

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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| DOCUMENT | MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING |
| VENUE | Town Council Chamber, North Street |
| DATE AND TIME | Wednesday 7 th . April 2010 start 7.02pm |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Town Councillors: Jarvis, Vickers, Chambers, Wright, Peat, M Davis, G Davis, Hopkins, Clews, Shaw, L Freer, R Freer, Borough Councillors D Pickard County Councillor C Fox. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Reynolds, |
| APOLOGIES | Town Cllrs. Macchi. Borough Cllrs L&N Dirveiks. |
| CHAIRMAN | Cllr Jarvis |
| CLERK | Mr G Day |

| Item | | Actions | Notes |
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| 1. | APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer. | | |
| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when. | | |
| 3. | PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Clay stated that there had been a problem in Long Street, near to the Church Street junction, when a lorry had been unable to pass due to parked cars. Cllr Vickers noted that the carpet shop in Church Street was displaying carpets outside the shop and obstructing the footpath. Cllr Wright stated that the shop had already received a warning NWBC. Cllr Shaw stated that the local MP had distributed a letter regarding anti-social behaviour and CCTV. Cllr L Freer noted that the letter had also been distributed in Mancetter and incorrectly indicated that NWBC owned the CCTV system. Cllr Jarvis asked why the issue of Witherley Road humps had been taken off the Area Committee. County Cllr Fox replied that it would be the subject of an extra meeting on 11 th . May when the results of the consultation would be issued. Mr Reynolds asked when potholes in footpaths in Atherstone would be repaired, as some had been done in Grendon and Mancetter. Borough Cllr Pickard said that he had reported potholes and they had been repaired quite quickly, but the priority was main roads. Cllr Vickers noted that he had reported a bad one in Coleshill Road which had not been repaired yet. | | |
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| <p>4.</p> | <p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Borough Cllr Pickard reported that a resident near to the Angel Inn had told him that the recent event had not caused as much nuisance as previous ones. He also stated that he had contacted Glen Belcher, of the local police, who said that he had not been involved in any future operational discussions to date.</p> <p>County Cllr Fox noted that Temporary Event Notices, such as at the Angel, could only be objected to by the police on grounds of crime and disorder, but that people were usually reluctant to report their concerns to the police. She also reported that the consultation deadline (for Police Station/Magistrates Court) had been extended to 7th. May. She also presented an e-mail received from Steve Maxey (NWBC) regarding conditions for the development. There was due to be a meeting at NWBC on the 19th. April to discuss police requirements, which would be presented to the full NWBC meeting on 12th. May. (copy of e-mail to be circulated).</p> <p>Cllr L Freer asked if parking had been taken into consideration and would NWBC have to pay the costs for accommodating the police. County Cllr Fox answered that as yet Glen Belcher and Roger Fildes did not know any operational details, she added that previously all parties had agreed to share costs. She asked that any questions regarding the move should be given to her or to Cllr Shaw before the 19th. April meeting.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Pickard noted that the details of the move were very unclear, especially as the local police had not been involved, and he could not see how they could be fitted into the current NWBC accommodation.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer proposed that a letter be sent to Steve Maxey asking about policy on housing densities, and whether the grassed area at the front of the police station had been left out to achieve the area quoted of 0.5 hectares or less, this was seconded by Cllr L Freer, Cllr Shaw abstained.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw stated that in the south of the county trials were in place where PCSOs were situated in places like the one-stop-shop. He also reported that the Chief Fire Officer was initiating a scheme for Junior Fire Fighters for young people to get involved, and he would push for it to start in Atherstone.</p> | | |
| <p>5</p> | <p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 3rd. March 2010</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> | | |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 3rd. March 2010.</p> <p>Page 138, item 6, extra well found and filled in.</p> <p>Page 138, item 7, cheque 105196 now released.</p> <p>Page 139, item 7, letter sent regarding cemetery water connection.</p> <p>Page 139. item 8, reply received for pathway permits for shops, to Contracts meeting.</p> <p>Page 139, item 8, link to Leek Wootton, waiting for extra equipment cost for Police.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P153 04/10</p> | | |

