

## 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> . September 2012 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Wright, Singh, Clews, Pickard, Shaw, G Davis, M Davis, Jarvis, McElhone Borough Councillors: L & N Dirveiks County Councillor: Fox Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: L Freer, R Freer, P Davies.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
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 Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.		
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To be taken as and when.		
3.	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Mrs Clay reported that a group of youths had been seen trying car doors in Welcome Street. Cllr Shaw noted that the residents had been asking for a CCTV camera for some time, and hoped that the development at Atherstone Garage would provide a section 106, to provide one. Cllr Wright asked if Borough Cllrs had heard about car park restrictions being suspended, while Long Street was closed, which had been reported in the press. The Borough Cllrs had not heard, but would investigate. Cllr Shaw noted that the road closure had cost a lot of money for one night's work. Cllr Jarvis asked about the e-mail circulated regarding the theft from a canal boat and whether CCTV had recorded anything. Cllr Shaw noted that it was very bad publicity for the town. It was agreed to forward the e-mail to NWBC monitoring and the police, and to also ask NWBC whether the cameras were being obscured by the trees. Cllr Jarvis stated that calls to the local police went through the NWBC switchboard. County Cllr Fox stated that this was not the case, as they were direct lines, but the Safer Neighbourhood Teams were not responsible for either the 999 or 101 contacts.		
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	<p>Cllr Wright presented a notice from the police regarding the emergency and non-emergency contact numbers.</p> <p>County Cllr Fox noted that if people were not satisfied with local policing they should take the opportunity to meet the Assistant Chief Constable at the Memorial Hall on 6<sup>th</sup>. September.</p> <p>Cllr Singh thanked Cllr Jarvis for organising the recent Summer-in-the-Square event.</p>		
4.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>County Cllr Fox reported the forthcoming meeting with the Assistant Chief Constable, and urged people to attend and discuss their local problems, She noted that when the new Commissioner was elected there would not be as much local contact.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that it had been a quiet month, he stated that the HGV signage was being erected. He also urged people to attend the police meeting, such topics as SNT move, Airwaves Radio, and CCTV monitor not being moved from the old police station could be raised.</p> <p>Borough Cllr L Dirveiks reported that NWBC had erected a new notice board outside the swimming baths, and notices could be taken in to the swimming baths. She noted that one of the closed pubs in Long Street had been fitted with steel shutters, and looked quite bad. Cllr Shaw replied that this was due to squatters having got into the property.</p> <p>Cllr Wright stated that when reporting faulty street lights, to County, he had been told that the switch off of the lights at night had been suspended. Cllr Shaw replied that this was not the case and it was still in progress.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that the 28<sup>th</sup>. September was the closing date for his County, Councillor Grant Fund.</p>		
5.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup>. August 2012</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright</p>		
6.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup>. August 2012.</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that a reply had been received from Vitalise stating that they did not cover anyone in the area, this was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that the request to have the benches and bollards, in the Square, refurbished, had been passed to County.</p>		
7.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 18<sup>th</sup>. July 2012</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
8.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup>. August 2012</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p><b>P63 09/12</b></p>		

9.	<p><b>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</b></p> <p>The clerk presented a revised list, with cheques number 106000 to 106005 added.</p> <p>Cheques 105979 to 106005 for approval and signing.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque number 105600.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw noted the cost of the Airwaves licence, and it was resolved that he should raise the matter of the restriction of the channels, with the Assistant Chief Constable. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the list of cheques from 105979 to 106005, for signing. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
10.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b></p> <p>4/ Warks Assoc for the blind, grant application.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest. It was agreed to send an application form for the County, Councillor Grant Fund.</p> <p>5/ Connie Messenger, letter received regarding damage at cemetery, and people drinking in the shelter, after closing time.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the damage to the toilet door had been repaired, and a copy of the letter had been given to the local police, plus a gate key.</p> <p>E57/ It was agreed that Cllr Wright would attend the Pride of Atherstone meeting as a Town Council representative.</p>		
11.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</b></p> <p>List available in office.</p>		
12.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>a) Planning List</b> – 30, 31, 32, 33, 34</p> <p><b>b) Consultations</b></p> <p>PAP/2012/0410, The Bramleys. Westwood Road, Atherstone, CV9 2BA Link extension and porch.</p> <p>It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0293, 68 Station Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BU Conversion into 3 no: 2 bed cottages and 1 no: 1 bed apartment &amp; external works. Amended plans and description.</p> <p>It was resolved, by a small majority, that there was no comment on this application. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p><b>c) Decisions</b></p> <p>PAP/2012/0288, New House, Westwood Road – granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0320, HSBC Bank, Long Street – granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0332, 99 Ratcliffe Road – granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0355, 99 Witherley Road – granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0335, HSBC Bank, Long Street – listed building consent granted</p> <p>PAP/2012/0358, 41 Stratford Street – granted</p> <p><b>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>e) Other</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>P64 09/12</b></p>		

