

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 10 th June 2009 7.15pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Jarvis, Freer, G Davis, M Davis, Peat, Hopkins, Vickers Macchi, Chambers, Clews, Wright, Shaw and Barker Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley.
APOLOGIES	Councillors Sweet, Singh.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mrs Sally Oldham

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Barker, Seconded Cllr G Davis		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when. Cllr Shaw declared an interest as Warwickshire County Councillor.		
3.	TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th May 2009 It was resolved to accept the minutes as offered subject to the amendment that Cllr Freer noted. The clerk noted that the pages would be numbered P120 onwards. Proposed Cllr G Davis, Seconded Cllr Vickers		
4.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th May 2009 Item 5: Bus Services: Cllr M Davis had raised the matter with Mancetter Parish Council and there was nothing further to report at the present time. Cllr Shaw said that he was going to be looking at bus services and it was agreed to invite a council officer to explain the "Leader" funding group and to then to have this as an agenda item for a future meeting. Item 7: Correspondence Received: Correspondence item 12: The clerk read out the response from the Piece Master and it was agreed to issue the key as advised. Item 12: (iv) Repairs to Surgery Fence. The clerk confirmed that the surgery had declined to carry out the repairs.		
5.	CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED Item 1: The Mayor is to attend the Atherstone Ladies Darts Presentation on 21 st August 2009. Item 5: Festive Lighting: It was agreed to put this as an agenda item for 22 nd July 2009.		

<p>6.</p>	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <p>a) Planning Lists – 21 was noted.</p> <p>b) Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2009/0232 180 Long Street Atherstone Works to tree in conservation area It was resolved that there is no objection providing the work is carried out at the correct time of year. Proposed Cllr Freer seconded Cllr Clews</p> <p>PAP/2009/0207 Co-operative Supermarket, Station Street Display of illuminated signage – reconsultation It was resolved that there is no objection. Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr Vickers</p> <p>PAP/2008/0238 Avondale Erection of palisade fencing It was resolved that there is no objection. Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr Macchi</p> <p>c) Decisions – Nothing to report</p> <p>d) Appeals - Nothing to report</p> <p>e) Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings – Nothing to report</p> <p>f) Other – Nothing to report.</p> <p>g) Licensing Matters - Nothing to report.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>a) New applications</p> <p>Gypsy Lane 6A - Mrs Strugnell (6 hens and a shed also applied for) Gypsy Lane 6B – Mrs Harvey (shed also applied for) Gypsy Lane 6C – Miss Griffiths Gypsy Lane 2 – Mr Lees (6 hens and a shed also applied for) Gypsy Lane 26 – Mr Jason Spragg – (6 hens and a shed also applied for).</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the above applications. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Vickers</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would investigate the ownership of the piece of land adjoining Minions Close.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P6 06/09</p>		

	<p>b) Follow up to legal advice received regarding cockerels It was agreed to move this item to Private and Confidential later in the meeting as agenda item 10(a).</p>										
8	<p>CEMETERY MATTERS</p> <p>a) Memorial Applications</p> <p>James (Jock) Bernard – E731 – Additional Inscription</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the above listed memorial application. Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Barker</p> <p>b) Recent burials in Atherstone Cemetery</p> <table> <tr> <td>13.05.09 Star Swindell</td> <td>Baby Ash Plot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.05.09 Thelma Mary Orton</td> <td>New Triple Grave</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21.05.09 Miriam Joan Prince</td> <td>Re-open to single depth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02.06.09 Mary Griffin</td> <td>Re-open for ashes</td> </tr> </table>	13.05.09 Star Swindell	Baby Ash Plot	14.05.09 Thelma Mary Orton	New Triple Grave	21.05.09 Miriam Joan Prince	Re-open to single depth	02.06.09 Mary Griffin	Re-open for ashes		
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9	<p>CONTRACT MATTERS</p> <p>ii) Play areas – monthly inspection reports. The clerk had received reports for both sites dated 10.03.09, 07.04.09 and 11.05.09. In addition the annual report for Westwood Rd had just been received and a similar report for St Mary’s Rd was due. The contents of the annual reports were to be checked by the clerk and reported back (urgent health and safety matters to be addressed immediately if necessary).</p> <p>ii) St Mary’s Road Play Area update</p> <p>The clerk read out an email (dated 03.06.09) from the annual play area inspector confirming that his inspection of St Mary’s Rd had found nothing to prevent the play area being used and that his formal written report would follow in a few days.</p> <p>The clerk reported that work was required for the pedestrian gate to open over the dig grid. It was resolved to request the contractor lower the levels as required for the gate to open without cutting the bottom off the gate. Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr M Davis</p> <p>ii) Market Square</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P7 06/09</p>										

	<p>It was agreed 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.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr M Davis</p>		
10a	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>Follow up to legal advice received regarding cockerels. The clerk supplied a written report to the meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved for the clerk to contact those tenants at Merevale with cockerels and request that attempts are made to reduce the noise from 10pm until 8.00am. In addition the clerk was to put a notice up at both sites stating the legal position of the Town Council and advising that any noise nuisance in future would be reported through North Warwickshire Borough Council. The clerk was asked to notify Merevale Allotment Association of the actions.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Freer seconded Cllr Wright</p>		
10.	<p>QUOTATIONS RECEIVED</p> <p>i) Clearance of ditch at Merevale Allotments The clerk presented a quotation to carry out work to the Merevale Allotment brook and trees, including clearance of plot 54. It was resolved to accept the quotation and inform local residents when the work was to take place (providing the work to individual areas did not exceed £1000 and checks were to be made for any nesting in the trees).</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Barker</p> <p>ii) Installation cost of two bins at St Mary's Road Play Area. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Gorrings Landscapes.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr M Davis seconded Cllr Barker</p> <p>iii) Moving of Floral planters It was resolved to plant up in the current locations and consider moving planters at a later date.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Freer seconded Cllr M Davis</p>		
11.	<p>STAFFING MATTERS</p> <p>It was agreed to sign the cheque for emergency IT support – details were provided to the meeting and a ratification would be on July 1st 2009</p>		
12.	<p>GYPSY LANE ALLOTMENT AND WASTELAND</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>		
13.	<p>ACCOMMODATION</p> <p>Cllr Shaw left the meeting at 9.00pm It was agreed that the clerk would provide a breakdown of the expenses to date and the subject would be discussed as an agenda item near the start of the meeting on the 24th June. The meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>		

Signed

Vice- Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.

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