

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 . March 2011 start 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Cllrs L Freer, Peat, Shaw, R Freer, Clews, Chambers, Jarvis, G Davis, M Davis, Singh Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs: Macchi, Wright, Barker, Vickers. Borough Cllrs: L & N Dirveiks, Pickard County Cllr Fox
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Clews
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 Peat, seconded Cllr G Davis		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Wrigley stated that the Police had been visiting houses in her area and had stated that one of their priorities was cleaning up graffiti. Cllr M Davis noted that it was the belief that graffiti led to anti-social behaviour. Cllr Shaw noted that graffiti in the town was much less than in the past Cllr Peat stated that parking in the town was causing increasing obstructions. Cllr Chambers reported that the street sign in Batchelors Bench had fallen over, Cllr Shaw said he would report it for her. Cllr Clews stated that there had been people on the floral displays during the Ball Game. Cllr Clews reported that she had attended the Ball Game, and had been made very welcome. Cllr L Freer noted that there had been 2 policemen in the town prior to the Ball Game, doing a Health & Safety check.		
4.	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS Cllr Shaw reported that he had attended a discussion about the relocation of the police to Bank House, this would be the Safer Neighbourhood teams. He reported that Beeline had been funded for another year. He noted that requests from the Town Council had been achieved and he would send a list of these from Area Committee.		

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5	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 16th. February 2011</p> <p>The clerk noted that Cllr Singh had been added to the list of attendees on the signing copy of the minutes. It was resolved that this amended copy be accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr L Freer, seconded Cllr Singh.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 16th. February 2011.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to check that notification had been sent regarding the Christmas Lights in the church trees prior to work commencing.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>An amended list had been circulated, with cheques 105511 to 105521 presented for ratification only, and cheques 105522 to 105536 presented for signing. The clerk reported that the work at linking CCTV to Leek Wootton, by Quadrant was not yet completed at Leek Wootton, it was decided not to sign cheque 105534 until work completed. Cllr Clews declared an interest in cheque 105535 and left the meeting, Cllr R Freer took the chair, it was resolved to accept the list as above, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw. Cllr Clews rejoined the meeting.</p>		
8.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>4. Atherstone Community Carnival, request for funding. It was resolved that, subject to the supply of relevant documentation, a donation equal to the amount of the insurance premium would be given. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>9. Litter and Dog bin contract, it was resolved to renew the contract, proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p> <p>11. Warks County Council, fostering questionnaire, clerk to complete.</p> <p>E34. Proposed cuts to bus services, Cllr Shaw noted that there would be some new replacement services starting.</p> <p>E62. Potholes in Atherstone roads. Clerk to reply Cllrs do report to County, give contact details, repair is subject to the priorities of the County.</p> <p>E82. School holiday clubs. Clerk to reply, advise to contact The Early Learning Centre directly and the County Council Education Department, as this was outside of the responsibility of the Town Council. Cllr Jarvis stated that as a Governor he would raise the issue at the next meeting. Cllr Shaw noted that the facilities at the centre were first class, but were under utilised.</p> <p>E87. Tree Report. The clerk reported that reports for all areas had now been received, it was resolved to obtain quotations from the 3 companies listed by NWBC, in accordance with the timescales in the reports. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Jarvis.</p> <p>E97. NWBC, poop scoop order. It was noted that an order was now in force covering all land in the Borough, open to the air, with public access.</p>		
9.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</p> <p>Filed in office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P146 3/11</p>		

