

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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| DOCUMENT | MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING |
| VENUE | Town Council Chamber, North Street |
| DATE AND TIME | Wednesday 3 rd . February 2010 start 7.05pm |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Town Councillors: Chambers, Vickers, Jarvis, Wright, Clews, Hopkins, Shaw, Macchi. Borough Councillors D Pickard, N Dirveiks. County Councillor C Fox. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Reynolds. |
| APOLOGIES | Town Cllrs. Peat, G Davis, M Davis, Freer, Barker, Singh. Borough Cllr L 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 Wright, seconded Cllr Clews. | | |
| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when. | | |
| 3. | PUBLIC SESSION Borough Cllr Pickard stated that NWBC had been contacted by the Atherstone Herald regarding anti-social behaviour at St Mary's Road. A discussion took place with the following points raised. Area Forum East had voted to move a Police CCTV to St Mary's Road, Sgt Fildes had stated the camera could move if needed. People must report incidents to the Police. Cllr Jarvis stated that Town Councillors had been involved with residents and the Police at 2 meetings. Borough Cllr Pickard noted that this was a general issue and not just specific to the Town Council. County Cllr Fox said that Police would be reporting back to the next Forum. Cllr Shaw stated that the Town Council was looking in to the costs of extending the town CCTV system. Cllr Shaw noted that fly posting was happening again in the town, and that posters were no longer allowed on lampposts, even election posters. Borough Cllr Dirveiks stated that the Police were now taking action on licensing matters, County Cllr Fox stated that in future Borough Cllrs would be asked before the joint Police/NWBC liaison meeting for any incidents, Town Cllrs should report any matters to the Borough Cllrs. This to be clarified at the next Forum. Cllr Jarvis noted that grit bins were not yet being filled, County Cllr Fox answered to ask County Highways for their timing list. Cllr Hopkins noted that with the initiative to stop under-age drinking, there was nothing in the town for these youngsters to do. | | |

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| 4. | <p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Cllr L Dirveiks had sent a request for suggestions for places to hang art during Warks Art Week in July. Cllr Clews suggested NWBC, who had empty shops, such as the Arcade. Cllr Jarvis suggested asking the Chamber of Trade.</p> <p>County Cllr Fox stated that the budget document, which included Witherley Road traffic issues, circulated by Cllr Shaw, was still under consultation and was not the final issue.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw noted that he distributed the document as he would take direction from Town Cllrs for projects in his area.</p> <p>Cllr Vickers stated that he had seen worse humps than Witherley Road, but at Coleshill Road nothing yet had been done.</p> <p>Cllr Macchi stated other areas such as Sheepy Road also required traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Pickard noted that a resident of Lister Road/St Georges Road area had been told by a bus driver that the service was being discontinued due to withdrawal of support from the County. He had checked with County and there was no evidence of this, Cllr Shaw stated that it could be funded by Leicester County Council, not Warwickshire.</p> | | |
| 5 | <p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 6th. January 2010</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Hopkins.</p> | | |
| 6. | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 6th. January 2010.</p> <p>P110 1/10, Item 6, E3, it was reported that Grendon tip was not now doing repairs.</p> <p>P110 1/10, E33, now out of time.</p> | | |
| 7. | <p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>The clerk reported that the 2 cheques 105159 and 105160 had been raised with the numbers transposed to the list. Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque number 105154.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept cheques 105145 to 105169 as amended. Proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> | | |
| 8 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>3. Letter regarding renewal of shooting permit. Cllr Hopkins asked the reasons given for non renewal. It was resolved to check the letter sent and meeting minutes and refer to contracts meeting, where a further letter had been received from Mr Webster Junior. Proposed Cllr Hopkins, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>11. On the agenda in P & C.</p> <p>E3. The clerk reported that neither the County or the Borough Council accepted responsibility for the finger signs.</p> <p>E4. It was resolved to add the newly purchased land at Sheepy Road to the annual tree inspection. Cllr Wright to investigate the amount of wells on the land. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P124 02/10</p> | | |

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| | <p>E5. Confirmation from NWBC that they would invoice monthly for litter picking at the play areas.</p> <p>E10. It was agreed to give permission for a sign on the Westwood Road fence, British Waterways responsible for the bridge and towpath. No utility plans available.</p> <p>E15. Arden Trail website, ATC website address to be forwarded.</p> <p>E20. Draft County budget, to be put on agenda for Policy meeting.</p> <p>E24. NWBC, finger signs. Clerk to investigate who asked for planning permission.</p> <p>E33. It was resolved to buy a copy of Standing Orders for Local Councils and explanation booklet from WALC. Proposed Cllr Chambers, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</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 January 2010.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept these reports, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p><u>Clerk's Report</u></p> <p>The clerk reported that the Tamworth Herald had requested a comment from the Town Council regarding St Mary's Road play area. A discussion took place and points were noted for the clerk to produce a press release.</p> <p>NWBC had replied that the planters could not be moved to the Market Square. It was thought that they should not be moved any further, clerks to investigate if they could be covered.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he would produce a specification for grounds maintenance for 2010/11 ready to obtain quotations.</p> <p>The clerk stated that the notice for election had been put in the noticeboard.</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr Vickers reported that the notice for the Arden Trail meeting had been sent out very late.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that Skillsmart were in the town carrying out a retail audit.</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 employees, salary of clerks, and 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.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>P125 02/10</p> | | |

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| 11. | BUDGET FOR 2010/2011 The clerk was asked to check the document and bring to a future meeting for final approval. | | |
| 12. | LETTER OF COMPLAINT (item 11 from correspondence) It was resolved to write back to acknowledge the letter and to explain that quotes were listed and decisions made regarding 'value' 'fit for purpose' 'timing'. The Council had procedures in place for dealing with these matters. Proposed Cllr Macchi, seconded Cllr Chambers. It was resolved to ask WALC for information on dealing with P & C items. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Chambers. | | |
| | The meeting closed at 9.03pm. | | |

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.