

## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> . January 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: G Davis, M Davis, Wright, Shaw, Clews, Vickers, Peat, Singh, Pickard, Jarvis, Members of the public:, Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Borough Cllrs: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks. Police: PCSO S Mander
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Macchi, L Freer, R Freer. County Cllr Fox
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Shaw
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b> It was resolved to accept the Town Cllrs apologies as listed above, proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr Wright.		
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To be taken as and when.		
3.	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Mrs Wrigley noted that she had sent a letter to the Council with historical information about the Ball Game. Mrs Clay stated that there had been traffic problems, around the Square, during the Hunt Meeting, as there had been no road closures. Cllr Clews stated that soapy water had been seen running from a pipe, adjacent to the Angel, over the pathway. Cllr Pickard noted that Health issues were coming into the public domain, with consultations about Mental Health and Arden Cluster units at George Eliot Hospital. Cllr Jarvis stated that he had used the train service to Nuneaton, and had been unable to buy a ticket due to the machine being wet, there had then been no way to buy a ticket on the train. It was agreed to put this item on a future agenda. Cllr Shaw thanked the Police for their handling of New Year's Eve, in the Town, with no problems occurring.		
4.	<b>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b> Cllr Shaw stated that he was disappointed there had been no trade refuse collections, over the holiday, where in some cases open food tins had been left on the pathway. Cllr M Davis noted that traders should be contacting NWBC if dissatisfied. Cllr Jarvis stated that wheelie bins were left on the pathways, in Erdington Road, other than collection days. <b>P102 1/12</b>		

	<p>Cllr Shaw stated that the service previously provided by NWBC, through the one-stop-shop, for blocked drains, had now been withdrawn. He also reported that he had received a proposal, from County Street Lighting, for improvements in the Square.</p>		
5.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup>. December 2011</b> It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
6.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup>. December 2011.</b> Page 98, item 9, E31, Cllrs Pickard and Jarvis commented that they had investigated the cleaning of the War Memorial, and did not believe that damage would occur. They would refer this to a working group.</p>		
7.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup>. December 2011</b> It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
8.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup>. December 2011.</b> The clerk stated that the second working group for the evening of 11<sup>th</sup>. January would be Budget Setting, as the Precept Demand had to be sent to NWBC by 10<sup>th</sup>. February.</p>		
9.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> 1/ Letter from County regarding payment for work at Breadacres. Claim to be sent again. 3/ WALC planning guide. It was agreed to obtain copies for all Cllrs. E3. Small business briefings. Cllrs Wright and Singh to attend. E16. Sports Funding Workshop. To be sent round by e-mail. E20. Concerns regarding dog fouling and exit from St Mary's Road play area. It was resolved to forward the e-mail to the dog warden and David Baxendale, and to send a reply, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers. Cllr Shaw stated he would discuss the safety issue with County Highways. E45. Nominations for Royal Garden Party. It was resolved that the Mayor be nominated. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis. E42. Annual meeting, NWBC/Town &amp; Parish Councils. Details to be forwarded to all Cllrs.</p>		
10.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED (available in office)</b></p>		
11.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b> a) Planning Lists – 49 b) Consultations PAP/2011/0640, Grendon Lodge, Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BA Works to trees in conservation area. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if outside of the nesting season. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr M Davis. c) Decisions PAP/2011/0482, 189 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AH, -refused d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings- None e) Other -None f) Licensing Matters-None</p> <p><b>P103 1/12</b></p>		

<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p>a) Financial Report (for information only) The clerk presented a budget report, bank reconciliation and bank balances for December 2011.</p> <p>b) Clerks Report The Clerk reported that Severn-Trent had found an underground water leak in the cemetery, probably in the feed to the taps, Severn-Trent had agreed to turn off the supply at the main. The clerk had completed an application form so that Severn-Trent could repair the leak free of charge. The clerk reminded Cllrs that the Appraisal working group would be at 7.00pm on 11<sup>th</sup>. January, followed by the Finance working group, as stated in item 8. The clerk reported that there had been a funeral arranged in the cemetery over the holiday. The clerk reported that waste had built up in the cemetery, over the holiday, mainly due to there being no collections. He had arranged for Atherstone Landscapes to bag the waste when gravedigging. This had all been collected by NWBC on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The clerk suggested that a second bin could be supplied to cover the period in future. The clerk presented an e-mail, received from Kevin Garner, regarding a meeting to discuss the Ball Game, it was resolved that Cllrs Singh, Wright and Vickers could attend, as non-executive representatives of the Town Council. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis. The clerk reported that a funding request had been received from the Carnival Committee, and would be put on the next agenda. Cllr Jarvis explained that the Summer-in-the-Square, the Carnival and the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were completely separate events, even though some of the organisers were common. It was agreed that notices could be displayed advertising this round of funding applications, and the deadline extended to cover both meetings in February. The clerk reported that a boulder had been placed in the gateway to the Old Allotment Gardens. The clerk reported that he was waiting for a report from the contractor before releasing the cheque for the installation, the lights had been switched off and he was expecting them to be taken down quite soon.</p> <p>c) Representatives Reports Cllr Peat reported there were no problems at Gramer Cottages. Cllr Singh reported that he had attended the recent training course for chairmen.</p>		
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE</b></p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in the next item. Request from Summer-in-the-Square Committee to use the Square on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. and August 18<sup>th</sup>. It was resolved to approve this request, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw noted that a risk assessment should be done for the use of trailing electrical cables from the bollards, clerk to contact NWBC for clarification.</p> <p><b>P104 1/12</b></p>		

14.	<b>REQUEST FOR FUNDING</b> Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting. Request from Summer-in-the-Square Committee for funding to stage two events, to a total of £1000, It was resolved to approve this request, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.		
15.	<b>DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.</b> The clerk reported that there had still been no applications received for use of the Square or for funding.		
16.	<b>RESPONSES TO PARISH PLAN UPDATE</b> The clerk reported that only NWBC had replied to the update request, and were preparing a full reply. It was agreed to send chaser letters.		
17.	<b>PLAQUE FOR WAR MEMORIAL, 1920 BALL GAME</b> It was agreed to circulate information supplied by Cllr R Freer in the next meeting packs, and to contact County Records for help.		
18.	<b>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</b> The clerk reported that there had been some break ins at the Merevale site. Cllr Wright reported that there had been 22 separate plots, with items such as bicycles and rotavators stolen, the Police had been informed and were checking CCTV recordings.		
19.	<b>CEMETERY MATTERS</b> Cllr Clews asked that the working group be convened, as soon as possible, for matters such as ashes scattering to be discussed.		
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.23pm.</b>		

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