

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 4 th . February 2009 7.18pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors Shaw, Vickers, Chambers, Barker, Jarvis, Clews, Freer, Macchi, Wright. (Cllr Macchi left the meeting at 8.15pm) Borough Cllrs Dirveiks, Pickard County Cllr Grant Mr Reynolds, Mrs Wrigley, Mrs Clay,
APOLOGIES	Cllrs G Davis, M Davis, Peat.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
	In the absence Of Cllr G Davis, Cllr Jarvis took the chair and welcomed Councillor Wright to his first meeting.		
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillors apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Barker Seconded Cllr Shaw		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS Cllr Dirveiks, discussions took place regarding OSCA which is now open and a visit made to the CCTV monitoring room. Cllr Grant, discussions took place regarding the recent Witherley Road speed limit change, Cllr Shaw asked for the plans of the new changing rooms at Queen Elizabeth School to be reviewed at County. Cllr Grant reported that the budget for the County had been set with a 3.89% increase, there would be no reduction to the Fire/Rescue Service in Atherstone. Cllr Barker thanked Cllr Grant for his support with local issues and asked for his support in gaining extra parking at the station. Cllr Macchi commented that the same level of support was not received in the Atherstone North Ward. Cllr Forwood was to be asked to attend the first meeting of each month or send a report to keep the Town Council updated. Cllr Pickard reported that residents of St Georges Road and York Avenue had petitioned to make the old play area in St Georges Road secure. He also reported that there would be a meeting of the Sheepy Road Residents Association at Bracebridge Court on 20 th . February at 7.00pm.		
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4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 28th. January 2009 It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Barker Seconded Cllr Freer</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 28th. January 2009. P65, item 24, Cllr Jarvis reported that there was no problem with membership levels at the Guides. P67, item 12 The clerk reported that the projector had been ordered from County and was due for delivery.</p>		
6.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE. The clerk reported that cheques 104712 and 104714 were now void due to incorrect amounts and had been replaced by 104726 and 104727 which were listed for ratification only. It was resolved that the list be accepted and the cheques signed. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
7.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 4 & E23 moved to Accommodation. E21 moved to Market Square. 6. Recent fines on canal towpath, for dog fouling should be publicised. Cllr Freer to contact NWBC for details. 7. It was resolved to purchase a grit bin for Oakfield School, but the clerk to contact WCC regarding a replacement for a bin moved from Church Walk. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers. E2. Costs to be obtained for contracts. E4. Noted E7. Noted E8, 9&10. Noted E11. Copy of Parish Plan to be forwarded. E13. Clerk to check HEFCE website, info to strategy working group. E14. No change E16. Merevale Estates to be contacted regarding Innage Brook. The Quarry and the Environmental Agency for the brook through the Cow Pastures. E17. To strategy working group. E20. More research needed, clerk to contact ICCM.</p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED Filed in office.</p>		
9.	<p>REPORTS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial, bank reconciliation to be ready for Policy. • Clerk, nothing to report. • Representatives <p>Cllr Barker reported that there was a meeting due for the Litchfield Rail Promotions Group, It was resolved that Cllr Barker should go. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Jarvis. It was agreed that Cllr Vickers, with Cllr Wright would be involved with the Arden Trail.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P70 02/09</p>		

	<p>Cllr Jarvis reported that he had attended a meeting of the Chamber of Trade, The Chamber asked if they could use existing brackets for new hanging baskets, it was felt that there could be Health and Safety issues, clerk to give insurance details to Chamber. If it were not possible to erect baskets Chamber to be asked if they would sponsor the existing displays in some way such as boxing round them. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Friendly Plaice to see what insurance they had in place for their displays.</p>		
10.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS.</p> <p>Severn-Trent to be contacted ready for the new water supply.</p> <p>There are still complaints regarding damage by rabbits, Clerk to contact Bracebridge Trust and ask the agent to meet the Council regarding rabbits coming from the adjoining land, also to contact DEFRA.</p> <p>Water supply to standpipes to be turned off during cold weather.</p> <p>Yew trees need to be trimmed, Gorrige Landscapes to be asked for hourly rate.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Bracebridge Trust regarding cost of purchasing waste land, Cllr Barker noted that there were at least 7 unfilled wells on the land.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Wright would take his ferrets to the cemetery to help deal with the rabbits, he would give details of his insurance to the clerk.</p>		
11.	<p>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that all actions for non payment and cultivation were in hand.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Wright would join the allotment working group.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
12.	<p>OPEN SPACES / PLAY AREAS</p> <p>The clerk reported that quotes for St Mary's Play area had been asked for from Gorrige, Atherstone Landscapes, DTE and DTB, based on the specification from Hags.</p>		
13.	<p>ACCOMMODATION</p> <p>Moved to Private and Confidential</p>		
14.	<p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>The clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from John Bird requesting meeting dates, following the Leaders meeting. It was agreed to ask for the next spare Wednesday.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that there were still 2 gulleys which had not been cleaned out, clerk to contact NWBC.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to get costs of automatic bollards to be installed for use when an event took place on the Square.</p>		
15.	<p>CCTV</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>		
16.	<p>STAFFING MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that he would be on leave on Thursday and Friday, and that Sally Oldham would be on leave 16th. To 20th. February.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had asked WALC if it was possible to present meeting minutes after the next meeting as it was not possible to produce the minutes and carry out many actions for the following week.</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 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 Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p>		
<p>13.</p>	<p>ACCOMMODATION Cllr Shaw left the meeting. 4 & E23 were discussed. It was resolved to offer the owner of the property a one off sum to cover the costs for 6 months, subject to advice from WALC. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Chambers. Further actions to wait until the above completed.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.