

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Tuesday 3 rd . July 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Cllrs R Freer, Wright, G Davis, M Davis, Shaw, Pickard, L Freer, McElhone, Singh, Peat, Jarvis, Clews.
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Macchi L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Cllr Pickard stated that a study was taking place, at County, regarding transport reductions, Cllr L Freer stated that Steve Maxey would be contacting Parish Councils. Cllr Jarvis stated that he had dug and weeded around the War Memorial and would be planting soon.		
4.	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS Cllr L Freer reported that NWBC were looking at funding to help first time buyers with their deposit for house purchase. Cllr M Davis stated that this was in the form of an indemnity, and will be discussed at the NWBC meeting on 5 th . July. It would then be published in North Talk and Grapevine. Cllr Shaw reported that no replies had been received regarding lorry signage consultation. He had been involved in Health & Welfare Strategy, He had received 2 replies regarding street lighting. He noted that there would be £5000 in the Community Development Fund, forms to be released shortly.		
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5.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th. June 2012 It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th. June 2012. P30, item 15, The clerk reported that Retail Radio costs had been received, joint meeting to be arranged.</p>		
7.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 20th. June 2012 It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 20th. June 2012 There were no matters arising.</p>		
9.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE The clerk circulated a revised list with cheque 105955 added . It was resolved to approve cheques 105940 to 105955 for signing. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr G Davis. The clerk reported that the invoice received for grass cutting, in the cemetery, had been incorrect to quotation, and that the contractor had to revise it. Clerk to check if Glendale could take this over if needed. Clerk to check with Pin Digital what services were included in the annual hosting fee. Cllr Clews stated that Mavis Deeming, who was an Honorary Citizen had recently died, it was resolved to send flowers to the funeral, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p>		
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED E6, Bus service, Warwick Drive. Cllr Shaw asked that the e-mail be forwarded to him. Clerk to reply that the request had been forwarded to County. E54 Cookie policy, clerk to contact Pin Digital to see how this affected the Town Council website.</p>		
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED List available in office.</p>		
12.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS a) Planning List received, 23 b) Consultations PAP/2012/0297, Land at Rowland Way, Atherstone, CV9 2SQ Residential development for 88 dwellings with associated areas of landscaping and open space. It was resolved to send the letter already sent to Redrow, and add references to the complaints made about lorries parking in Rowlands Way. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard. P35 07/12</p>		

	<p>Cllr Singh declared an interest and left the meeting, Cllr Wright took the chair.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0293, 68 Station Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BU Conversion into 3 number 2 bed cottages and 1 number 1 bed apartment & external works. It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds of over development and insufficient parking in an area already used by public facilities, such as taxis, buses and car parking. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0281, Land to the rear of 69 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AZ Retail unit with no 1 flat above. PAP/2012/0318, Listed building consent for above. It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds of over development and insufficient parking in an area already used by public facilities, such as taxis, buses and car parking. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>c) Decisions None</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other None</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None</p> <p>Cllr Singh resumed the chair.</p>		
13.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>a) Clerk's Report</p> <p>Mr Boulstridge of Westwood Road reported that the brook in the Cow Pasture flooded on 28th June, he has reported to County. County have put in gulleys earlier in the year, but the brook is blocked 10yards under the railway. County are looking at the problem but he wanted to make ATC aware. This was noted, clerk to send letter of thanks.</p> <p>Letter of thanks received from John Vickers, regarding flowers and visit from Mayor.</p> <p>The brook at Old Allotment Gardens flooded the nearby industrial unit, Parex, on Thursday 28th. June. Requested permission for their contractor to access the site to have brook cleared, at their expense, after contacting the Chairman, released gate key, damage to be kept to a minimum and stone to be replaced in gateway. Cllr R Freer stated that the clerk and Chairman did not have the authority to agree to this, and it should have been referred to the next meeting, It was resolved that the clerk and Chairman were wrong and should have waited for a meeting, the site be revisited to prevent flooding, and that the key should be recovered to re-establish sovereignty of the site, discussions could be arranged with Parex to resolve the problem. Proposed Cllr Pickard, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p>P36 07/12</p>		

