

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 5 th . December 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	<p>Town Councillors: G Davis, Barker, Peat, Singh, Macchi, Clews, Jarvis, M Davis, McElhone, P Davies, L Freer, R Freer, Shaw, Pickard.</p> <p>Borough Councillors: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks. Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr J Vickers, Mrs J Barnard, Mr P Barnard, Mr C Clark</p>
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: None
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh/Cllr Barker
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES There were no apologies		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Clay stated that the ticket machine, at the railway station, was still not working in the wet. Cllr Davis noted that only the train operators could provide a solution. Cllr Barker said that London Midland maintained that there was no problem, he stated that he would write to his contact at London Midland. Cllr Shaw stated that he had raised the matter at the WCR 250 meeting, he also reported that there would be another machine on the other platform, which would have a cover, although both machines were supposed to be weatherproof. Mrs J Barnard and Mr C Clark, both applicants for the council vacancy, introduced themselves to the Council.		
4.	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS Borough Cllr L Dirveiks reported that she had been approached , by members of the public, who were very pleased about the blood testing service arranged at the Long Street Clinic, She wished to pass on their thanks. Cllr G Davis said the service would operate on Mondays. Clerk to put phone number in the noticeboard and on website. P109 12/12		

	<p>Cllr L Freer stated that people were very pleased about these arrangements.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that a new bus service was starting covering Atherstone, Tamworth and Birch Coppice Business Park, with a further service to Moira in the future. He also stated that the local circular route would take in Repington Avenue and Warwick Drive.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis asked whether this would be publicised, it was agreed to display information in the noticeboard and on the website.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw said that he had recently sent in details of train services.</p>		
	<p>It was resolved to bring item 9, forward in the meeting, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Macchi.</p>		
9.	<p>VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR, APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION</p> <p>There were 4 applicants for the vacancy: John Vickers, Christopher Tooby, Jenny Barnard, Christopher Clark. John Vickers withdrew his application in favour of the younger applicants.</p> <p>A vote was taken for each applicant, with 10 votes Jenny Barnard gained an absolute majority, and was co-opted to the Council. Cllr Barnard completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, and joined the meeting. All applicants were thanked for their interest.</p> <p>Cllrs Singh and Macchi made their apologies and left the meeting (7.20pm), Cllr Barker took the chair.</p>		
5.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 21ST. November 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Peat.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 21ST. November 2012.</p> <p>P105 item 11c, Cllr L Freer said that the information stating that PAP/2012/0374, The Legion, Market Street, was not correct as it had been refused. Clerk to check and report to the next meeting.</p>		
7.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 21ST. November 2012</p> <p>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 21ST. November 2012</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
10.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>The clerk presented an amended list, with cheques 106083 and 106084 added, cheques 106055 to 106084 for approval and signing.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the Christmas lights still had some outstanding problems, it was agreed to hold back cheque number 106080 until the items were completed.</p> <p>P110 12/12</p>		

	<p>It was resolved to approve the list and sign the cheques. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis. See Appendix 'A' for list of cheques issued, over £500</p>		
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>6. Atherstone Rail Users Group, request for grant, it was resolved to defer the request until the January round of applications. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer. Clerk to send acknowledgement.</p> <p>E22. War Memorial, name of First World War soldier from Wood End. It was agreed to reply that War Memorials were thought to have been erected to honour the men from the parish in each case. Wood End not being in the Parish of Atherstone.</p> <p>E36. Warwickshire Open Studios, request to use Arcade Shops. It was agreed to defer this until after the decision at NWBC Full Council.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer stated that members of the public had told her that the Dickens Night fireworks had been the best ever.</p>		
12.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</p> <p>List available in office.</p>		
13.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning List – 46</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>MIA/2012/0023, Land at rear of 125 Coleshill Road, Stanley Road, Atherstone Non material amendment to PAP/2010/0146, to vary the height of windows and positions. There was no comment on this application</p> <p>It was resolved that a dispensation be granted to all Councillors to discuss the following applications. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>*PAP/2012/0462, Beech House, 19 Market Street, Atherstone Conversion of property into 3 no: dwellings including associated rear extension and access to rear garden, formation of parking and garden areas. *PAP/2012/0014, Beech House, 19 Market Street Listed building consent for above.</p> <p>* PAP/2012/0515, Bank Gardens, rear of 94/96 Long Street, Atherstone Erection of 3 no: cottages *PAP/2012/0521, Bank Gardens, rear of 94/96 Long Street, Atherstone Listed building consent for above</p> <p>*PAP/2012/0517, Land at rear of 108 Long Street, Atherstone Erection of 2 no: dwellings</p> <p>P111 12/12</p>		

