

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 . March 2010 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: M Davis, G Davis, Clews, Jarvis, Vickers, Wright, Hopkins, Freer, Peat, Shaw, Borough Councillors D Pickard, N Dirveiks. County Councillor C Fox. Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Mr Reynolds, Mr Ball, Mr Webster, Mr Webster. Press: Mr Wilding
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs. Chambers, Barker, Singh, Macchi. Borough Cllr L Dirveiks.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr G Davis.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Mr Ball raised the subject of damage in the cemetery from rabbits and the shooting permits for both Mr Websters which had not been renewed, It was stated that both letters of appeal had been referred to the meeting due for the 24 th . March. Mr Webster Junior asked for copies of the minutes where this had been previously discussed, he was told to call at the Town Council offices where they were available from the clerk. Cllr Vickers reported that there was a large pothole in Coleshill Road, Cllr Shaw stated that it had already been reported to County. Cllr Vickers noted that the area outside the Wine Bar was very untidy due to cigarette ends. Mrs Clay stated that the Black Horse was due to re-open on 5 th . March, but the photos of servicemen were not on the walls and she had been told that someone from Heritage had asked about them. Borough Cllr Dirveiks stated that they had no knowledge of anyone asking. Mr Reynolds noted that the alleyway from Long Street to the Aldi was very dirty, Cllr M Davis stated that this was a private area but was cleaned sometimes by NWBC. Cllr Vickers stated that the Antiques Show at the Memorial Hall had been very good. Cllr Clews reported that Mr Harold Taft had been presented with a Community Hero Award at the House of Parliament.		

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4.	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>County Cllr Fox reported that Witherley Road was designated as an abnormal load route, due to a low footbridge on the A5, and that the present humps may not be acceptable. Various alternatives were being explored such as; different humps or speed cameras. Cllr Fox said she would talk to QE school regarding the situation. Cllr Fox was thanked for her efforts regarding the problem.</p> <p>She also reported that the local budget of £50k for each County Cllr was being cut to £35.5k because of pothole repairs.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Pickard commented on the written report he had submitted. If anyone saw motor cycles being ridden on Royal Meadow Drive they could contact him and he would try to photograph it.</p> <p>Regarding the crèche at the Leisure Centre, this had been given a reprieve from closing but as much publicity as possible should be given to it as it needed to be supported. It was also noted that it was available to people visiting the town and not just to those using the Leisure Centre.</p> <p>County Cllr Shaw reported that priorities in his local budget were Coleshill Road traffic calming, lighting for Fishers Walk and the canal. It was resolved that the meeting be suspended to allow Mr Wilding to ask a question, proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Clews.</p> <p>Mr Wilding asked if the problems with Witherley Road humps would prejudice any further expansion, Cllr Fox replied no.</p> <p>The meeting resumed.</p>		
5	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 3rd. February 2010</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Vickers, seconded Cllr Hopkins.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 3rd. February 2010.</p> <p>P123 Flyposting, it was agreed to write to NWBC.</p> <p>P125 Fingersigns, still waiting for response from NWBC Planning.</p> <p>Item 8, E4, Cllr Hopkins asked about wells on the land. Cllr Wright stated that he had visited the land with Mr Gisbourne and identified the wells the remaining well had been filled in under Health & Safety procedures. Cllr Shaw thanked him for his efforts. It was agreed to ask the Probation Service to clear the rubbish from the land.</p> <p>Cllr Wright reported that he had not found a badger set. Cllr Freer asked if the Warks Wildlife Trust had agreed a visit date yet, the clerk replied that it was expected to be in the week commencing Monday 15th. March.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis noted that in the discussions regarding shooting permits earlier in the Public Session, Mr Webster had stated that there was another well, the clerk to ask Mr Webster to identify the position.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>The clerk presented the list of cheques as follows, 105170-1-2 for ratification, and cheques 105173 to 105197 for approval and signing.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque number 105193. It was agreed that cheque 105196 would be signed but retained until the work was fully complete in the cemetery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P138 03/10</p>		

