

## 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 5 <sup>th</sup> . October 2011 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: R Freer, Shaw, Wright, Clews, Barker, Macchi, Pickard, L Freer, G Davis, M Davis, Singh, Jarvis, McElhone. Members of the public:, Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Barrow Borough Cllrs: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks Police: PCSO L Kirven
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Vickers 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 Barker, seconded Cllr Macchi.		
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To be taken as and when.		
3.	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Mrs Wrigley stated that she had been unable to find details of babies buried in the RC section. The clerk replied that he had found some information, which would be discussed in agenda item 14a. Mrs Wrigley stated that the gulleys at 2,4 and 6 Warwick Drive were blocked again, Cllr Pickard said he would report it. Mr Barrow spoke about the noise nuisance, from cockerels, at Merevale allotments, and bonfires. Cllr Shaw noted that this was on the agenda, later in the meeting. Cllr Clews stated that she had been told, by visitors to the town, that it was spoiled by cigarette ends on the pathways. Cllr Jarvis noted that fly posting was increasing again. A discussion took place regarding shops putting out bollards to prevent parking, when expecting deliveries. It was confirmed that they had no legal power to do this.		
4.	<b>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</b> Cllr L Dirveiks reported that she had visited the market on Tuesday and was pleased to see more traders attending. She also reported a visit to Alexandra Court, with Cllr Pickard, for coffee, and that they were looking for volunteers. County Cllr Fox sent her apologies, but stated that she would be at the Area Forum East, the following night if anyone had questions for her.		

	<p>Cllr Shaw reported that he had made the map of the 3 year plan for County Council property available to Town Cllrs. He also reported that he had attended a Police meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard stated that the Town Council should be expressing their views on matters such as the county 3 year plan.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that Cllr Pickard had sent an e-mail requesting to look at performance reviews, and training records, Cllr Pickard explained that this was to match them against the strategy policy, to identify any training weaknesses.</p>		
5.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup>. September 2011</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
6.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 21<sup>st</sup>. September 2011.</b></p> <p>Cllr Pickard asked if there had been any other information regarding the naming of an 'Atherstone' in Australia. Cllr R Freer said he had been in contact and was going to send some historical information about the ball game.</p>		
7.	<p><b>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</b></p> <p>The clerk presented an additional list for cheques numbered 105732 to 105738, he recommended that cheque 105736 be held back until the job was completed.</p> <p>Cllr G Davis declared an interest in cheque number 105724.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept approve and sign cheques 105714 to 105738. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis</p>		
8.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>Item 2. Warks CC, Consultation to close pupil referral unit.</p> <p>A discussion took place and it was resolved to write and make the following points; Atherstone Town Council have grave concerns that these pupils will be put back into schools, causing disruption to other pupils, if there are more exclusions in Warwickshire, what is the rationale to close the unit, what methods will be used for early intervention. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>E13. Warks Healthwatch</p> <p>Cllr Pickard stated that he would be representing NWBC, Cllr G Davis was attending for the PPG.</p> <p>E16. Natwest Community Force Bids, Cllr L Freer urged everyone to vote for Mancetter Village Community Association.</p>		
9.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</b></p> <p>Filed in office.</p>		
10.	<p><b>PAP/2011/0333, RECONSULTATION - 40 Windmill Rd, Atherstone</b></p> <p>In addition WCC Letter of 23.9.11 regarding this application.</p> <p><b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</b></p>		

