

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 . October 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Town Councillors: R Freer, Wright, Peat, P Davies, G Davis, M Davis, Shaw, Clews, Jarvis, L Freer, Pickard, McElhone, Singh.</p> <p>Borough Councillors: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks</p> <p>Public: Mr G Wilding, Atherstone Surgery (Mr T O'Neill, Mrs K Clarke, Dr S Thompson, Dr Purnell Mullik)</p>
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Macchi, Barker County Cllr Fox
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Mr Wilding commented whether the proposed new pharmacy would affect the footfall in Long Street.</p> <p>Mr Wilding asked about recent thefts, from canal boats, and whether CCTV had any records. Cllr Wright stated that the police were aware and had increased patrols. Cllr Singh answered that the Town Council were aware of the problems and were arranging to meet the Canal and River Trust, to discuss security issues such as CCTV coverage and lighting.</p> <p>Mr Wilding asked whether elections would be held next time they were due, for the Town Council, it was explained that this was a legal requirement, the reason no elections took place was that there were no other nominations put forward, so they were elected unopposed.</p> <p>Mr Wilding asked whether the Town Council were trying to buy the Arcade Shops, and if so what would be the future use. It was explained that this had been announced some time ago, and that the envisaged use would be a mixture of retail and community use.</p> <p>P76 10/12</p>		

	<p>The party from Atherstone Surgery gave a presentation of their plans for a 100 hour pharmacy, and asked for Town Council support.</p> <p>The following points were made; the Practice currently employs 43 people and provides many in-house services to the people of Atherstone. The profits made from the extended pharmacy would be used to support these and to bring in further services, this was supported by over 700 patients and the PPG. They believe there is enough business in the town to support this, and the existing pharmacies. They explained that this would be a long term venture for the practice, not for quick profit. Mr O'Neill presented a plan of the area and explained that under 20% of the play area would be required for the extra parking.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding existing and future parking requirements. Cllr R Freer stated although he was a long time supporter of helping the surgery, there were traffic problems in Ratcliffe Road, and that the Town Council have to consider what is best for the people of Atherstone.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis asked if there were alternative plans if extra parking could not be provided, it was stated that the stipulation for the parking came from planning. It was stated that the retail side of the pharmacy would be restricted.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer asked whether they had looked at other premises, it was replied that they could not expand without other revenue.</p> <p>Cllr Clews stated that the Town Council should lobby the County Council to release some of their parking in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard stated that the pharmacy was perceived by the planning to be outside of the envelope of the Town Centre.</p> <p>It was stated that there was a time limit of 9 months on the project.</p>		
4.	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Cllr Shaw spoke about the Councillor Grant scheme at County.</p> <p>Borough Cllr L Dirveiks reported that a coffee morning had been held for Macmillan Cancer Support, and had raised £375. She reported that the issue of bins being left out, had been raised with R Dobbs (NWBC), and that people would be contacted the day after the collections, either directly or notes left on the bins.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that officers should look at instances of trade waste being left where they would be collected as domestic.</p>		
5.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19th. September 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19th. September 2012.</p> <p>P70, item 10, E30. Cllr Wright reported that CCTV monitoring stated that infra-red was ineffective without some lighting. The issue of canal lights for future discussion.</p> <p>P72, 13c. The clerk reported that the contractor was still trying to source a push button tap.</p> <p>P73, item 20, War Memorial cleaning, started today.</p> <p>P77 10/12</p>		

7.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 19th. September 2012 It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 19th. September 2012 There were no matters arising.</p>		
9.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE The clerk presented a list, with cheques 106010 to 106030 for approval and signing. It was resolved to approve the list of cheques from 106010 to 106030, for signing. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p>		
10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 3/ Pengwern Estates, Old Allotment Gardens this was noted.</p> <p>E5/ Mrs Marchant, it was agreed to reply to Robert Beggs with the information previously sent to Dan Byles.</p> <p>E6/ Civil Ceremony Licence, It was resolved not to pursue this item any further, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p>E8/ Age UK, it was agreed to put a link on the website. Clerk to write asking for an update on the grant provided earlier in the year.</p> <p>E13/ Road Safety initiatives, it was resolved to ask for the cost of permanent signage, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>E19/ Gritting, it was agreed to advise the correspondent to contact County Councillor Fox.</p> <p>E45/ Planning Response Briefing. It was resolved that the clerk could attend one of the briefings, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>E46/ Town Council Grant (thanks from Hockey Club), This was noted.</p>		
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED List available in office.</p>		
12.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS a) Planning List – none</p> <p>b) Consultations PAP/2012/0444, Land adjacent to 1 Princess Road, Atherstone Demolition of two lock up garages blocks and construction of 2 bungalows. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr M Davis</p> <p>P78 10/12</p>		

