

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 August 2009 7.00pm |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Town Councillors: Jarvis, Freer, G Davis, M Davis, Hopkins, Vickers, Clews, Shaw, Barker, County and Borough Councillors Fox and Pickard Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Reynolds |
| APOLOGIES | Councillors Macchi, Wright, Singh, Sweet, Chambers and Peat |
| CHAIRMAN | Cllr Jarvis |
| CLERK | Mrs Sally Oldham |

| Item | | Actions | Notes |
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| 1. | APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Shaw Seconded Cllr Clews | | |
| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when. | | |
| 3. | PUBLIC SESSION <u>Drainage:</u> Mrs Clay informed the meeting of problems with the drainage system at the rear of Somerfield and the area near the flats on Woolpack Way. Cllr Clews mentioned a similar problem with Westwood Road. Any areas were to be emailed to the clerk who would pass on to WCC. <u>Witherley Rd speed humps:</u> Mrs Clay also said that a petition was going to be available at many shops in the Town regarding the Witherley Rd speed humps. Cllr Fox reported that as the budget was spent for this year a new consultation costing @ £5,000 was required and this would need Area Committee approval in September. She handed in a copy of a letter which was coming from County to local residents and urged as many people as possible to write to her with their comments. Cllr Fox discussed various options but stressed the importance of consultation feedback. Cllr Freer said that petitions were of no use. Cllr Jarvis reported that the Chamber of Trade had set up the petition as it is felt trade into the town is being affected. He urged all Councillors to pass around copies of the letter as it was not just residents who were affected. Cllr Clews commented that since tax payers had paid for the work then all were entitled to complain or pass comment. She added that it should be looked at in an independent way and she was concerned that the recent article in the paper had not mentioned Atherstone Town Council. A discussion followed about MP Mike O'Brien's involvement. Cllr Fox agreed to contact the Chamber of Trade and see if they could work together on the feedback to assist with the consultation process. | | |

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| 4. | <p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p><u>Cllr Pickard:</u> responded about the email concerning enforcement notices sent about the use of plastic windows within the conservation area. He felt that the matter should be considered in the light of the current economic environment.</p> <p><u>Cllr Fox:</u> requested that if there were specific questions sent to her in advance of the meetings she would endeavour to provide a response. If there were specific major items the Chairman asked her to provide a written report in advance if possible.</p> <p><u>Cllr Shaw:</u> asked for feedback from the Town Council for ideas about the next spend due 2010/11. Discussions were to start in November 2009 and he would welcome comment. Cllr Hopkins raised the question of spending towards a traffic warden for the Town but it was pointed out that this authority still rests with the police.</p> | | |
| 5 | <p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 1st. JULY 2009</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record subject to the three alterations raised by Cllr Freer.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Freer seconded Cllr Vickers</p> <p>The amendments were duly recorded on the signing copy.</p> | | |
| 6. | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 1st JULY 2009.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Cllr Pickard left the meeting.</p> | | |
| 7. | <p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque numbers: 104971 and 10464</p> <p>It was resolved to sign the cheques as listed</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr Freer</p> <p>Cllr Fox left the meeting at 7.40pm</p> | | |
| 8 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Item 5: Taverner's Lane query. It was agreed that the correspondent should be directed to NWBC Streetscape Department.</p> <p>Item 8: Mayoral invitation to Charity Golf day. The Mayor was to decline this invitation.</p> <p>Item 17: Emergency Plan Update – it was agreed that the clerks would complete this document on behalf of the council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P34 08/09</p> | | |

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| | <p>Item 19: It was agreed to request copies of all three title registers and plans.</p> <p>Item 20: Barry Beeson Memorial Bench request. It was resolved to ask NWBC on behalf of the family regarding the possible location and style of bench for the Market Square. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr G Davis</p> <p>Item 22: Atherstone Motor Show request for Grant: It was resolved to forward the precepted amount of grant. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Barker</p> <p>Item E29: It was agreed that the clerk should write and state that it was an agreed policy to leave the play area unlocked at present.</p> <p>Item E30: OSCA request for funding. It was resolved to reply that the Town Council would be minded to consider donating towards a production in future rather than to the structure of the building. Proposed Cllr Shaw seconded Cllr Clews</p> | | |
| 9 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED Filed in office</p> | | |
| 10. | <p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>b) Financial Report</u> It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation for June 2009. proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Barker The quarterly VAT submission was issued and noted.</p> <p><u>c) Clerk's Report</u> The clerk reported that Beeline were to hold a 25th Anniversary celebration on 12th August.</p> <p><u>d) Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr Freer reported that she had requested the BOB bus should include the promotion of educational attainment. Cllr G Davis reported that the bus was to be at Mancetter on 15th August and Cllr Hopkins offered his help.</p> | | |
| 11. | <p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p><u>a) New applications</u></p> <p>Merevale Plots: 55B: Amy Milligan (plus a shed) 54B: Mrs Stretton (plus a shed and hens) 55A: Mary Moffat (plus a shed and hens) 12B: Martin Bliss (plus hens)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P35 08/09</p> | | |

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| | <p>54A: Mrs Cooke (plus a shed) 24B: Mrs Spragg (plus a shed and a greenhouse) 12A: Eddie Shirley</p> <p>Gypsy Lane Plots: 3C: Mrs Deeming</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the above applications and to give authority to the clerks in future to approve routine applications and report back accordingly. Proposed Cllr Clews seconded Cllr Freer</p> <p>Cllr Clews reported that she had attended the allotments with the clerk on Saturday 1st August to assist with new applicants. She thanked the clerk for all her work so far and noted the improvements generally to the allotments. Cllr Clews also reported that the work carried out so far by Mr Richards was very good.</p> <p>b) <u>Arrangements for prize giving.</u> It was agreed to invite the prize winners to the next full council meeting in September for a presentation. It was agreed to set the prize money for the Best New Plot the same as had previously been awarded for most innovative plot.</p> <p>c) NWBC noise nuisance update: The clerk reported that a call from NWBC had been received asking if there had been any further complaints about the cockerels. It was reported that the clerk’s office had not received any further complaints to date.</p> <p>d) <u>Locking Posts request for Merevale Allotments:</u> It was resolved to allow the locking posts to be installed subject to no cost being levied at the Town Council. The clerk was to approve the suitability and position of the locking posts (similar to those in use at the private Gypsy Lane allotments). A key would be required by the Town Council. Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr Hopkins</p> <p>e) Strimming at both allotment sites and cutting of the Canal Park The clerk presented a summary of the options available and reported that Probation were due on site on Monday 10th and Saturday 15th August. It was resolved to accept the clerk’s recommendations and to instruct Gorringe Landscapes to cut the Canal Park and Probation to carry out the strimming work. Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr Hopkins</p> | | |
| 12. | <p>MARKET SQUARE</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P36 08/09</p> | | |

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| 13. | <p>GYPSY LANE ALLOTMENT AND WASTELAND</p> <p>The clerk reported that the contract was with the solicitor and that the grant of probate was still awaited. It was agreed that the clerk would draft out the exclusions to be incorporated into the claw back clause of the contract and it would be finalised at the next meeting.</p> | | |
| 14. | <p>ACCOMMODATION</p> <p>Cllr Hopkins asked about the possibility of the old Works nightclub building. It was noted that the Town Council had previously considered the building.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</p> | | |

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.