nesting season. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0219, Unit 34, Innage Park, Abeles Way, Holly Lane Industrial Estate, Atherstone, CV9 2QZ Change of use from industrial to leisure and recreation. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0185, HSBC Bank, 110 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AQ Partial reconstruction of boundary wall, full planning application. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if the old bricks were re-used or bricks in keeping if necessary. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>c) Decisions</p> <p>PAP/2011/0654, Land opposite 41 &amp; 43 Richmond Road – refused PAP/2012/0103, Aldi Stores, car park extension – granted</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other WCC: Reply to PAP/2012/0159, Aldi Stores, shopping hours.</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None</p>		
15.	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>a) Town Council Annual Report</b></p> <p>It was resolved to approve the report, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p><b>P3 5/12</b></p>		

	<p><b>b) Financial Report</b> The clerk presented a budget report and bank reconciliation for April 2012, for information only.</p> <p><b>c) Clerk's Report</b> The clerk reported that the temporary repairs to St Mary's Road, had been completed, and the site re-opened as it was now in a safe condition. He presented a quotation from Hag's to replace with new items where required. It was agreed to leave the equipment in the present state at this time, clerk to check whether an insurance claim could be made.</p> <p>Complaint of cockerel reported on Merevale allotments, it was resolved to support the actions of the clerks and issue notice of termination of tenancy. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>The clerk reported that both clerks had received a letter from SLCC regarding qualification for the General Power of Competence, at a cost of £20 each. The cost of training was not known at present. It was resolved that both clerks obtain the qualification. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p><b>d) Representative's Reports</b> Cllr Jarvis reported that the Dickens Night committee, at present, had no chairman or secretary, and there was a very low attendance at the last meeting. The next meeting was due on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Jarvis presented a report regarding the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and asked that a further donation be made. It was resolved not to give another donation, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr R Freer. Cllr Clews reported that there was a Charities meeting due for Thursday, she would supply minutes but pointed out that they must be kept confidential. Cllr Vickers reported that he had attended the AGM of Atherstone Scouts, and they were very grateful for the donation from the Town Council. Cllr R Freer reported that he had attended the Multi Agency meeting at NWBC, ANPR cameras had been discussed, Cllr Shaw commented that this was worth considering now there were less police in the town. The police did have such cameras in some of their cars, and had been asked for clarification of their use. Robert Beggs (NWBC) had agreed to check on the use of the Airwaves radio system, which was restricted in this area, but not in other areas of Warwickshire.</p>		
16.	<p><b>REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER</b> Draft copy circulated The clerk reported that some items added, values for insurance increased by 3%, as advised by the Insurers. Cllr R Freer queried the costs of replacing the CCTV ducting and cabling, it was agreed to approach Quadrant to obtain replacement values for the system.</p> <p><b>P4 5/12</b></p>		

17.	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE</b>  A discussion took place regarding the grant received by NWBC from the Mary Portas High Street Innovation Fund, it was resolved to contact NWBC and ask for details. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
18.	<p><b>DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS</b>  Discussed in item 15d.</p>		
19.	<p><b>REQUEST FROM ATHERSTONE SURGERY</b>  This was referred to item 24.</p>		
	<p><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, and Conditions and Terms of Employment), 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 Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
20.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM VIEWING OF ARCADE SHOPS</b>  Cllr R Freer stated that he had been impressed with the property and that the Town Council should find a way to acquire it.  Cllr Pickard stated that it presented a good opportunity, including community projects. He noted that there was a list of Council office requirements which had been previously drafted.  Cllr Barker stated that it was a good opportunity, for the Council and for community use.  Cllr Shaw stated that the County were looking for premises for a “hub” in Atherstone.  Cllr M Davis noted that rights of the existing shopkeepers had to be respected.  It was resolved to write to NWBC stating the Atherstone Town Council were interested in acquiring the property, and wished to be kept informed.  The Deputy Clerk to look for Funding possibilities.  Invites to be sent to local community groups to attend a night meeting, to discuss the possibility, followed by public consultation.  Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis.  Clerk to obtain larger scale map of premises, and ask NWBC for costs.  WCAVA to be asked for list of local community groups.</p>		
21.	<p><b>QUOTES FOR OLD ALLOTMENT GARDEN PATHWAY</b>  The clerk presented quotes from E A Derry Ltd. Glendale and P Richards, it was resolve to award the job to Glendale. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.  <b>P5 5/12</b></p>		

22.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM CCTV MEETING</b></p> <p>The clerk presented an e-mail from NWBC, confirming that the feed to the old police station had been decommissioned. It was resolved to contact Quadrant to determine if this had been carried out correctly. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
23.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM STAFF APPRAISALS</b></p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that both Staff Appraisals had been completed. The clerk reported that there were 2 items he had raised, the first was that he would be 65, in November, but was not intending to retire, although may ask to reduce weekly hours. The clerks asked to change the working pattern so one of them worked Monday to Thursday, and the other Tuesday to Friday. It was resolved to accept this request, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>The clerk reported that there were problems with the workload, but would prepare a report for a future meeting.</p>		
24.	<p><b>LEGAL ADVICE RE ROWAN CENTRE &amp; YOUTH CENTRE</b></p> <p>The clerk presented a reply from the solicitor, it was restated to proceed with the original resolution, for the solicitor to continue with the investigation.</p> <p>Cllr Vickers left the meeting, Cllrs L Freer and R Freer declared an interest and left the meeting, 9.15pm.</p>		
25.	<p><b>LEGAL ADVICE RE WESTWOOD ROAD PLAY AREA</b></p> <p>It was agreed to follow the advice given and ask for a time limit of 21 years on the uplift clause.</p>		
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.19pm.</b></p>		

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