

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 2 nd . December 2009 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Jarvis, G Davis, M Davis, Wright, Peat, Hopkins, Vickers, Shaw, Chambers, Clews, Macchi, Freer. County and Borough Councillors Fox, Pickard, N Dirveiks, L Dirveiks, Press Mr G Wilding Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Reynolds.
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs Sweet, Barker, Singh.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Clews.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Wrigley stated how much they had enjoyed the Dicken's Night. Cllr Vickers enquired about the town sign, clerk to send information to County Highways. Cllr Hopkins reported that he recently had to cancel a rail ticket and was charged £10 admin on a £24 ticket. Cllr Shaw noted that an automatic ticket machine for the station was in hand at County. Cllr Jarvis stated that many drains in the area were blocked, Cllr Shaw noted that that the County programme was running late and that North Street and St Mary's Road would be priority due to some flooding recently. Mrs Clay stated the need for a CCTV camera around Welcome Street as the Police had been called to the area again. Cllr Jarvis urged that any trouble should be reported to the Police so it was recorded. Cllr Vickers asked how well the town had been cleaned after Dicken's Night, Cllr Jarvis noted that it was very clean on Sunday morning. Mr Wilding asked when the next meeting of the Dicken's Night committee would be held, Cllr Jarvis replied the AGM was due in January. Cllr Wright reported that he had spoken to the people from 2 canal boats who had come for Dicken's Night and had enjoyed the night, but commented that when visiting the "Clock" public house it seemed to be full of underage drinkers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P95 12/09</p>		

	<p>Cllr Wright reported a warning from the local Police that there were 2 women posing as carers, with false identity and 2 men posing as gasmen, again with false identity, operating in the area. Cllr Clews stated that in the Baddesley area someone similar had called at a property then forced their way in.</p> <p>Cllr Freer repeated her warning of teams of pickpockets operating in the area and noted that the posters for the Witherley Road consultation had not been taken down.</p> <p>Cllr Clews reported that the Police will come out after a burglary and carry out a security check and £60 was available for security equipment.</p>		
4.	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Report received from Borough Cllrs L & N Dirveiks, it was noted with pleasure that planning permission had been refused for the demolition of the station bridge.</p> <p>County Cllr Shaw noted that anti-social behaviour was occurring in some public houses and that Borough Cllrs should be looking into this and talking to the Police. Borough Cllr Pickard stated that specific complaints were needed, but he would talk to the Licensing Department. He also stated that he was available at any time if required.</p> <p>County Cllr Shaw noted that the Heritage Advantage Scheme was coming to an end but some property owners had not been approached. A discussion took place regarding the operation of the scheme, it was stated that Long Street had been chosen by the officers, with the involvement of the Heritage officer, and that some owners had not replied even though they had been asked several times.</p> <p>County Cllr Fox stated that the Witherley Road consultation had been well attended and was still open for receipt of questionnaires.</p> <p>County Cllr Shaw reported that he had toured the area with County officers recently and that lighting upgrades and traffic schemes for Coleshill Road were being looked at.</p>		
5	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 4th. November 2009</p> <p>Cllr Hopkins stated that on P82 he had been noted as speaking while he was not at the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes be amended, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Freer.</p> <p>It was resolved that when amended the minutes be accepted, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 4th. November 2009.</p> <p>P80. Cllr Chambers asked if anything had arisen from St Mary's Road, Cllr Wright reported that PCSO Sarah Mander was patrolling the area but nothing had been seen yet.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>It was resolved that cheques 105080-1-2 (for ratification) and cheques 105083-105117 be accepted and signed, but that 105104 be kept by the clerk until the Christmas lights had been taken down and stored.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>Cllrs G Davis, M Davis and Jarvis declared an interest in cheque 105106 (Jubilee Fireworks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P96 12/09</p>		

8	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>2/ Toye Kenning & Spencer. Cllr Shaw noted that the Deputy Mayor did not have a chain of office for use on civic occasions, it was resolved to get a price for a chain and to put on a future Policy agenda. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>4/ Pinders Circus. Clerk to contact circus to obtain more details such as area required, area for accommodation.</p> <p>5/ Information from Land Registry regarding entrance to Jacklin's allotments. Information to be circulated and put on future Policy agenda.</p> <p>6/ Land Registry documents received for Sheepy Road and Gypsy Lane allotments.</p> <p>8/ Complaint from Mr Barnes regarding abuse from bungalows on the opposite side of the stream to his allotment at Merevale. It was resolved to bring it to the attention of the Police, NWBC to be advised. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>9/ Annual meeting NWBC and Parish Councils, Cllrs G Davis and Wright to attend. It was resolved that they would have authority to speak for the Town Council. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Peat.</p> <p>E3/ Repair to Grendon Re-cycling Centre. It was resolved to reply and ask why public money was to be wasted as the centre is due to be moved. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>E10/ Parish and Town Councils focus group, item noted no-one to attend.</p> <p>E25/ War Memorials. Notice to be compiled for Memorial Group regarding penalties for vandalism. Clerk to check if memorial is insured.</p>		
9	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</p> <p>Filed in office</p>		
10.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>Financial Report</u></p> <p>The clerk presented a budget report and a bank reconciliation for November 2009. It was resolved to accept the reports. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Hopkins.</p> <p><u>Clerk's Report</u></p> <p>The clerk gave an update on the Christmas lights, which were still not working satisfactorily.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to get a quotation for the overhaul of the Church uplighters from a local electrician.</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr Peat reported that Gramer Cottages were now full.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that he now sat on 2 Trusteeships in the town.</p> <p>Cllr Vickers reported that a plaque for the late Cllr Barry Beeson would be erected the next day, on the towpath, near the tree of life.</p>		
11.	<p>NABMA, STRUGGLING MARKETS</p> <p>No reply received to date.</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 (namely the details of the terms of contracts for the supply of goods and services), 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.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
<p>12.</p>	<p>CCTV</p> <p>Quotes received for St Mary's Road, NWBC depot, ADSL line to Leek Wootton.</p> <p>Copy of draft partnership renewal agreement received and circulated.</p> <p>It was agreed to convene a working group meeting for 11.00am on Monday 7th. December and refer these document to that meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved to write to Leek Wootton and ask their opinion regarding the installation of the ADSL line. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>It was resolved to send a card to Ann Barker. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.24pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.