

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 14 th May 2009 7.pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Wright, Hopkins, Freer, G Davis, M Davis, Chambers, Singh, Clews, Jarvis, Vickers.
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Barker, Sweet, Shaw.
IN ATTENDANCE	None.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES It was resolved to accept the apologies as listed, proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Singh.		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Shaw had declared an interest and did not attend the meeting.		
	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 supply of goods and services), 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 G Davis, seconded Cllr M Davis.		
3.	ACCOMMODATION A summary of the activities so far was presented by Cllr M Davis. The damp survey, structural survey and the architect's advice were discussed. Cllr Freer stated that she was concerned about the strength of the second floor, the possibility of noise from the public house next door and whether confidential discussions may be overheard from outside. Cllr Freer generally felt this was not the correct building for the Town Council. Various points were discussed including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the public have a say in the purchase of the property • Any possibility of obtaining grants for improvement of the property • Will suitable buildings ever become available • Town Council has been criticised for holding money to buy property in the past <p style="text-align: center;">P118 05/09</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would be the advantage to the people of Atherstone if the Council buy this property • Any new building should be capable of being used for public events and organisations • If an offer was made and accepted, should it go to public consultation • Before any contracts could be completed all planning permissions must be in place. • All possible surveys have now been carried, now time to make an offer <p>It was resolved that discussions would now be held in open session with only details of money and contracts kept in Private & Confidential. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers, abstained Cllr Clews.</p> <p>It was resolved that an offer would be made for the property with conditions such as planning permission for such as second floor stairs, change of use for second floor, sewer connection, sprinkler system to be in place. Wiring and gas checks and to ask what would be included in the price. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr G Davis, against Cllr Freer, abstained Cllrs Clews and Chambers. Clerk to draft offer letter and circulate to Cllrs for comments. Clerk to ask Alison Hodge when the price could be disclosed to the public.</p>		
	The meeting closed at 8.25pm.		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.