

## 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 6 <sup>th</sup> . March 2013 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: G Davis, M Davis, Barker, Shaw, Singh, Jarvis, Pickard, Peat, McElhone, L Freer, R Freer. Borough Cllr: L Dirveiks Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley,
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Clews, Macchi, Barnard. Borough Cllr: N Dirveiks
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b> It was resolved to accept the apologies of the Town Councillors. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.		
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST &amp; DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST</b> To be taken as and when.		
3.	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Mrs Wrigley stated that there was a loose grating, in the road outside Kindermart, Cllr Shaw said he had contacted County Highways earlier in the day. Mrs Clay stated that work was needed to tidy the cemetery, as there were lots of piles of leaves lying about. The clerk replied that the grounds maintenance was due to start, in the middle of March, which should improve the appearance. Mrs Clay asked whether a CCTV camera could be placed in Welcome Street, Cllr Shaw said he would supply lighting column numbers to the clerk, as previously agreed. Cllr Jarvis stated that the police emergency response time, for Atherstone, is currently half an hour. Cllr Shaw said that these problems could now be reported directly to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Singh commented on the poor appearance of some shop fronts, in Long Street, e.g. Superdrug. Cllr Shaw asked Borough Cllr Dirveiks to talk to the conservation officer. Cllr L Freer stated that the town was quite untidy on Sunday mornings, with rubbish bags being left in front of shops, and litter outside of <b>P143 3/13</b>		

	<p>takeaway shops, such as UK Pizza.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard stated that the Council could write to 'Pride in Atherstone'</p> <p>Cllr R Freer said that the Town Council used to fund a Sunday morning clean up. Cllr Shaw said that this was still carried out by a contractor of NWBC. Cllr L Freer asked if Borough Cllr Dirveiks could find the terms of the contract.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis stated that it needed a system to applaud the good shops and name and shame the poor ones, this could be done in conjunction with 'Pride in Atherstone'.</p> <p>Cllr Singh stated that the NWBC licensing officer was willing to attend a meeting to answer any questions. Cllr Jarvis said that this offer should be accepted, this was agreed.</p>		
4.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that the money had been approved to provide parking bays in King's Avenue.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Dirveiks reported that she had received phone calls regarding parking on grass in Kings Avenue, Outwoods School and outside the Sandwich Factory. Cllr R Freer suggested that if the road outside the Sandwich factory was widened onto the grass verges, it would stop the damage and solve the problem. It was resolved to write to County Highways, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Pickard. Cllr Barker voted against, Cllr Shaw abstained.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis noted that damage to grass verges had been much worse this year.</p>		
5.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 20<sup>th</sup>. February 2013</b></p> <p>P137, item 9, E40, should read "proposed" parking</p> <p>P139, item 12, Clerks Report, should read Gypsy Lane "allotment" roadways.</p> <p>It was resolved that the amended minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
6.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 20<sup>th</sup>. February 2013.</b></p> <p>Cllr Jarvis said that he had attended the Dickens Night AGM, the accounts were still incomplete and were expected at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis asked about the snow warden scheme, Cllr Shaw said that he had not had any reply yet.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis asked if any letter of support had yet been sent to the Canal &amp; River Trust, this had been referred to a working group. Cllr Jarvis said that the CRT had been quite willing to allow CCTV cameras, on their land, but would not pay for anything.</p>		
7.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 20<sup>th</sup>. February 2013</b></p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p><b>P144 3/13</b></p>		

8.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 20<sup>th</sup>. February 2013</b> There were no matters arising.</p>		
9.	<p><b>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</b> A discussion took place regarding the two cheques for Airwaves Solutions, It was agreed to investigate further into what the payment covered, and to find if it applied at Rugby and who paid for it. It was resolved that cheques 106044 and 106128 (Airwaves), and cheques 106140 to 106153 be approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
10.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</b> 1/ Report from Internal Auditor, the clerk reported that the listed items had been amended and corrected. 5/ Stopping up order, South Street, Cllr Shaw asked that a letter be sent asking that the developers be obliged to re-instate the highway, in good order. This was agreed. E25/ Report from Cllr Barker, West Coast 250 E33/ Payment for membership WC250 (Cllr Barker) E34/ Cllr Pickard as above E38/ Cllr Barker as above A discussion took place regarding the above e-mails, Cllr Barker stated that he had never claimed any expenses for attending meetings, but had now decided to refund the cost of membership, and attend as in individual. He gave a cheque to the clerk. Cllrs R Freer and Pickard stated that they had only being trying to establish what benefits the people of Atherstone got from membership of this group. Cllr Barker gave a brief report regarding the West Coast line and how events could affect Atherstone Station and local services. Cllr L Freer thanked Cllr Barker for his report (E25) but objected to being told that she would not read it. Cllr M Davis stated that it was wrong to aggressively attack other Cllrs, sometimes in public, over issues that had already been approved at Council meetings. Cllr Barker withdrew his request for details of Cllrs expenses.  E43/ PC Carter times for viewing police CCTV, It was agreed to ask for an afternoon, after 12<sup>th</sup>. March.  E51/ Operation Footfall. It was agreed to send details of the scheme to the Market Superintendant to pass to the traders, who could apply for a grant.</p>		
11.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</b> List available in office.</p>		
12.	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>  a) Planning List – 7. P145 3/13</p>		

