

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 3 rd . July 2013 start 7.00 pm
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Town Councillors: Barnard, G Davis, M Davis, Shaw, L Freer, R Freer, Pickard, Clews, Jarvis, Singh.</p> <p>Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mrs Wood.</p>
APOLOGIES	<p>Town Cllrs: Peat.</p> <p>County Cllr: N Dirveiks</p> <p>Borough Cllr: L Dirveiks</p>
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Council apologies. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>It was resolved that any discussion regarding the Arcade Shops and Airwaves Licence would be moved into Private and Confidential. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>Mrs Wood reported that when the canal was dredged the slurry had been left in skips, in Rothens Yard. This had now dried out and had weeds growing, being very unsightly. It was agreed to write to the Canal and River Trust.</p> <p>Mrs Wood also asked about the old Wilson and Stafford factory and whether any future plans were known. She had recently seen a number of youths climbing into the building. Cllr Pickard stated that the Borough Council should be informed who will seal up the entrances and contact the owner. It was agreed to report this to NWBC because of the safety implications.</p> <p>P26 07/13</p>		

	<p>Cllrs Shaw and Jarvis said that people could ring the police 101 number. And the police will attend very quickly, there was also a CCTV camera on the canal side of the building which could be alerted.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer stated that the situation was caused by the hold up of planning applications, it was agreed to ask if there were any new applications.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that the letter should be copied in to D Baxendale at NWBC.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis said that a repair order could be put on a building to make it safe.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that the letter should include the comment, from the Canal and River Trust that boaters did not like mooring near to such buildings.</p> <p>Mrs Clay said that there had been recent problems in Welcome Street, when the refuse bins had not been emptied, she had phoned NWBC, as had other residents, and had been told to leave the bins out. She went to the one-stop-shop, the following Monday and was told that there had been no complaints made previously. Cllr L Freer said that when talking to the one-stop-shop always ask for the name of the person.</p> <p>It was reported that Sharon Everitt had run a coffee morning and raised £1000 for charity.</p> <p>Cllr Clews stated how good the “One Stop Health Shop” run at the Memorial Hall was.</p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</p> <p>A written report from Borough Cllr L Dirveiks was circulated, she stated that the problem of heavy lorries going under the Swan Arch may be due to Sat Nav devices not knowing of a weight restriction, County Council had been informed. Cllr Shaw said that some of the vehicles belonged to NWBC.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that the overgrowing hedge reported in Convent Lane was the responsibility of the “Green Belt Group” and they had promised to cut it back.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard reported concerns over the Phlebotomy Service at the clinic, with the accommodation not being satisfactory, they were looking for alternatives.</p> <p>The Physiotherapy service had been recalled from Atherstone Surgery to the George Eliot, both items causing travel problems for people in the area.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that the children’s centre, next to the surgery, was only half used and was owned by County Council.</p> <p>It was agreed to write to Andrea Green, Chief Officer of the Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>Cllr G Davis said she would raise the matter at the forthcoming CCG Forum.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said that North Warwickshire is a low income area and these sort of travel costs caused hardship.</p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19th. June 2013</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>P27 07/13</p>		

6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19th. June 2013.</p> <p>P19 item 4, 25 Station Street, the clerk circulated an e-mail from D Baxendale (NWBC). Cllr Jarvis said that he had visited the house and it was in a very bad state, there were open windows which would allow pigeons to enter. Cllr R Freer said that he had been told that the house was entered late at night, it was agreed to inform the police and NWBC, and to ask who was paying the council tax.</p>		
7.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EGM OF 27TH. June 2013. It was resolved to accept the minutes. Proposed Cllr Shaw , seconded Cllr R Freer.</p>		
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EGM OF 27TH. June 2013. There were no matters arising.</p>		
9.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE List of cheques presented numbers 106242 to 106255.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the list and sign the cheques, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p><i>List of cheques above £500.00</i> Employees salaries £2451.12 Warks County Council (pensions) £761,72 HMRC £2179.68 Atherstone Motor Show £600.00</p>		
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 1/ Mrs J Cook, cemetery complaint. It was agreed to reply that the council was sorry that she found the condition in parts of the cemetery not satisfactory. The cemetery, however, was cut to a schedule, some parts cut every week and others every 2 weeks. It was agreed that checks should be made immediately after any complaint.</p> <p>E12/ Thanks from Atherstone Motor Show for donation, this was noted.</p> <p>E26/ Warks Police, press release regarding success of Townwatch radios.</p> <p>E37, E43, E45, E53, Airwaves radio licence, moved to P & C</p>		
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED (available in office)</p> <p>P28 07/13</p>		

12. PLANNING MATTERS

As discussed in Public Session it was agreed to write to J Brown at NWBC Planning, regarding the state of the Wilson and Stafford factory, with a copy to Environmental Health. It was also thought that the Fire Service may refuse to enter the building, due to safety concerns if there was a fire.

a) Planning Lists – 23, 24, 25

b) Consultations

PAP/2013/0261, Unit 8, Innage Park, Abeles Way, Holly Lane Industrial Estate, Atherstone – Change of use to café.

