

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 1 st . July 2009 7.04pm
ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors G Davis, M Davis, Wright, Shaw, Hopkins, Sweet, Jarvis, Macchi, Vickers, Peat, Clews, Chambers, Freer.
APOLOGIES	Cllr Singh, Cllr Barker.
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Borough Cllr L Dirveiks.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr Graham Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apology as offered. Proposed Cllr G Davis Seconded Cllr Wright</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION It was stated by Mrs Wrigley that the property being considered for the Town Council offices would not be big enough, was a waste of money and the girls were right. Cllr Shaw declared an interest. She also asked about the library and whether it had been decided to demolish it, and whether the new humps in Witherley Road were going to be altered. Cllr Freer stated that consideration should be given to projects such as extending CCTV to areas such as Royal Meadow Drive and St Mary's Road play areas, and the Welcome Street area of the town, not spending public money on accommodation. Cllr Peat stated that the library was deemed unsafe, Cllr M Davis stated that it belonged to Warks CC. Cllr Freer stated that the building was coming under review between the County and Borough Councils. Borough Cllr Dirveiks stated that a survey had been carried out 4 years ago on the library and memorial hall, and they both had limited life. Cllr Clews asked that the Borough and County Cllrs passed any information on to the Town Council. Cllr Jarvis stated that there was a meeting at 2.15pm on Saturday 6th. July by the humps in Witherley Road which would be attended by Mike O'Brien MP. Cllr Freer stated that County Cllr Fox was also working on the issue. Other points made, contract for the humps from WCC could be requested under F.O.I. Act, Survey was carried by WCC staff from another department, not independent. County Cllr Shaw stated that any decision on the library had not been finalised, no books were permitted to be stored on the first floor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P16 07/09</p>		

	<p>Ultimately any proposals would go out for consultation, budgets permitting.</p> <p>Mrs Clay stated that she would like to see both County Cllrs attending these meetings as much as possible.</p>		
4.	<p>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</p> <p>A report was received from Borough Cllrs Dirveiks. Cllr Macchi asked about the noise from the Angel Inn and whether any steps had been taken regarding the next event. Cllr Dirveiks stated that there needed to be formal complaints sent to the Borough Council before any action could be taken, a form can be obtained from NWBC. It was thought that the temporary licence should be on display, the clerk had not yet managed to get a copy from NWBC.</p> <p>Cllr Freer stated that there was an emergency phone number for out of normal hours for NWBC, to be displayed on Town Council noticeboard. Borough Cllrs Pickard and Forwood to be contacted regarding the issue. Various actions were discussed, including; ask NWBC to monitor next event with recording equipment, there was no public consultation on licensing but members of the public should make formal complaints, is the temporary licence just for inside the building?</p> <p>A report was received from Borough Cllr Pickard, Cllr M Davis agreed to obtain an update from NWBC regarding a palisade fence for the old play area in St Georges Road.</p> <p>County Cllr Shaw suggested that Borough Cllrs should ask for a scrutiny to do be done on the service provided by CCTV.</p> <p>Cllr Macchi asked that the Borough Cllrs for her area be requested to attend the Town Council meeting.</p>		
5.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 3rd. June 2009</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF 3rd. June 2009.</p> <p>Item 11. Now watering has started clerk to check on frequency to determine costs.</p> <p>Item 12. Add reference to allotments.</p> <p>Item 13. "Suppliers" to be used, not "contractors"</p> <p>Item 14. Further check on depreciation to be done.</p>		
7.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 17TH. June 2009.</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Macchi had not been recorded as present and Cllrs Davis' apologies had not been recorded.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 17TH. June 2009.</p> <p>Item 3. Emergency phone number for NWBC, out of hours is 01827 718086.</p>		
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	<p>Cllr Shaw stated that he had been unable to get a copy of the temporary events licence for the Angel Inn, Cllr M Davis did not think there should be any restriction.</p> <p>The clerk reported that the Annual Return had now been sent to the External Auditor.</p>		
9.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the cheques as listed below; proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Freer. 104896 and 104897 ratification only. New cheques 104898 to 104930, subject to the following, 104907 Balance of cemetery rates to NWBC, waiting for appeal form from the Valuation Office. 104911 Gorringe, cheque to be signed but held by the clerk until work completed at St Mary's Road. 104926 NWBC, cabling repair, clerk to write to NWBC and County Council regarding power supply. 104927 Hags Play, cheque to be signed but held by the clerk until outstanding items completed at St Mary's Road. 104928 Quadrant, Old Bank House. It was resolved not to sign the cheque and to contact Quadrant to ask, how do they maintain the camera, why was the traffic issue not identified on the original quote and parts should be sent. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright. Cllr Shaw queried whether salary cheques still included overtime. Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheques 104912 and 104930. Cllr Clews queried if cheques 104917 and 104918 covered 2 months, confirmed.</p>		
10	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>1/ Noted. 4/ Noted. 5/ Noted. 7/ Bus services, move to Policy. E6/ Noted. E7/ Noted. E8/ Noted. E9/ Noted. E10/ Noted. E26/ Should be approved by Council meeting before being sent. E29/ Get more quotes for future Contracts meeting. E35/ Thanks given to Cllr Wright for his efforts. E47/ To be forwarded to Simon Powell at NWBC regarding empty industrial units. Contacts for Scout huts to be sent.</p>		
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED</p> <p>Filed in office.</p>		
12.	<p>REPORTS.</p> <p>Financial. The clerk presented a budget report for the first quarter with the Net Spend running at 22% of total for year. This was noted. Clerk's Report. It was reported that 3 schoolchildren had been caught by the Police, via CCTV, writing graffiti on the play equipment at Westwood Road. It was resolved to make a formal complaint , proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P18 07/09</p>		

