

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 December 2009 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Vickers, Chambers, Clews, Wright, Shaw, Singh (arrived 7.30pm), M Davis, G Davis, Jarvis. In attendance: Borough Cllr Pickard (left at 7.40pm) Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley,
APOLOGIES	Councillor Barker, Freer, Hopkins, Macchi, Peat
CHAIR	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mrs Sally Oldham

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Clews, Seconded Cllr Wright		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION There was a brief discussion about the use of police time on speed camera duty. It was reported that there was a damaged grit bin and bench at the junction with Arden Avenue. The clerk had it already noted for later in the meeting. It was resolved to move agenda item 7 (f) Licensing forward for discussion at this point in the meeting. Proposed Cllr Vickers seconded Cllr Wright		
7.	f) Licensing Matters i) The weekly NWBC list was reported to the meeting along with an explanatory email from the licensing department. ii) An email from NWBC licensing department (ref: Barbarellas) was noted. iii) An email from Borough Councillor Pickard regarding licensing matters in the town was discussed. It was resolved to write to the licensing department raising the point that Barbarellas was operating outside the licensed hours and that there were reports of underage drinking at the "Clock". The letter was to be copied to the Chief Constable of police requesting comments on his proposed actions. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Chambers		

4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 11th November 2009 It was resolved to accept the minutes. Proposed Cllr G Davis Seconded Cllr M Davis</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 11th November 2009 P85 11/09 - The clerk reported that pathway had been removed from between the cemetery plots as requested. P89 11/09 – The clerk reported that play area reports for Royal Meadow Drive were still in the process of being set up.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Item 4: Cllr M Davis reported that following his attendance at the recent NW Area Committee meeting he had been asked to stand on the County Committee. It was resolved that Cllr M Davis would be an additional representative on the Area Committee (thus allowing him to take up a position on the County Committee). Proposed Cllr Vickers seconded Cllr Singh</p>		
7.	<p>PLANNING MATTERS a) Planning Lists – 46</p> <p>1) PAP/2007/0099 Land at rear of 67-73 Station St Erection of three dwellings with car parking Application for a minor amendment to Planning Approval Out of Time</p> <p>2) PAP/2009/0253 Lloyds Chemist, 97 Long St Listed building consent for installation of fascia sign and applied vinyl and</p> <p>3) PAP/2009/0254 Lloyds Chemist, 97 Long St Display of signage It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr G Davis seconded Cllr M Davis</p> <p>4) PAP/2009/0291 36 Long St, Atherstone Improvements to shop front, windows and roof. Redecoration of the walls, replacement of windows and roof with materials suitable for the Conservation Area. Application for a minor amendment to Planning Approval Out of time</p> <p>5) PAP/2009/0448 54 Westwood Crescent Reconsultation – Construction of a garage with non habitable storage Above Out of time</p> <p>6) PAP/2009/0516 46 Witherley Rd Reconsultation - Extension to rear for kitchen and dining room of 19.23sq M2. Front porch of 6 sq M. Out of time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P100 12/09</p>		

	<p>7) PAP/2009/0524 3 Vicarage Close, Atherstone Crown reduction to a cedar tree which is preserved by a tree preservation order. It was resolved that there was no objection to this application as long as it is carried out by a qualified tree surgeon at correct time of year. Proposed Cllr Clews seconded Cllr G Davis</p> <p>8) PAP/2009/0531 12 Oakfield Gdns Works to trees protected by a tree preservation order It was resolved that the advice of the County Arborist should be sought in addition to requesting that the applicant provided a copy of their own tree surgeon's report. Proposed Cllr Clews seconded Cllr Wright</p> <p>9) PAP/2009/0537 Kwik Fit Free standing non illuminated board It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that it is intrusive within a residential area.</p> <p>10) PAP/2009/0547 41 Holte Rd Single storey rear extension and two velux windows It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. Proposed Cllr G Davis seconded Cllr Singh</p> <p>c) Decisions</p> <p>REFERENCE No: PAP/2009/0434 – 58 South St, Atherstone Refused Single storey side extension with four dormers in the roof space.</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings None at time of compilation</p> <p>e) Other None at time of compilation</p> <p>f) Licensing Matters - see earlier in the minutes P 12/09.</p>		
8	<p>CLERK'S REPORT</p> <p><u>Grit Bin</u> The clerk had received a report of a broken grit bin at the junction of Arden Avenue and a damaged bench next to it. It was resolved to replace the damaged grit bin with another green one and to report the damaged bench to NWBC on health and safety grounds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P101 12/09</p>		

<p>11</p>	<p>CONTRACT MATTERS</p> <p>a) <u>Play areas – monthly inspection reports.</u> Playground Inspection Reports dated 16/11/09 were circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8.20pm in order for the clerk to take a phone call from the Christmas light contractors. The meeting re-started at 8.25pm.</p> <p>It was reported that the welding a Westwood Rd was in hand and that the missing cap on the bridge game at St Mary’s Rd was being replaced free of charge by HAGS.</p> <p>An emergency glass and litter pick had been ordered by the clerk following a report of broken glass inside the tunnel at St Mary’s Rd.</p> <p>b) <u>Current Shooting permits and request to renew expired permit</u></p> <p>The clerk reported that Mr Webster had asked permission to go on the newly acquired ground if his license is renewed but the clerk recommended that no-one be allowed on to the ground shooting until the wells are identified and made safe. This was agreed.</p> <p>It was resolved not to renew the expired shooting permit for any area at all. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Vickers Cllrs Shaw and Wright abstained.</p> <p>It was resolved to allow the existing shooters (whose permits had not expired) to continue shooting at the cemetery and Gypsy Lane allotments <u>only</u> and to ask for feedback on the numbers of rabbits found. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr G Davis</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>namely the details of the terms of contracts for the supply of goods and 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>		
<p>12.</p>	<p>QUOTATIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>a) Play Areas – litter picking quotations It was resolved to raise an order each week with NWBC for the litter picking at the play areas. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr G Davis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P103 12/09</p>		

	<p>b) Land adjacent to Sheepy Rd Cemetery: fencing, clearance and erection of signage. Quotations from three companies were considered but concerns were raised about the different quantities of fencing.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr M Davis and Cllr Jarvis would do a site visit and draw up a specification of the works required and new quotes would be requested. Proposed Cllr G Davis seconded Cllr Wright</p> <p>c) Land adjacent to Sheepy Rd Cemetery: signage quotations It was resolved to accept the quotation from A5 Signs and the wording as presented following legal advice. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Shaw</p> <p>Cllr Shaw left the meeting at 8.55pm</p>		
13	<p>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – update from the clerk and any recommended actions. The clerk reported that following the telephone call earlier it had been confirmed that the contractors were on site and were rectifying the outstanding issues. A de-brief session would take place in the New Year with the contractors. It was agreed that in the meantime the clerk would pass on the council's concerns about the reliability of the work being carried out.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.10pm</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.