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application.

Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.

PAP/2013/0290, 1 Outwoods Close, Atherstone – Two storey side extension.

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

PAP/2013/0287, 44 Westwood Crescent, Atherstone – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

It was resolved that there was no objection if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.

PAP/2013/0293, 3 Stratford Avenue, Atherstone – erection of front porch.

It was resolved that there was no objection if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr M Davis.

PAP/2013/0316, Land to rear of Barge & Bridge, Westwood Road, Atherstone – erection of 11 no. 2 bed flats, 2/3 storeys high.

Cllrs L Freer and R Freer declared an interest and left the meeting.

It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds of, over-development, highway issues, and the height of the new building.

Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.

c) Decisions

PAP/2013/0193, 50 Long Street, change of use A1 to A3 – granted

PAP/2013/0199, Alder Mill, new garage – certificate of lawfulness granted.

PAP/2013/0101, Demolition, rear wing 16 Church, 2 new dwellings – granted

PAP/2013/0114, Listed building consent for above – granted.

PAP/2013/0045, 35 Church Street, new dwelling to garden - granted

d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings

None.

e) Other

None.

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	<p>f) Licensing Matters None.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the current County Cllrs if the Town Council could be copied in to any planning responses from County Highways.</p>		
<p>13.</p>	<p>REPORTS Financial Report (for information only)</p> <p>The clerk presented a draft budget report and bank reconciliation, for June. This was noted</p> <p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>It was agreed that when plans were decided, for the ashes scattering area that they should be published on the website and in notice boards before work commenced to start removing the rhododendron bushes. The clerk circulated the allotment judging information to the judging committee, ready for Saturday 13TH. July. The clerk circulated an e-mail, from the Canal and River Trust, giving notice of their annual meeting on 4th. September. It was resolved that the scheduled Town Council meeting would be moved by one week, Cllrs to reply individually to the invitation. Clerk to reply for the Chairman. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>d) Representative's Reports</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported that the car show arrangements were OK. Cllr Shaw gave congratulations to Cllr Jarvis for the success of the recent Summer-in-the-Square. It was reported that nothing had been heard about arrangements for Dickens Night. It was agreed to approach the chairman and ask him to meet the Town Council. The clerk to chase NWBC for a clarification of the premises licences held for the Market Square, with a view to the Town Council applying for their own.</p>		
<p>14.</p>	<p>FUNDING REQUESTS.</p> <p>Atherstone Rugby Club Juniors. Application for the purchase of new posts at a cost of £875 plus VAT. It was resolved that the Council would purchase the posts directly and donate them to the club, it would be booked against the precept overpayment. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>Canal and River Trust. Application for £1000 for 20,000 boaters leaflets It was resolved to <i>look at the application in the September round of applications</i>. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>P30 07/13</p>		

15.	<p>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk circulated a photograph of a large mature ash tree on the side of one of the roadways at Merevale allotments. The original request from the Association was to have 2 small ash trees on plot 21a removed. Tenants were complaining that it is shading their plots. It was resolved that the Association could have the tree removed, at their responsibility, not the Council, they must be covered for any damage caused and a method statement should be provided before commencement. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr R Freer. Cllr Clewsd against, Cllr Jarvis abstained.</p> <p>The clerk reported that Japanese Knotweed was said to have been found on one plot, NWBC say this is not a reportable species, but have given advice how to deal with it. (cut down leave to dry and then burn). Clerk to contact Mancetter Parish clerk who could give an idea of costs to remove.</p>		
16.	<p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>The clerk circulated an e-mail from S Jones (HBBC), requesting the Town Council to write to the traders. It was resolved to approve the draft letter prepared by the clerk. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>It was agreed to organise a treasure hunt during the market of 30th. July, a prize fund of £35 was agreed.</p>		
17.	<p>UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH S MAXEY (PORTAS FUND)</p> <p>The clerk circulated a report from the working group meeting with S Maxey.</p> <p>Main points £100k received to be split equally between Atherstone, Coleshill and Polesworth. No time limit.</p> <p>Money to be spent within the town unless it could lead to an increase in spending within the town.</p> <p>S Maxey to facilitate a meeting in September, at the Memorial Hall for all interested groups and individuals.</p> <p>NWBC Executive Board, with himself would make the final decisions on all bids.</p>		
	<p>It was agreed that, under Section 100A of the local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (<i>Details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods or services, and action taken in connection with the prevention of crime</i>), 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 R Freer seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
18.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS</p> <p>The clerk reported that the solicitor was waiting for replies from Adrian Brough (NWBC) and local searches (NWBC), they were expected by the end of the following week.</p> <p>P31 07/13</p>		

10. (cont)	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED E37, E43, E45, E53, Airwaves radio licence, It was agreed to invite Inspector Devereux to attend the next CCTV partnership meeting on 18 th . July.		
	The meeting closed at 9.15pm.		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council

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