

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 24 th June 2009 7.00pm
ATTENDANCE	Cllrs: Wright, Shaw, Peat, Vickers, Singh, Clews, G Davis, M Davis, Jarvis, Freer, Macchi
APOLOGIES	Cllrs Chambers, Sweet, Hopkins.
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the apologies as stated above. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Shaw.</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>Mrs Clay asked whether the CCTV could be extended to cover the area around Welcome Street. Cllr Shaw replied that at present the monitoring equipment at NWBC was due to be upgraded and that extensions to the system could be considered on completion. The clerk was asked to contact NWBC to see if it were possible for members of the public to view the monitoring room.</p> <p>It was suggested that County Cllr Fox be invited to the CCTV meetings. Cllr Peat stated that Fisher's Walk could also be included in any extension.</p> <p>Mrs Clay stated that a lot of glasses were left in the Welcome Street area rather than taken back into the public houses.</p> <p>Cllr M Davis asked if the clerk could contact NWBC to see if volunteers could help view tapes searching for incidents after receiving training.</p> <p>Cllr Freer asked to find if Roger Fildes was included in the circulation from NWBC.</p> <p>Mrs Clay asked if the damage to floral displays might have been recorded by CCTV, and that she had been replacing some of the plants.</p> <p>Cllr Freer asked if the CCTV could stand alone, Cllr M Davis stated that it would not be viable, but the Partnership Agreement can be reviewed.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw reported that CV1 have wardens who are in touch with the monitoring control.</p> <p>Cllr Singh reported that the alleyway through to the Bus Station from Long Street was being closed periodically due to building works.</p> <p>Cllr Macchi referred to the noise from the Angel Inn and stated that she had been in touch with Borough Cllr Dirveiks.</p> <p>Cllr Clews stated that visitors to the town had commented about discarded cigarette ends in the floral displays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P11 06/09</p>		

	<p>Cllr Freer stated that the Smithy Farmshop was washing them off, and to thank them.</p> <p>Cllr Freer stated that the emergency phone number for the Borough Council, out of office hours was 01827 718086.</p>		
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 27TH. May 2009</p> <p>It was resolved that they be accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr G Davis, seconded by Cllr Vickers</p>		
5.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 27TH. MAY 2009.</p> <p>It was asked if a reply had been received from NWBC regarding the bench at Regal Court, clerk to chase.</p>		
6.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>6/ Allotments Regenerative Initiative, to be passed on to Allotment Associations.</p> <p>7/ Noted.</p> <p>8/ Garner Canning, to be signed and returned.</p> <p>E2/ It was agreed to put the contact list in the notice board and on the website. It was also agreed to include a list of cash points so visitors to the town can find them.</p> <p>E9/ Noted. The clerk reminded Councillors that dates had been requested for a meeting with WCC on promotion of rail services.</p> <p>E10/ It was stated that the station footbridge was part of the town heritage and to find out if it was listed.</p> <p>E12/ Noted.</p> <p>E24/ Plastic windows. It was resolved to ask the conservation officer to carry out a survey of the town to see where windows had been replaced, and to ask the Civic Society to take a lead on this subject which would be supported by the Town Council. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis. It was agreed that any reports sent to the clerk should be discussed at Council before being forwarded to NWBC.</p> <p>E33/ Cllr Shaw stated that he was sorry for his part in the remarks made at the meeting of 3rd. June.</p> <p>E42/ Noted, clerk to ask G McGenity Thomas if it were possible for members of the public to view the control room.</p> <p>E44/ Out of time, Cllr Wright is trained in first aid.</p> <p>E52/ Meeting date required.</p> <p>E57/ To be forwarded to NWBC.</p> <p>E60/ Noted.</p> <p>E61/ Moved to Open Spaces.</p> <p>E67/ Noted.</p> <p>E68/ Noted. Cllr G Davis stated that leaflets for dealing with discarded needles can be obtained from the Police. Clerk to contact R Fildes.</p> <p>E69/ Noted.</p> <p>E71/ Clerk to reply, advise correct procedure but decline this event. Proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr Wright.</p>		
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<p>7.</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Consultations</p> <p>PAP/2009/0229 58 South Street, Atherstone</p> <p>Storey Extension with Dormer Roof. It was agreed there was no objection to this application if the neighbours had no objection.</p> <p>Additional</p> <p>PAP/2009/0251 White Wings, Witherley Road, Atherstone</p> <p>Work to trees in conservation area. It was agreed there was no objection to this application as long as the work was carried out at the correct time of the year.</p> <p>Decisions. None.</p> <p>Appeals. None</p> <p>Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings.</p> <p>Letter received from Peter Gittins, NWBC, responses to several complaints. A discussion took place on the various points. Cllr M Davis commented that the answer regarding the satellite dish at the Angel Inn was not acceptable.</p> <p>Other.</p> <p>Letter from NWBC regarding 131 Long Street, change of use. Noted.</p> <p>Licensing Matters.</p> <p>Temporary events licence at Angel Inn, referred from meeting 17th.June. Clerk to chase NWBC to see if license should be on public display and to obtain copy.</p>		
<p>8.</p>	<p>POLICY MATTERS</p> <p>a) Accommodation.</p> <p>It was resolved to move this item to the end of the meeting. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Freer.</p> <p>b) Gypsy Lane Waste land & Allotments.</p> <p>Letter from Garner Canning dealt with in Correspondence.</p> <p>c) Cemetery.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the bin was now being emptied twice per week. Also the grass cutting was being done fortnightly but the ashes, extension and bottom sections were also being cut in between. The clerk reported that some problems had arisen regarding booking times for funerals, it was resolved that the booking form should have a confirmation slip on it which had to be received by the funeral director to effect a booking. This procedure to be incorporated in the regulations. Proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr Freer. It was agreed that provision of security for the cemetery be held in abeyance and memorial stability forwarded to 1/7/09. The clerk was asked to tell Atherstone Landscapes to make sure that all of the funeral party had left before proceeding to fill in the grave. The clerk was asked to get quotations for cutting the bushes. The regulations to be amended to cover use of tape barrier around an open grave, with the funeral director to open them before the interment and close them again after. Severn-Trent to be contacted regarding water supply.</p>		