	<p><b>b) Consultations</b></p> <p>PAP/2013/0060, 3M UK Plc. Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone. Variation of conditions no:2 &amp; £ of planning permission PAP/2010/0609 relating to addition of rain screen over-cladding with black colour coated metal in respect of erection of new customer visitor centre and training facility building. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0598, Land at Lister Road, Atherstone Redevelopment of the site comprising of 24 dwellings, including affordable housing; along with local amenities, shops and associated works. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0582, New Dolphin Inn, 162 Long Street, Atherstone. Conversion to create two, one-bedroomed flats; one, two-bedroomed flat and one; two-bedroom duplex flat, amended plans. It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds of traffic safety issues concerned with the access and egress to the car parking area. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Singh, Cllr Jarvis abstained.</p> <p>PAP/2013/0038, 58 Erdington Road, Atherstone, CV9 2AL. Two storey rear extension, amended plans. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p><b>c) Decisions</b> None at time of compilation.</p> <p><b>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings</b> None at time of compilation</p> <p><b>e) Other</b> Letter from County Highways regarding PAP/2012/0598, Land at Lister Road – no objection with conditions. Letter from County Highways regarding PAP/2012/0582, New Dolphin Inn – objection Letter from NWBC giving notice of the presentation of PAP/2012/0598 to the Planning and Development Board.</p> <p><b>f) Licensing Matters</b> None at time of compilation.</p>		
13.	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p><b>Financial Report for February</b> The clerk presented a monthly report and bank reconciliation (information only). <b>P146 3/13</b></p>		

	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b> The clerk presented a request from a new tenant at Merevale to remove 2 trees from plot. This was agreed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the police were hoping to fit a temporary CCTV camera in St Mary's Road, in the near future.</p> <p><b>Representative's Reports</b> Cllr Jarvis reported that he had attended the recent AGM of the Dickens Night committee, and had stated earlier the current position, he then resigned as the Town Council representative. There were no other Cllrs willing to take over. A vote of thanks was made to Cllr Jarvis for his time as Chairman of the event, and as representative, proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>It was resolved to write to the Dickens Committee to inform them that the Town Council would not be sending a representative, but to ask them to keep the Town Council informed and to supply a copy of their accounts when completed. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer commented how good the floral displays were looking.</p>		
14.	<p><b>MARKET SQUARE</b> The clerk stated that a report had been received from Hinckley and Bosworth, to be circulated. Meeting date still to be arranged with market partners. Cllr Shaw asked that Hinckley looked into organising a Sunday market, for antiques etc.</p>		
	<p><b>PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL</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. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
15.	<p><b>ANNUAL DINNER</b> The Chair reported that he wished to have an after dinner speaker, at the cost of 2 tickets, and to have music after that. This was agreed.</p>		
16.	<p><b>LAND ADJOINING ATHERSTONE CEMETERY</b> e-mail from J Winward requesting decision on release of land for parking. (part of play area). It was resolved to reply that the Town Council supports the maintenance of green space, in the area, and had no plans to release any land. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis. Cllrs Barker, Pickard and Shaw abstained.</p> <p><b>P147 3/13</b></p>		

17.	<p><b>ARCADE SHOPS (letter from R Dobbs)</b></p> <p>The Chairman presented a document, signed by 9 Cllrs, requesting the rescission of a previous resolution, defining the offer as a cash amount with no conditions. It was resolved to accept the recommendation, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis. It was requested to have a named vote; for Cllrs L Freer, M Davis, G Davis, Peat, Pickard, R Freer, Singh, against Cllrs Jarvis, Shaw, Barker, abstained Cllr McElhone.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding possible conditions to the sale, it was resolved to reply to NWBC that the previous resolution had been rescinded and that the Town Council wished to re-open negotiations. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer. A named vote was requested: for Cllrs L Freer, M Davis, G Davis, Peat, Pickard, R Freer, Singh, against Cllrs Jarvis, Barker, abstained Cllrs Shaw, McElhone. Cllr Barker stated that he would write to the MP and Communities Secretary regarding any Cllr who voted for purchase, about possible misappropriation of funds.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Singh and the clerk could make the initial contact with NWBC.</p>		
	<b>The meeting closed at 9.29pm.</b>		

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

**List of cheques over £500**

Employees salaries 2 cheques	£2442.44
Pensions	£707.98
Mahirs Experience	£875.00