	<p>It was reported that Mr Brian Allen had asked for help regarding the old Atherstone Nursing Cup, presently kept in secure storage at NWBC. Somewhere required for display and insurance required. Mr Allen to write in. Value of cup to be determined.</p> <p>E-mail received from Ann McLaughlan regarding Leader Funding. To be put in Funding Working Group.</p> <p>Telephone call received from Mr D Snow, Angel Inn, he was disappointed that he received no support for his activities in the town and was contacting his solicitor and the press.</p> <p>E-mail received from Roger Fildes regarding incident at Royal Meadow Drive, Town Council concerned that Police not included on circulation list from Borough Cllr. Will be on circulation from Town Council.</p> <p>Broken glass reported at Westwood Road play area, Atherstone Landscapes asked to clear up, clerk to ask how much glass was found. The clerk reminded Cllrs of the meeting at NWBC at 2.00pm on Thursday regarding train services.</p> <p>Representatives Reports. Cllrs Jarvis and G Davis had attended the PPG meeting at Atherstone Surgery, the matter of the damaged fence to the play area was raised. It was pointed out that the CCTV used at the surgery was not evidential quality. Clerk to contact Surgery, Early Learning Centre and College regarding possible extension of CCTV. It was reported that plans were now in place to deal with swine flu. Cllr Vickers reported that the Tree of Life on the Arden Trail would be dedicated to Barry Beeson.</p>		
13.	<p>MARKET SQUARE. Nothing to report.</p>		
14.	<p>GYPSY LANE WASTE LAND and ALLOTMENTS. The clerk reported that the solicitor was waiting for the contract to be received from the seller, possibly due to probate.</p>		
15.	<p>ALLOTMENTS. Quote received to clear plot 5 and 55, referred to Contracts. No visit yet made by RSPCA to Merevale. Date of judging confirmed as 11th. July, notices to be put up at both sites. Break-ins reported at Gypsy Lane. Inspections carried out for non-cultivation, 7 notices issued, still in 28 days. 1 debtor left, still in 28 days. Gypsy Lane Allotment Association due to hold meeting on Saturday 4th. July at 10.00am. Cllrs welcome. The Probation Service to be asked if they can carry out future cuts at the canal park site as required.</p>		
16.	<p>WORKING GROUPS, DATES / TIMES. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate the following list of groups, Cllrs to reply which group they wished to be on then meeting times could be arranged; Memorial Stability Funding (including Leader) Forward Strategy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P19 07/09</p>		

	Bus Services Christmas Lights		
17.	<p>ACCOMMODATION.</p> <p>Cllr Shaw left the meeting at 9.25pm.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had contacted the owner of the property to arrange a meeting as directed but had received no reply, however the owner had visited the office and made a new offer where he was going to carry out all the alterations to the building and would then negotiate with the Council. The clerk had listed the points and had sent them to the owner for confirmation. A lengthy discussion took place regarding this revised information.</p> <p>It was agreed that a breakdown of the costs so far be prepared for Contracts meeting.</p> <p>It was resolved no action be taken at present and that all surveys etc. carried out would remain confidential. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Jarvis. 7 votes for, Cllrs Freer, Clews and Chambers against, Cllr Macchi abstained.</p> <p>Cllrs Freer, Clews and Macchi wished to state that they were unhappy with the whole series of events, actions and procedures concerning the property.</p>		
	The meeting closed 9.45pm.		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.