	<p>b) TRAINING FOR GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE The clerk reported from the recent training event at Wolston:- Clerk has to have passed CILCA including new section 7, submission to SLCC, 200 words. Two thirds of Cllrs have to be elected at the time of adoption by way of a resolution in the minutes of a meeting. Has to be re-affirmed at the annual meeting following an ordinary election. Must meet the criteria at the day of adoption or re-affirmation. Becomes Power of first choice, replaces section 137. Gives Councils any powers that can be exercised by an individual.</p> <p>c) Representative's Reports Cllr L Freer reported that Mrs Clay had told her that there were now lots of dead snails in the planters. Cllr R Freer reported that he had attended the Core Strategy presentation at NWBC, and had sent a report, clerk to re-circulate by e-mail. Cllr Shaw reported that the Trustees of QE School were showing interest in the Rowan Centre and the Youth Centre, and that there was a lot of old documents stored at the school. Clerk to notify Rachel Taylor.</p>		
14.	<p>MARKET SQUARE The meeting had been held with HBBC and NWBC, HBBC indicated that they wished to carry on, after the finishing date of 5th. August 2012, NWBC will continue the agreement with a monthly rolling agreement. It was resolved to send a copy of the agreement to all Councillors and to include it on the next meeting agenda. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
15.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS UPDATE A meeting had been held with NWBC officers, report was issued and discussed. Copy of pro-forma, for Arts Centre received and issued. The target date for submission of an offer is the resources Board, of NWBC, on 3rd. September 2012. It was stated that NWBC should have had an asbestos survey carried out. Cllr Pickard that the offer should be received by NWBC, by 20th. August, and that the smaller working group should now meet. It was agreed that the group should meet on Friday 6th. July at 11.00am.</p>		
16.	<p>GYPSY LANE CAR PARK The clerk reported that there was still an area of rough ground alongside the car park, it was agreed to do no more work on the area.</p>		
17.	<p>CODE OF CONDUCT Training session to be held at NWBC, 24th. July, it was resolved that the clerk should attend the training and then brief the Cllrs. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer. Following advice from WALC it was resolved to continue with the Current Code of Conduct, but to adopt the NWBC Code of Conduct, when approved by the Borough Council. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>P37 07/12</p>		

18.	<p>WRITE OFF OLD CHEQUES</p> <p>The clerk reported that cheque number 105650, for £7.50, North Warks Association of Parish Councils, was never presented (July 2011), And that cheque number 105930, for £946, WALC, had been duplicated (June2012) and had not been released.</p> <p>It was resolved to write off cheque 105650, and to cancel cheque 105930, deleting it from the accounts. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</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 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.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
19.	<p>CCTV, REQUEST FROM ATHERSTONE SURGERY</p> <p>E-mail regarding vandalism attack on Surgery roof.</p> <p>It was agreed to contact the surgery and suggest that they talk to the police, as they owned the temporary cameras, and also to advise them to apply for funding, from NWBC through Robert Beggs or Cheryl Bridges.</p>		
20.	<p>ATHERSTONE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION (lease RPI increase)</p> <p>E-mail received from Rachel Taylor, regarding the RPI increase.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the advice as given, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Peat.</p>		
21.	<p>Cllrs L Freer and R Freer declared an interest and left the meeting. Cllr Pickard left the meeting.</p> <p>WESTWOOD ROAD, REPLY FROM PIECEMASTER</p> <p>E-mail received regarding proposed 25 year lease, with a large increase in yearly rent.</p> <p>It was resolved to reply that the Town Council had a common position with the Common Rights Proprietors in providing recreational facilities for the people of Atherstone and thanked the Piecemaster for his efforts, but they would now continue with the existing agreement, with any investment being at the risk of the Town Council. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.

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