

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 9 th . January 2013 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: M Davis, G Davis, Shaw, Barker, Clews, Jarvis, Peat, Singh, L Freer, R Freer, Pickard. Borough Councillors: L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks. Public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley,
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Barnard, Macchi, McElhone County Cllr: Fox
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Singh
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES There were no apologies		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS FOR DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST It was resolved that Cllrs Jarvis and Barker be granted a dispensation to take part in discussions on Funding Requests. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Peat. Others to be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Clay stated that her recycling collection had been missed, she had complained to NWBC, who had arranged for hers to be picked up. This was noted by the Borough Cllrs. Cllr L Freer said that the collections were carried out by contractors and sometimes new drivers did not know all the routes. She told Mrs Clay to let her know in future. Cllr Shaw said that there had been a build up of items in the town centre due to the holiday break. Cllr Jarvis asked about the instances of bins being left out on pathways in Erdington Road. Borough Cllr L Dirveiks replied that the bins had been leafleted, warning residents. She stated that it was very difficult for the lorries to get round when collecting and that a fire engine had also recently had a problem. Cllr L Freer said that there were problems caused by parking in Kings Avenue. Cllr Shaw said there was money allocated at County for work in the new year. P123 1/13		

4.	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Cllr L Dirveiks said that she would like an answer on the use of the Arcade for an art exhibition, later in the year, as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis said that NWBC were holding an EGM next week over finance concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw said that he had made a complaint about a car left in Priors Gate, and it had now to be removed by 14th. January.</p> <p>He also stated that he had complained that road sweeping in North Street had only been carried on one side of the road.</p> <p>He stated that on 21st. January all the old peoples homes, in Warwickshire, were being transferred to a private company.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer said there would be a briefing at NWBC, and she would be present.</p>		
5.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19th. December 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 19th. December 2012.</p> <p>Page 117, item 9. It was resolved that the Town Council would assume the responsibility for cutting Breadacres, 4 times a year, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> <p>Page 119, It was agreed that pest control should be on the next agenda.</p>		
7.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 19th. December 2012</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.</p>		
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GPC MEETING OF 19th. December 2012</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		
9.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had managed to talk to Airwaves regarding the cheque held over from the meeting of 7th. November. The licence was for the use of the radio, on the police frequency, but the operation of the equipment was the decision of the police. The clerk was asked to find the notice period to end the licence, and to arrange talks with a technical representative of the police.</p> <p>The clerk presented a list of cheques 106106 to 106110, cheque 106110 amended down to £1047.60 (delivery cost had not been charged).</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the list and sign the cheques. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p>See Appendix 'A' for list of cheques issued, over £500</p> <p>P124 1/13</p>		

10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>5/ War Memorial Trust, authorisation of grant. This was noted, it was agreed not to pursue listing of the Memorial.</p> <p>6/ NWBC, annual meeting with parish councils, it was agreed that the clerk could attend.</p> <p>E22/ Capping of precepts. Confirmation that there would be no capping of Parish Council Precepts this coming year.</p> <p>E23/ Beeline grant. It was agreed that this sort of service was vital to the area, the Town Council would await developments.</p> <p>E28/ Ball Game, invite to safety meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Singh would attend the meeting. Cllr L Freer asked that the Ball Game be warned about potential damage to the town planters.</p>		
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</p> <p>List available in office.</p>		
12.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning List – 49, 50</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2012/0606, Brereton Place, 1 Witherley Road, Atherstone Works to 3 trees in a conservation area It was resolved that there was no objection, to this application, if outside the nesting season. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Singh.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0571, 115 Coleshill Road, Atherstone Single Storey rear extension. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application, if acceptable to the neighbours. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>PAP/2012/0559, 189 Long Street, Atherstone Conversion of part of property to 3 no: 1 bed apartments with two storey rear extensions, and retain front retail unit. It was resolved to object to this application, due to insufficient parking in the area. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Barker</p> <p>c) Decisions</p> <p>PAP/2012/0451, Ratcliffe Service Station, extension to existing takeaway – granted.</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings</p> <p>None at time of compilation</p> <p>e) Other</p> <p>None at time of compilation</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters</p> <p>None at time of compilation.</p>		
13.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Financial Report for December</p> <p>The clerk presented a monthly report and bank reconciliation (information only)</p> <p>P125 1/13</p>		

	<p>Clerk's Report The clerk reported that a company had been found to host e-mails who will accept payment by cheque. The cost will £119.8, instead of the previous quote of £162. It was resolved to accept this new quote. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Barker. The clerk reported that there had been damage caused at St Mary's Road, and the play area had been closed, Harvey Pointon had been asked to investigate prior to ordering new parts. The clerk was asked to contact R Beggs (NWBC) to ascertain costs for the supply of a temporary type camera.</p> <p>Representative's Reports Cllr Shaw reported that there would be a fund of £400k available, for market towns, he was investigating. He reported that he was working with the trustees of QE School, and would report back after legal discussions at County. Cllr Barker reported that he had written to the local Conservative Association Chairman, and the MP, regarding the West Coast Franchise and HS2. He would forward the letters to the clerk for circulation. Cllr M Davis thanked him for the work he was doing and asked him to report back.</p>		
14.	<p>MARKET SQUARE Cllr Pickard asked about the proposal for bollards, Cllr Shaw replied that this was going ahead but there would be none at the end of Derby Lane, by the butchers shop.</p>		
15.	<p>ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL DINNER It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to allow the Mayor to deal with only one caterer. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis. It was resolved to maintain last years costs of £25 per head including half bottle of wine, with 60 invited guests. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
16.	<p>ASHES SCATTERING AREA It was agreed that a visit to the site was necessary, to be arranged at the same time as the visit to the Old Allotment Gardens. (23rd. January 11.00am)</p>		
17.	<p>FUNDING REQUESTS Atherstone Rail Users Group, £500 It was agreed to write back that the Town Council wished to help, but they would like to know what benefits would come from the website, rather than being able to share a site such as the Town Councils.</p> <p>Atherstone Choral Society, £1100 It was resolved to reject the request as the Town Council could not support providing money to pay professional musicians. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p> <p>P126 1/13</p>		

	<p>Summer in Square, £1000 It was resolved to approve the request, the cheque to be raised when the accounts had been provided. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>Ball Game, £1000 It was resolved to approve the request. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
18.	<p>REVIEW CEMETERY CHARGES The clerk was asked to obtain comparative costs from neighbouring cemeteries and report back. Information also to be obtained to enable scattering costs to be established.</p>		
19.	<p>REVIEW ALLOTMENT CHARGES Referred to a future meeting.</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 Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
20.	<p>ARCADE SHOPS, RESPONSE TO OFFER ACCEPTANCE It was proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Barker to reply that the offer had been made, without prejudice, with no conditions, subject to contract. An amendment was proposed by Cllr R Freer and seconded by Cllr L Freer that the letter not be sent until after taking legal advice over the proposed conditions. A vote took place and the amendment was defeated by 5 votes to 4. A vote took place on the original proposal which was carried. There were 4 abstentions, Cllrs L Freer, R Freer, Jarvis and Clews.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>		

Appendix "A"

List of cheques above £500, 9th. January 2013

Chq no	Payee	Detail	Total
106107	Smithy Farm Shop	Plants and planting	£1,310.80
106108	Smithy Farm Shop	Watering	£1,360.00
106110	Servicom	Retail Radios, first quarter charge	£1,047.60

Signed.....Chairman of Atherstone Town Council