	<p>The clerk reported a request to scatter ashes on top of a full ashes burial plot. It was agreed that this was not allowed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the free tree pack must be planted by volunteers, the Volunteer Centre were willing to help. Cllrs Clews and R Freer to visit the site to look for planting area. Date to be decided.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the dead tree at the Old Allotment Gardens had been cut down as an emergency, at a cost of £600, the Chair and 2 other Cllrs had been contacted. The full tree report had been received, it was agreed to get quotations from the companies used by NWBC. It was resolved to allow a private individual to cut up and remove the old wood, but they must sign a disclaimer to absolve the Council from their actions. Proposed Cllr Jarvis, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p> <p>The clerk reported that Exercise Watermark had been carried out as a contact exercise, with 12 Cllrs contacted and able to reach the office quite quickly. The clerk reported that there were no standby contacts to open the office if neither of the clerks could be reached, it was resolved that Cllrs Shaw, Singh and Jarvis, would do this, clerk to provide Keys and information. Proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p>The clerk reported that NWBC had requested a meeting to discuss the future of Warwick Drive and Minions Close play areas. It was agreed to obtain a copy of the consultation before fixing a meeting for Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm.</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u></p> <p>Cllr M Davis reported that the new Chairman of Dickens Night was Mr P Ferrugia.</p> <p>Cllr L Freer asked the clerks to survey the floral displays for damage from the Ball Game.</p> <p>Cllr Peat had attended a meeting for Gramer Cottages.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw had attended a meeting at the Fire Station for the Junior Firefighters.</p> <p>Cllr Clews noted that she was still attending many events, on behalf of the Council, and that arrangements were in place for the Annual Dinner.</p>		
12.	<p>POLICE STATION / MAGISTRATES COURT, UPDATE</p> <p>An e-mail was presented from NWBC regarding questions sent by the town Council to the planning department.</p>		
13.	<p>MARKET SQUARE UPDATE</p> <p>The clerk reported a telephone call from NWBC regarding a proposed interim management agreement for the Square, asking what terms would the Town Council be looking for. The NWBC officers would be making a Board Report. It was agreed that any communications should be in writing. It was resolved that the clerk should write to NWBC asking for an interim agreement, at zero cost, if necessary on a short term monthly basis, to run the Tuesday and Friday markets under a reciprocal agreement with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, proposed Cllr R Freer, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
	<p>It was agreed to move ITEMS 14. 16. AND 17. to Private and Confidential</p>		
15.	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had not been clear regarding the instructions about abutting the new ashes slabs due to the amount of slope on the ground, and that now the first plot had been used for an interment requested for disabled access.</p>		

	<p>The family had also asked to reserve other plots by the interment. He reported that advice from the insurance company was to put up signs warning unauthorised route, but leave the steps and send any correspondence to them. It was agreed to put up notices the next day.</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 acquisition or disposal of property, or for the supply of goods and services, action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, prosecution or investigation of a crime, and the identity of an individual who gives information to the Council about a criminal offence, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control or a nuisance.), 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 Jarvis seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
14.	<p>ALLOTMENT MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that there had been some disagreement at Merevale over the position of the Volunteer Centre plot and the cross path. This had now been agreed but a part filled in well had been identified. It was agreed to fill this in on Safety grounds but to ask the Volunteer Centre for help.</p> <p>The clerk reported that dead chickens had been found in a well on a plot at Gypsy Lane, (Environmental Health had been informed), it was agreed to ask NWBC to serve a environmental notice on the plot holder and to serve notice on the plot holder for having an unauthorised uncapped well.</p> <p>Garner Canning had supplied correspondence with Atherstone Allotment Association regarding the new lease, issues noted, payment for costs of new lease, pest control, and amount of Public Liability insurance. It was agreed that the insurance should be consistent with that of the Town Council at £5 million.</p>		
16.	<p>CATERING FOR MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATION.</p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr Clews would provide catering at cost price.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr R Freer.</p>		
17.	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FUNDING GROUP</p> <p>It was agreed that Wayne Gibbons, WCAVA be invited to the next Funding Group meeting.</p> <p>Cllr R Freer had visited the Old Allotment Gardens and the pathway was still visible. The clerk presented the cost and frequency to maintain the path, it was agreed to obtain a price from Peter Richards to level the path with a JCB and resow it, it could then be periodically mowed.</p> <p>It was agreed to follow up the QE II fields Challenge.</p> <p>The clerk presented the reply from the Big Lottery Fund for hedgelaying, it was agreed that the clerks would reply but if any resolutions were needed they would report to the meeting of 16th. March. Deadline for reply is 1st April 2011.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p>		

Signed Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.

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