	<p><b>PAP/2011/0449 and PAP/2011/0450 - 87 Long Street, Atherstone</b> In addition WCC letter of 22.9.11 regarding this application. <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if it conformed to shop front guidelines in a conservation area, and that the roller shutters should be internal. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</b></p> <p><b>PAP/2011/0486, 56 Stratford Ave, Atherstone</b> <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</b></p> <p><b>PAP/2011/0489 13 Charlotte Way, Atherstone, CXV9 1AS</b> <b>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if outside of the nesting season. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</b></p> <p>c) Decisions PAP/2011/0235 – 68 Station St – REFUSED PAP/2011/0405 – 67 Station Street – GRANTED</p> <p><b>d) Conservation Areas &amp; Listed Buildings</b> None</p> <p><b>e) Other</b> Letter from WCC ref PAP/2011/0441, Unit 23 Solutions for Industry – Carlyon Rd – (Town Council No objection response sent on 22.9.11) Letter from WCC ref PAP/2011/0454, Unit 23 Solutions for Industry – Carlyon Rd – (Town Council No objection response sent on 22.9.11) Email: Planning Strategy WCC – Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy Cllr Barker to attend the session on 1<sup>st</sup>. November Email: NWBC Draft Core Strategy Consultation Presentations NWBC: Letter re Welcome St street names / numbers Jeff Brown: email ref Hedgerows at Aldi It was agreed to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer, for a copy of the regulations and to ask what NWBC intended to do.</p> <p><b>f) Licensing</b> None</p>		
11.	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>a) Financial Report</b> The clerk presented a Budget Report, Bank Reconciliation and copy of bank balances for September 2011.</p> <p><b>b) Clerks Report</b> The clerk reported that he had received a reminder for membership of SLCC. It was resolved to renew the membership, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis. The clerk reported that SLCC had an arrangement with a company offering discounts on utility bills. It was agreed to investigate the costs of utility bills.</p> <p><b>c) Representatives Reports</b> Cllr L Freer commented that the floral displays were still looking very good.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P70 10/11</b></p>		

12.	<p><b>POLICE STATION / MAGISTRATES COURT, UPDATE – Report from meeting of 26<sup>th</sup>. September 2011.</b>  Cllr Shaw declared an interest and Cllr Singh took the chair.  It was resolved to tender a bid of £220k for the whole site, this being a firm and serious offer. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr R Freer.  There was 1 vote against and 1 abstention.  Cllr Shaw took the chair.</p>		
13.	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE UPDATE</b>  The clerk had circulated a copy of the plan, from HBBC and a summary of the meeting with the officers from HBBC. These were noted.</p>		
14.	<p><b>CEMETERY MATTERS</b>  <b>a) Roman Catholic Baby Graves</b>  The clerk reported that there were no objections to RC babies being buried in the Baby Section, it was the choice of the parents. It was noted that all denominations thus had the same options.  <b>b) Ashes Row – see also item 17.</b>  The clerk reported that the current situation for burial plots was 9ft by 4ft plots, with 10 inches allowed side to side and 2ft between rows.</p>		
15.	<p><b>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</b>  <b>a) Noise Nuisance – update</b>  The clerk reported that no reply had been received from Merevale Association.  It was agreed that Cllrs would visit the site to try and identify the plots. It was resolved that notices be displayed quoting that cockerels were a statutory noise nuisance, and that if the situation was not resolved by the 1<sup>st</sup>. November, enforcement notices could be served by NWBC with the full support of the Town Council. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr L Freer. There were 5 abstentions.  <b>b) Canal-side plots, Merevale</b>  It was resolved to obtain prices to clear these plots ready to be let. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh.  <b>c) Allotment Officers Forum</b>  It was agreed that the deputy clerk could attend the forum on 8<sup>th</sup>. November. Question to be sent in regarding cockerels and noise nuisance.</p>		
	<p><b>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 acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods and services and Conditions and Terms of Employment), 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.</b>  <b>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P71 10/11</b></p>		

16.	<p><b>STAFFING MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>a) Office closure, Christmas 2011</b>  It was resolved that the office would close at 11.00am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. December 2011 and re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. January 2012, at 9.00am. Clerks would take 3 days annual leave and emergency contact phone numbers would be circulated. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p><b>b) Staff Parking</b>  It was agreed that the clerks could approach Arragon and TNT to see if daytime parking could be made available.</p>		
16.	<p><b>QUOTATIONS RECEIVED</b></p> <p><b>a) Moving of ashes rows</b>  It was resolved to accept the quotation from Atherstone Landscapes to reposition the second new ashes row. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Jarvis and seconded by Cllr Clews that the distance between the rows should be 30 inches. There were 2 votes for 3 abstentions and 5 against.</p> <p>It was resolved that the distance between the rows should be 24 inches. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis. There were 5 votes for, 5 abstentions and 2 against.</p> <p>It was agreed that the layout of burial plots should go on a future agenda, clerk to find typical memorial sizes.</p>		
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</b></p>		

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