

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 4 th . February 2015 start 7pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Barker, Pickard, Clark, R Freer, L Freer, Jarvis, Clews, Shaw, Barnard, Wright, Gurney. Public: Mr Wileman
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: M Davis, G Davis, M Singh.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Barker
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies. Proposed Cllr Barnard, seconded Cllr Wright.		
2.	PUBLIC SESSION There was no business.		
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST, DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY To be taken as and when.		
4.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLAY AREA WORKING GROUP The report of the joint meeting with NWBC was circulated and a discussion took place regarding the results of the consultation at Outwoods and St Benedict's Schools.. It was resolved to approve the recommendation made in line with the children's preferences, which is as follows; Option A but with TITAN 5 stage swing substituted for the DUEL swing, increasing the cost by £3270.70, the Town Council to cover the extra amount. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Jarvis. A discussion took place regarding DOG CONTROL ORDERS, the clerk explained that control orders could no longer be made and were being replaced by PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS, which could only be raised by district councils. The clerk was asked to obtain advice from WALC. Cllr Pickard said that any order would need to be enforced and Town/Parish Councils should consider giving support for dog wardens. P87 2/15		

	The clerk was asked to investigate the costs of erecting a picket fence and gates to separate the LH side track from the play area.		
5.	<p>BUDGET FOR 2015/2016</p> <p>The clerk reported the cost to install lighting and power circuits in the Arcade unit 6, which was included in the projected spend for the current year. The clerk reported that some ceiling tiles would be needed and a small internal room should be removed. It was resolved to take the option of 7 light panels, at a cost of £1870, and to carry out the other work. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Barnard.</p> <p>The clerk presented the outline design for the proposed downstairs toilet/kitchen at the Arcade, for which had been included in the new budget, clerk to check if noise insulation was included. It was resolved to approve the design, but also to investigate a re-design of the ramp or non-slip surfacing. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>It was agreed to alter the insurance cost to £6800 to cover the inclusion of the new play equipment. Any further costs were covered in the Open Spaces contingency.</p> <p>The clerk also explained that the advice from the solicitor was that the OSCA building should be insured entirely by the tenant, with a provision in the lease that they provided documentation every year, and thus was not included in the above figure.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding proposed purchase of stalls and canopy, for the Market Square, it was resolved that the purchase price and the grant from NWBC would be included (this had zero effect on the budget) but no other costs would be included. The clerk was asked to find the sizes of the items, with regard to storage, and of a trailer to carry them, from a range of suppliers, and investigate where they could be stored. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding support for third sector organisations, Cllr Barker declared an interest, due to his involvement with CAB. It was resolved that no allowance would be made in the budget but the issue could be revisited once the County Council budget had been set, and support from Council reserves could be considered. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer asked that the amount taken from reserves be altered from £28,000 to £28,559 to exactly match the amount of overpayment from 2013/14, this was agreed.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the budget document, as amended, proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
6.	<p>PRECEPT FOR 2015/2016</p> <p>It was resolved that the precept figure be set at £130,762.00, as per the budget document, this being in addition to the Council Tax Support Grant, which this year was £20,924.00, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Shaw. This gives a Band "D" property cost of £50.33, which is a decrease of 17.72% on 2014/15.</p>		
	The meeting closed at 8.55pm.		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council
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