d) Allotments.

It was agreed to ask the probation service if they could cut the area of the canal park, on an ongoing basis.

It was agreed to approve the applications of Mr Batty for plot 3B and Mrs Edney for plot 3C at Gypsy Lane, Mr Batty could also erect a shed.

It was agreed that plot 5 at Merevale would not be offered at present and a cost of clearing the site be obtained.

The clerk reported that Ms Milligan had returned her gate key, it was agreed that when a suitable plot was available and inspected it would be offered to her.

The clerk reported that non cultivation inspections had been carried out at both sites, and there were 3 debtors who had been sent a 28 day notice.

The clerk reported that a visit had been made to Merevale site with Mr Burgess of NWBC, but on plot 21 there was a locked pen with, it was thought chickens inside, which could not be accessed, it was resolved to contact the RSPCA. Proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Vickers.

A report from a meeting with Mr G Cope regarding cockerels was made and notices regarding noise nuisance and NWBC had been put up.

Tenancy agreement to be reviewed to include nuisance to others, e.g. neighbours of the site.

Allotment committee to set date and time for judging (2nd. week July) and advise clerk for notices to be put up.

e) Open Spaces / Play Areas.

It was reported that from the independent report there were two concerns at St Mary's Road, area around roundabout wet pour and projections on games panel, clerk to contact Hags Play.

A report was made from the working group visit to St Mary's Road, it was agreed to cut the bottom of the pedestrian gate and make it possible to be locked open. Spare cradle seat must be received from Hags Play. Clerk to arrange with Gorrington to fit side fences to dog grid.

f) Market Square.

Clerk to contact Karen Stokes and ask if Town Council can check parking records to single out Market Square.

Clerk to contact NWBC regarding ivy growing on pine trees at church. Problems with uplighters at church to be included when Christmas light supplies checked.

John Bird to be contacted for timing to complete agreement and handover inspection.

g) CCTV.

It was resolved that County Cllr Fox be invited to the partnership meetings as she was on the Police Committee. Proposed Cllr Peat, seconded Cllr Wright.

h) Floral Displays.

It was reported that some plants had been stolen from the tubs, but at present had been replaced by the supplier. The supplier had reported that some plants had been moved about, but it had been stated in the public session that members of the public had been replacing uprooted plants.

It was resolved to get a quote from A5 Signs for self adhesive labels to be put on the tubs about cigarette ends and damage. Proposed Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr G Davis.

	<p>i) Draft Grants Award Policy / Guidance Notes / Application Forms. It was resolved to adopt the documents. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Peat. It was agreed to add to the form to ask if the applicant had been successful in applying to other sources of grants.</p> <p>j) Draft Complaints Procedure. It was agreed to accept the document with the amendment to paragraph 1. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
9.	<p>STAFFING MATTERS Nothing to report.</p>		
8.	<p>a) Accommodation, moved from earlier in the meeting. Cllr Shaw left the meeting. Cllr Freer wished it to be recorded that she was against the purchase of the The Old Surgery as she did not think it was suitable. A discussion took place regarding the building and various points were made e.g. Building not suitable, no advantage over current property. What benefit to the public would there be? It would be a lot of money to spend just for 15 cllrs and 2 clerks. Not suitable for any other activities, not good use of public money. Council has money in the bank by being prudent. The above points were brought up by Cllr Freer. Council slow in proceeding, how many more opportunities will come? Present property was only ever seen as temporary. Council has money in bank mainly due to sell offs in the past. New building would be focal point, present one is out of the way. Council should take opportunity in present economic climate as it would be unlikely to afford anything in the future. As the original exclusivity clause was almost over the owner may put the property on the open market.</p> <p>It was resolved to empower the clerk, the chair and the vice-chair to negotiate with the owner an increased offer up to the original price. To include all previously stated conditions. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Singh. Voting 7 for, 3 against.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.