	<p>It was resolved that the cheques were accepted as above, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to write to Severn-Trent to confirm the use of the new connection and meter to the cemetery and the disconnection of the old meter, which would now be the responsibility of the next door bungalow.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the BT phone bill, for the office often included a charge for late payment, this was due to the timing of the issue of the bill and the meeting approving the payment. It was decided to refer the subject of paying by direct debit to the next Contracts.</p>		
8	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>9. Request for funding, Atherstone Community Carnival. The clerk reported that an e-mail had also been received defining the amount at £500. It was resolved that the moving of the carnival into the town centre was a good idea and that the funding request be approved with this condition included. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Freer. Clerk to send a letter of intent.</p> <p>11. Street Café permits. Clerk to reply, clean up conditions should be included within the permit approval. Atherstone Town Council wish to be notified of approved permits. It was resolved that the limit of 9.00pm was acceptable, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>It was resolved to send a letter to query whether this will also apply to tables outside shops. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>E3. Big Lottery Fund, announcement, referred to Funding Group.</p> <p>E10. Invite to Racemeadow School is to all Cllrs.</p> <p>E16. CCTV link to Leek Wootton, Group to meet Quadrant representative week commencing 15/3/10 to finalise all quotes. All quotes for ATC equipment to be sent initially only to ATC.</p> <p>E17. NWBC, rats at Gypsy Lane allotments. It was resolved that letters should be sent to the 3 plot holders, also that NWBC should quote to carry out monthly inspections, and that notices be displayed at the site. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>E22. Merevale Allotments, permission required to carry out 3 projects and apply for grants. It was resolved to allow this, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p>E31. Funding for temporary CCTV, St Mary's Road, nothing available from NWBC. Further e-mail from Alistair Rigby at County, nothing available.</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 February 2010.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept these reports, proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P139 03/10</p>		

	<p><u>Clerk's Report</u></p> <p>The clerk reported that NWBC had agreed to change the town welcome sign.</p> <p>The clerk noted that the Xmas lights meeting with installer was set for Thursday at 11.00am and the Market Square meeting with Hinckley would follow at 1.00pm.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the County had confirmed that they did not pay for CCTV power supply and that the unmetered supply agreement should now be signed and returned.</p> <p>The clerk reported that no reply had been received from the Herald regarding St Mary's Road.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Shaw and seconded by Cllr Wright that the meeting be suspended for Mr Wilding to speak. Mr Wilding stated that he was now running a local radio as a non-profit making operation and that he was looking to re-start his newspaper if funding could be obtained. The meeting then resumed.</p> <p>Cllr G Davis to advise date and time for Funding Group, clerk to circulate.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the wells had now been filled in at Sheepy Road, subject to contacting Mr Webster as stated earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>Reps for the Market Square meeting with NWBC and County to send available dates to the clerk in order for meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the reasons for using the Retail Radios would have to be supplied</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr Vickers reported that a plaque had been erected to Clifford Vero.</p> <p>Cllr Peat reported that bogus callers, posing as gasmen had been to Gramer Cottages.</p>		
11.	<p>GROUND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULES 2010/2011</p> <p>The reference to cuts being made every 2 weeks was removed, it was resolved to accept the amended specification, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis. It was agreed to ask Glendale, P Cook Landscapes, Veolia, and Gorringe.</p>		
12.	<p>ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW</p> <p>It was resolved there a 10% increase would apply to all allotment rents, from 1st. April 2010, proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Vickers, Cllrs Clews and Wright abstained.</p>		
13.	<p>VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR</p> <p>The clerk reported that there had been no call for an election so a notice had been displayed inviting applications for co-option to the Council. The closing date being 22nd. March and would be on the agenda for the meeting of 24th. March.</p>		
14.	<p>FUNDING FOR TOWPATH, ITEM E9 FROM CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Cllr Wright declared an interest in the item.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Town Council would pay 10% of the towpath repairs, up to a maximum of £6500. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Clews.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P140 03/10</p>		

15.	SHOOTING PERMITS FOR SHEEPY ROAD LAND. Cllr Wright declared an interest in the item. It was resolved, subject to the filling in of a possible other well, that the permits to the current shooters be extended to cover the land, up until their current expiry date. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Freer, Cllrs Shaw and Wright abstained.		
	The meeting closed at 9.22pm.		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.