

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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| DOCUMENT | MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING |
| VENUE | Town Council Chamber, North Street |
| DATE AND TIME | Wednesday 5th. January 2011 start 7.00pm |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Town Councillors: Cllrs G Davis, Vickers, Jarvis, R Freer, Shaw, Barker, Chambers. Borough Councillors: D Pickard Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mrs J Macrow |
| APOLOGIES | Town Cllrs. Macchi, Singh, Hopkins, L Freer, Wright, Clews, M Davis. County Cllr Fox, Borough Cllrs L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks. |
| CHAIRMAN | Cllr R Freer |
| 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 Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis | | |
| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when. | | |
| 3. | PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Macrow spoke on behalf of Atherstone Allotment Association to ask if they could carry out ferreting, to control the rabbits in their site, while the lease was being prepared and pest control arranged. It was noted that pest control was currently suspended on all Town Council sites, but that the Council had no objection to ploholders protecting their crops and suggested that the association purchased traps and used them in the interim. The clerk stated that the legal queries regarding the lease would soon be answered and a solicitor would be engaged to draw up the lease. Mrs Clay asked about a planning problem with the new sweet shop front, it was noted that the problem had been resolved with the Conservation Officer. Cllr Freer reported that near to Penny Hapenny Court the Ball Game sculpture had been hidden by a panel. It was agreed to find the management company for the court, find where it had been previously reported, and put on the agenda for the next meeting. | | |
| 4. | REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS A written report from Borough Cllr Pickard was circulated, this noted the situation of the Arcade, with the uncertainty over the future and with no maintenance being carried out. He felt that it was important to keep the matter in the public eye. It was agreed to send a letter to NWBC, to ask P122 1/11 | | |

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| | <p>why vacancies in the Arcade were not advertised, and if there could be short term leases for start-up businesses, or ones wishing to try out the area. It was felt that the uncertainty prevented businesses going in the Arcade and may result in them going to other towns.</p> <p>A written report was received from Borough Cllrs Dirveiks, mentioning the lack of gritting on car parks and footpaths in the town. This was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that some questions had arisen regarding the snow warden scheme, which was now under scrutiny.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw presented a letter from BEELINE Transport stating that County Council was proposing to withdraw funding, although he noted that this had not yet been decided. Cllr Barker stated that this was a very good service using volunteer drivers with their own vehicles, and was a very good, and cheaper, alternative to taxis. It was resolved to invite BEELINE to come and talk to the Council. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw asked whether the Charities Group were planning to sell off some land, Cllr Clews to be asked to investigate.</p> | | |
| 5 | <p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 16th. December 2010</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Vickers name appeared as in attendance and in apologies. P117.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer stated that he had said that in his opinion W Powell had been the first Mayor. P119 item 8.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes subject to the amendments, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> | | |
| 6. | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 16th. December 2010.</p> <p>P119 item 8, it was agreed to investigate the records regarding the first Mayor.</p> | | |
| 7. | <p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>The clerk reported that an error had been made with the cheques and that cheque numbers 105480 and 105481 had been transposed.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer declared an interest in cheque 105484.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the amended list and the cheques to be signed, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Jarvis.</p> | | |
| 8. | <p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>2) Warks County Council, public footpaths, it was resolved to send copies to Judy Vero, Civic Society. Proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>E14) Warks County Council, bus service 219, It was agreed to keep this information in hand.</p> <p>E22) Warks County Council, potential pedestrian crossing Witherley Road. No firm proposals to date, would be consultation for any scheme.</p> <p>E61) Snow Wardens, Cllr Jarvis reported that he had waited quite a long time for information from the County Council, having received it the advice included clearing snow and recruiting other members of the public to help. This raised issues of public liability cover and personal injury to the volunteers. These matters have been raised with County.</p> | | |