	<p>PAP/2012/0451, Ratcliffe Service Station, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone, CV9 1HY Extension to existing takeaway. It was resolved that the Town Council had concerns regarding the car parking spaces and the visibility for traffic using the junction of Ratcliffe Road and Carlyon Road, especially if this was made worse due to extra business. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0466, 24 Lister Road, Atherstone, CV9 3BT. Single storey extension to front. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0460, 58 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AU Change of use from office (A2) to a mixed use coffee shop (A1/A3) PAP/2012/0469, as above Display of illuminated signage It was resolved that the Town Council welcomed this development to the town, and had no objection. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>Renaming/renumbering, flats 1 – 6 Orchard House, Charlotte Way, Atherstone, there was no objection to this.</p> <p>Application for disabled parking bay, 25 Stanley Road, Atherstone, there was no objection to this.</p> <p>c) Decisions None</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other Reply from NWBC regarding PAP/2012/0339, petrol trap, this was noted.</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None</p>		
13.	<p>REPORTS Clerk's Report The clerk reported that the War Memorial cleaning had been carried out that day, and that the lettering would be completed next week. He reported that the contractor had given a cost to fix stainless steel chains around the steps so that wreaths could be fixed and prevented from blowing about. It was resolved to accept this, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>P79 10/12</p>		

	<p>The clerk presented a letter of complaint from MG Evans regarding the choice of contractor to clean the War Memorial. It was agreed to reply that all the required correct procedures of the Council had been followed.</p> <p>The clerk presented an e-mail from WALC regarding a consultation over 106 agreements, because of the short closure date it was agreed that Cllrs should respond personally.</p> <p>The clerk reported that an old shed had been dumped in Westwood Road play area, he had reported as fly-tipping to NWBC, and asked CCTV to look for any evidence. It was agreed to dispose of the rubbish as soon as possible.</p> <p>The clerk presented an e-mail giving access times for visits to the CCTV monitoring room, it was agreed to wait until after the clocks had changed before arranging visits.</p> <p>The clerk presented an e-mail, requesting a new dog bin in Sheepy Road, and repair to one at Royal Meadow Drive. It was resolved to refer the repair to NWBC, as this was their play area, but to provide a new one for Sheepy Road. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>Representative's Reports</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis reported that he had attended the PPG meeting and that the surgery would be sending notices of the times for the flu-jab clinics, to be displayed.</p> <p>He also reported that he had attended the Carnival meeting, the committee had now disbanded and would be asking the Town Council to hold their old paperwork in safekeeping.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked about temporary CCTV cameras for Welcome Street and Old Watling Street, clerk to check for previous resolutions, and to obtain costs for modifying the street lighting posts.</p> <p>Cllr Wright stated that one of the police cameras had been re-installed at Lister Road.</p> <p>Cllr Singh presented some new train timetables, which had been sent in by London Midland.</p> <p>Cllr Singh reported that he had attended the Localism Briefing, with Cllr Shaw, he stressed that the Neighbourhood Plan was most important.</p>		
14.	<p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>Reply received from Hinckley regarding Xmas markets. It was agreed to send them contact details for the Santa Sleigh. It was agreed to ask if they wished to take a stall on Dickens Night to publicise the markets.</p>		
15.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS UPDATE</p> <p>The clerk reported that the structural survey had taken place that day. It was agreed to hold a Working Group on 10th. October, if the report had been received.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask NWBC if there was any dispute over the area where the waste bins were kept.</p> <p>P80 10/12</p>		

16.	<p>AIRWAVE RADIO LICENCE</p> <p>It was resolved to write to Warwickshire Police pointing out that the taxpayers of Atherstone were not getting any benefit, when the radio could only be used on the hailing channel, and the Town Council were therefore considering whether to stop paying for the licence. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		
17.	<p>RETAIL RADIOS UPDATE</p> <p>The clerk reported that a sample radio had been obtained, from Servicom, to be taken round by WRCI and the police when visiting the shops.</p> <p>The clerk reported that Servicom had based their figures on 20 radios, and that fewer numbers may alter the costs.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Wright should accompany WRCI, and the police, as the Town Council representative. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
The meeting closed at 8.55pm.			

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.