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| | <p>Page 140, item 14, it was reported that the towpath repairs were being carried out in a very shoddy manner. It was resolved to write to Jo Gordon and ask for a copy of the specification, and to find who was managing the project. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> | | |
| 7. | <p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE The list of cheques was presented, numbers 105198 to 105200 for ratification, the clerk reported that cheque 105200 was a replacement for 105181 which was lost in the post and had been cancelled. Cheques 105201 to 105227 were listed for approval plus additional cheques 105228, to Regent Digital (£21.74) and 105229 to Royal Mail (£62.85 replacement for cheque 105190 which had also been lost in the post). It was resolved that the above be approved and cheques signed, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> | | |
| 8 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Items 1,2 and 4 Christmas lights, referred to working group. It was resolved to write to Merlin Lighting to ask whether they would cover any repair to the Red Lion brickwork and the support cable, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright. 8. Funding request from Trinity Church, 25th. anniversary. It was resolved to give a donation of £100. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr L Freer. 9. Funding request from Atherstone Funday. It was resolved to give a donation of £100. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr R Freer. It was agreed to send a copy of E28. funding for registered charities to both applicants. E8. Bee boxes, clerk to get photos and details prior to arranging a meeting. E12. Play area evaluation, Cllr L Freer declared an interest. It was agreed that Cllr Vickers would complete the evaluation. E33. Invite to Mayor, Atherstone Carnival, held over for next Mayor. E44. Market, clerk to ask for draft management agreement. E53. Coleshill Road, traffic reversing into Coleshill Street. It was resolved to forward it to Roger Fildes. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> | | |
| 9 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED Filed in office</p> | | |
| 10. | <p>REPORTS Financial Report The clerk presented a budget report and a bank reconciliation for March 2010. It was resolved to accept these reports, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers. The clerk presented a budget report and a bank reconciliation for the year 2010/11. It was resolved to accept these reports, proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr Wright. Cllr R Freer abstained. The clerk reported that cheque 104535 (£190.00) from August 2008 had never been presented. It was resolved to write off this cheque, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr L Freer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P154 04/10</p> | | |

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| | <p><u>Clerk's Report</u></p> <p>The clerk reported that Mr Webster had made a verbal complaint that someone in the Council had stated that he was 'farming' rabbits. It was agreed that he would need to write to the Council for this to be considered.</p> <p>It was reported that one of the plot holders had been bitten by an adder at Merevale, and needed hospital treatment.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the CCTV camera move, at Sheepy Road needed planning permission and was being arranged by NWBC.</p> <p>It was reported that the Family History Society would have a meeting with the Cemetery Group, clerk to arrange date.</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr M Davis reported that he had attended the North Warks Area Committee of Parish Councils and had viewed a business centre set up at Coleshill Town Hall with Coventry University.</p> <p>He also reported that at County Committee it was stated that parking in this area may be made a civil offence in 2012. (North Warwickshire)</p> | | |
| 11. | <p>DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>It was resolved that the meetings would be held on the 5th. May 2010, with the Parish meeting starting at 6.30pm and the Council meeting starting not before 7.00pm. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> | | |
| 12. | <p>CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2010/11</p> <p>The clerk to produce a draft of meetings, in the same format, for approval in Policy on 21st. April meeting. NWBC and associated meetings to be avoided.</p> | | |
| 13. | <p>POLICE STATION / MAGISTRATES COURT, UPDATE</p> <p>Already discussed in County and Borough Cllrs Reports.</p> | | |
| 14. | <p>MARKET SQUARE UPDATE</p> <p>Received from Richard Dobbs stating he would be reporting to NWBC meeting at the end of May.</p> <p>The clerk reported that was contacting the County Highways to ask details of old road closures around the square.</p> | | |
| 16. | <p>It was resolved to discuss item 16 before item 15, proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr Clews, Cllr R Freer abstained.</p> <p>UPDATE FROM STRATEGY WORKING GROUP</p> <p>A report from the working group of January 13th. was discussed with the 3 main areas being, Sheepy Road waste ground, Market Square and Canal and Tourism. The Mission Statement to be ratified. These items to be put on the agenda for a future Policy meeting.</p> | | |
| 15. | <p>UPDATE FROM FUNDING WORKING GROUP</p> <p>The report from the working group was discussed, it was agreed that Cllr G Davis should contact Rod Parker for advice on contacts. It was agreed that funding should reflect the priorities set by the Strategy policy.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw noted that the County were looking into lighting needs around the canal area.</p> | | |

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| | Cllr L Freer asked that prior to any work done to the Sheepy Road Land that the old well positions be marked and a map drawn up. Cllr Wright said he would mark the wells. | | |
| 17. | REPRESENTATIVE TO CARNIVAL COMMITTEE It was resolved that Cllr Jarvis be appointed as Town Council representative to the Carnival, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis. | | |
| | The meeting closed at 9.25pm. | | |

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.