	<p>*PAP/2012/0514, Former telephone exchange, rear of 100 Long Street, Atherstone. Conversion of ex telephone exchange into 2 no: cottages and 1 no: garage.</p> <p>* accompanying letter from Jeff Brown</p> <p>It was agreed to object to these applications, as a group, as follows: The Town Council wishes to comment on the above applications as a group: They object to the applications as they are concerned about the amount of traffic that would be emerging onto North Street, with its already existing physical constraints, and on grounds of over-development in the town centre. Cllr Shaw abstained.</p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2012/0507, Brereton Place, 1 Witherley Road – no objection to tree works.</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other *Letter from Jeff Brown (NWBC) regarding above marked applications</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters None</p>		
14.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Financial Report for November The clerk presented a monthly report and bank reconciliation (information only)</p> <p>Clerk's Report The clerk reported that new graves dug in the bottom section were being presently affected by water filling them.</p> <p>The clerk reported that there was a financial clinic, at Alcester in January 2013, it was resolved that the clerk should attend, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr P Davies.</p> <p>The clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from Loveitts, inviting tenders for the purchase of the Magistrates Court, bids to be in by 12.00pm 12th. December. This was noted.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the Precept calculations would be changing for 2013/4, and would now include a grant from the Government paid through the Borough Council. He had made contact with NWBC, and would inform the Council when information was released.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the palisade fence, at the bottom of the Old Allotment Gardens, had been broken to allow access. It was agreed to</p> <p>P112 12/12</p>		

	<p>Repair it immediately, using anti vandal bolts.</p> <p>Representative's Reports Cllr Clews reported that Reverend Harris had reported at the Charities meeting, that he would be retiring.</p>		
15.	<p>DATA TRANSPARENCY CONSULTATION The Council made no comment on this consultation. It was resolved that the Grant Awarding criteria be amended and published, so that any award over £500 would need to be supported by a set of accounts, to bring in line with the figure in the Code of Practice, for publishing of cheques issued by the Council. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
16.	<p>E-MAIL SERVER The clerk reported that the broadband supplier could not host the e-mail system. It was resolved to accept the option 1. suggested by Pin Digital, the Rackspace Hosted Exchange, at a cost of £6.75 per month, with a one year contract. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p>		
17.	<p>MARKET SQUARE The clerk reported that a copy of the public liability insurance had been received from the Atherstone Hunt.</p>		
18.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS Nothing to report, waiting for final decision from NWBC Full Council.</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 (<i>Details of the terms of contracts for the acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods or services</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. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis</p>		
19.	<p>QUOTATIONS FOR CLEARANCE OF ASHES SCATTERING AREA The clerk presented 3 quotations from: Glendale, Atherstone Landscapes, and Peter Richards. It was resolved to accept the one from Peter Richards of £250. Order must specify all arisings must be removed from the site. Proposed Cllr McElhone, seconded Cllr M Davis. There was 1 vote against and 3 abstentions.</p>		
20.	<p>QUOTATIONS FOR CLEARANCE OF OLD ALLOTMENT GARDENS Because of the difficulties raised by contractors in assessing this quotation, and variations in some of the quotes, it was agreed to organise a site visit in January 2013, to view the requirements.</p>		
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	The meeting closed at 8.40pm.		

Appendix 'A'

List of cheques over £500, 5th. December 2012

Chq no	Payee	Detail	Amount
106055	Employee 1	Salary	£1,189.80
106056	Employee 2	Salary	£1,234.02
106059	Warks County Council	Pensions	£707.98
106077	Glendale	Breadacres, Canal Park, Allotments, Old Allotment Gardens	£690.00
106079	Jubilee Fireworks	Dickens Night fireworks	£2,400.00
106080	Bibby Factors Slough	Merlin, Christmas lights	£3,915.00
106081	NWBC	CCTV maintenance	£8,739.79

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.