	<p><b>f) Licensing Matters</b> None</p>		
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b> <b>Clerk's Report</b> Quote from Glendale for shrubs and hedges in cemetery, it was resolved to accept this quotation. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>Quote received from Glendale to trim all trees in cemetery up to ground clearance of 3m. It was resolved to accept this quotation, but all suckers must be removed and all arisings taken away. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>The clerk presented a draft notice regarding loose items in the cemetery ashes section. It was resolved to approve this notice. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Pickard.</p> <p>The clerk reported that there had been damage to the play equipment at St Mary's Road, and that the area had been closed. He was to visit the following day, with Harvey Pointon to make repairs. He noted that Streetscape had reported the damage, and had brought the damaged parts to the office. Cllr Wright noted that there was a police CCTV camera available, it was resolved to ask for it to be placed at St Mary's Road. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw. The clerk reported that Mr Alex Chesterton, an Honorary Citizen had recently died.</p> <p><b>Representative's Reports</b> Cllr Shaw reported that he had been invited to present prizes at Atherstone Library presentation, Cllr Singh had also been invited. Cllr Wright reported that he had refurbished the cemetery notice board, himself. He was thanked by the meeting for this. Cllr Singh reported that he had been invited to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Car Show, and he would like to give commemorative trophies to the organisers. It was resolved to buy 3 trophies up to the total of £100. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE</b> It was agreed to ask Hinckley if they were organising Christmas markets. It was resolved that the clerk should investigate whether the Square could be licensed to hold weddings. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>ARCADE SHOPS UPDATE</b> The clerk circulated an e-mail, from NWBC, with the outcome of the Resources Board. It was agreed to move this item to Private and Confidential.</p> <p><b>P65 09/12</b></p>		

16.	<p><b>DICKENS NIGHT RECEPTION</b> Cllr Jarvis reported that Dicken's Night was going ahead, it was agreed to carry on with the normal arrangements for the Town Council reception.</p>		
17.	<p><b>CCTV, UPDATE FROM CAMERA TRIALS</b> The clerk gave a report of the trials carried out, with digital cameras, and the capabilities compared with the old system. Further trials to be carried out, in conjunction with NWBC, to take a 24hour recording. It was agreed to obtain budget costs for the extra equipment needed for the monitoring room. Cllr Shaw thanked Cllr R Freer and the clerk for the work be done for the trials.</p>		
18.	<p><b>RETAIL RADIOS, UPDATE FROM JOINT MEETING, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS</b> Report of meeting and recommendations was circulated Cllr Clews declared an interest. It was agreed that the Town Council put a maximum of 20 on the number of radios, and that a 12 month period followed by a review should apply. The clerk to check the 12 month period, with Servicom, and report to the next meeting.</p>		
19.	<p><b>REQUEST FROM ATHERSTONE SURGERY</b> The e-mails received from the surgery, regarding car parking were circulated. It was resolved that the previous situation, regarding the ownership of the Rowan Centre and the Youth Centre still applied, plus Cllr Shaw reported that he was applying for the grassed area. Outside of then Early Years Centre, to be made into car parking, in order to allow other parking to be released to the surgery. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p>		
20.	<p><b>REPORT FROM ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP</b> Not held due to insufficient attendance</p>		
21.	<p><b>ALLOTMENT APPEAL</b> The e-mail regarding an appeal against a non-cultivation eviction notice was circulated. It was resolved to support the actions of the clerk and uphold the eviction notice. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Wright. The notice to apply 28 days from the lodging of the appeal.</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 (<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.</b> Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p><b>P66 09/12</b></p>		

<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>ARCADE SHOPS UPDATE</b></p> <p>The e-mail from NWBC was discussed, it was resolved that the Town Council negotiating team would be Cllr Singh, Cllr Wright plus a clerk. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>It was agreed that the team should emphasise the community use, for a community shared between the Town Council and NWBC, and that there should be no restrictions on the future use.</p> <p>The clerk reported the reply from the structural engineer regarding bore holes. It was agreed to ask him to visit to obtain firm advice and prices.</p>		
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.15pm.</b></p>		

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