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| | <p>Cllr Shaw stated that in some areas Borough Councils cleared pathways, the meeting was adjourned for Borough Cllr Pickard to speak, he had raised the matter with NWBC Chief Executive, he was told the Borough had no budget to do this.</p> | | |
| 9. | <p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED Available in office.</p> | | |
| 10. | <p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists received</p> <p>b) Consultations PAP/2010/0172 Bridge House, Coleshill Road, Atherstone Amended plans for the design of plots 3,4 and 5. It was resolved that the original decision, of 15th. September 2010 should stand and that a section 106 agreement be requested for Highways Traffic Management. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>PAP/2010/0506 Mythe Bridge Farm, Ratcliffe Road, Atherstone It was resolved to restate the original decision, of 26th. May 2010, that there was no objection to this application, but to comment that the dwellings should be in keeping with a rural setting and note that this is within a flood zone. The Town Council asks that wayleave(s) should be introduced ,to protect any existing footpaths. The Town Council is also concerned over safety issues regarding traffic access, to and from the site, being so close to the river bridge. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>c)Decisions PAP/2010/0503 Granted PAP/2010/0523 Granted PAP/2010/0521 Not to be determined/Found to be permitted Development PAP/2010/0522 Not to be determined/Found to be permitted Development PAP/2010/0542 Granted PAP/2010/0553 No objection to works PAP/2010/0538 Granted PAP/2010/0465 Tree preservation order consent granted PAP/2010/0505 Granted</p> <p>d) Conservation Areas & Listed Buildings None</p> <p>e) Other Letter from Warks County Council regarding PAP/2010/0509, no objection but concerns over parking requirements. Letter from NWBC regarding PAP/2010/0601, height of mast, no planning reasons to object.</p> <p>f) Licensing None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P124 1/11</p> | | |

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| 11. | <p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>Financial Report</u> The clerk presented a Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation for December 2010, for information only.</p> <p><u>Clerk's Report</u> The clerk presented a consultation document from Warks County Council regarding proposed changes to their denominational transport policy, it was agreed that Cllr Shaw would look after this. The clerk reported that a complaint had been received regarding the condition of an adjoining grave after an interment in the extension, he had apologised on behalf of the Council and the contractor and explained that the memorial could not be washed down due to the freezing temperatures. The clerk reported that Wayne Gibbons of WCAVA was willing to meet the Council to help with funding applications. It was agreed to arrange a meeting.</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u> Cllr R Freer reported that he had attended an initial meeting at NWBC regarding anti-social behaviour at Tannery Close.</p> | | |
| 12. | <p>POLICE STATION / MAGISTRATES COURT, UPDATE An acknowledgement had been received from the Ministry of Justice to the FOI request. E1 from correspondence. The clerk presented a reply from Warks Police Authority to the FOI request. It was resolved to send a letter to ask why no recourse had been made to the local plan when the original sale advertisement was placed, and why there had been no consultation?. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Chambers. It was agreed that the latest and any future information should be circulated to the County and Borough Cllrs, and the Civic Society.</p> | | |
| 13. | <p>MARKET SQUARE UPDATE The clerk reported that no reply had been received yet from NWBC regarding quarterly meetings, however this was not due until early March.</p> | | |
| 14. | <p>EXERCISE WATERMARK, MEETING WITH ROBERT BEGGS A report from the earlier with Robert Beggs was presented. The likely scenario would be a fire in a disused factory and an evacuation of Richmond Road, Robert Beggs was asked to find if the Magistrates Court could be used for a rest area.</p> | | |
| 15. | <p>ALLOTMENT LEASE, REPLY FROM NALC The clerk presented the reply received from NALC regarding the Town Councils powers to lease land. It was resolved that the clerks should arrange a meeting with Garner Canning about the drawing up of a lease. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Barker.</p> | | |
| 16. | <p>NORTH WARWICKSHIRE TRANSPORT SEMINAR Cllr Shaw explained the discussion document for the meeting on 12th. January 2011, he asked that any areas for next year should be given to him by Cllrs, Cllr Barker noted that the pathway outside the Police Station was in need of repair</p> | | |

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| 17. | PEST CONTROL MATTERS The clerk noted that the current pest controllers had now presented their resignations, item E51 correspondence. It was agreed that no pest control would be arranged at any site until the lease at Atherstone Allotment Association was settled. | | |
| | The meeting closed at 8.38 pm. | | |
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Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.