

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 4 th . November 2009 7.00pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Wright, M Davis, G Davis, Jarvis, Shaw, Chambers, Peat, Freer, Vickers. Borough Councillors Pickard, N Dirveiks, Press Mr G Wilding Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley, Ms Blower, Ms Noble, Ms Miller, Ms Godridge,
APOLOGIES	Town Cllrs Sweet, Clews, Macchi, Hopkins, Singh County Cllr Fox, Borough Cllr L Dirveiks.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	<p>APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis</p>		
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.</p>		
3.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION Several parents and children who used the St Mary's Road play area attended the meeting, they complained that there were instances of older children verbally abusing and threatening physical abuse to the younger children, and threats of theft of property. They also complained that drinking and drug taking was happening and that used needles and condoms had been found in the play area. It was also alleged that younger children were offered cannabis to smoke. They complained that when Police were called, no one came. Cllr Wright urged them to keep contacting the Police, to make a note of the call, and to get an incident number. Cllr M Davis noted that the Town Council was currently obtaining costs for CCTV surveillance of the area. Mr Wilding pointed out that as the Town Council owned the land and equipment they had a duty of care. Borough Cllr Pickard stated that temporary CCTV had been installed at Lister Road and Royal Meadow Drive because of anti-social behaviour. Cllr Jarvis stated that people could ring Crimestoppers to report these matters and did not have to leave their name if they did not wish to. Cllr Freer urged the parents to attend the Area Forum East meeting where they could question the Police.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P80 11/09</p>		

	<p>Borough Cllr Pickard stated that Cheryl Bridges at NWBC could also be contacted.</p> <p>Cllr Wright stated that leaflets to organise a neighbourhood Watch could be obtained from PCSC Sarah Mander.</p>		
4.	<p>REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS</p> <p>County Cllr Shaw reported that he had received complaints about parking in the Market Square outside Throckmortons.</p> <p>County Cllr Fox had reported that a date for the consultation for Witherley Road was due soon.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Freer stated that if the designs used were from the same source as the ones at Woodford Lane and the Red Gate, meant to stop accidents, then none were successful.</p>		
5	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 7th. October 2009</p> <p>Cllr Vickers stated that his name had not been included in the attendance.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the amended minutes as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis, abstained Cllr Peat.</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 7th. October 2009.</p> <p>P66. Item 16. Cllr Chambers stated that the lack of availability of a Police CCTV camera was very relevant to the problems discussed at St Mary's Road play area.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>The clerk stated that cheques 105065 and 105067 had been transposed on the list due to an error during writing.</p> <p>There were 2 cheques for ratification, 105058/9 and 20 new cheques, 105060 to 105079.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the amended list and sign all new cheques, proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p>		
8	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>Item 3. Atherstone Theatre Workshop, cancellation of request for funding. Cllr Freer noted that if the request had been approved initially would the Council come to know of the event being cancelled.</p> <p>Item 4. Explanation of funding request for seating, Atherstone Theatre Workshop. It was resolved to reply that the request was granted but would only be paid when the grant from the Arts Council was approved, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Vickers.</p> <p>Item 9. Letter from Garner Canning regarding Atherstone Allotment Assoc lease, referred to Contracts.</p> <p>E5. Railway promotion, clerk to check if link to timetable is on website.</p>		

	<p>E6. Confirmation of extension of CCTV partnership.</p> <p>E10. Code of practice for Retail Radios, both clerks to register, buy 1 radio to evaluate.</p> <p>E11. Newsletter, Cllr G Davis stated that it would be displayed on the noticeboard.</p> <p>E15. Pathway posts at Merevale Allotments, key to be left at office.</p> <p>E18/E20/E27. Broken glass found at Westwood Road play area.</p> <p>E21. Reply from Police regarding complaints from cemetery.</p> <p>E23. Cllr Sweet, unauthorised memorials. Letter now received from grave owner, in packs for 11th. November.</p> <p>E24. Referred to Strategy Meeting.</p> <p>E32. Acknowledgement from Allianz Insurance regarding memorial testing training.</p>		
<p>9</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED Filed in office</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>Financial Report</u> The clerk presented a budget report and bank reconciliation for the month of October 2009. It was resolved to accept both documents, proposed Cllr Freer, seconded Cllr G Davis The Gypsy Lane allotment sites and the Sheepy Road land had been paid for out of the Reserve account, it was resolved to move £60,000 from the Precept account back into the Reserve account. Proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Shaw</p> <p><u>Clerk's Report</u> The clerk reported that Alison Hodge was available for Power of Wellbeing training on 17th February 2010, it was agreed to ask for a later date. Quote received for ADSL link to Leek Wootton, referred to CCTV group. The clerk reported that broken glass had been reported at St Mary's Road, and had been cleared. An update was given regarding the new cemetery water supply. The clerk reported that Glendale would cut the grass around the War Memorial and that NWBC would sweep the paths before the weekend. Notice received of a meeting of the Warks Retail Crime Initiative. Representative need for Charities Committee. The clerk was asked to look for any old records and to request copies of back minutes / accounts. Referred to next Policy.</p> <p><u>Representative's Reports</u> Cllrs G & M Davis reported from the WALC AGM where the guest speaker talked about the future of local councils. The annual subscription rose by 1%.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P82 11/09</p>		

11.	<p>GYPSY LANE WASTE LAND AND ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The clerk reported that the insurance company had been informed of the purchase.</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis stated that it looked as if people had been taking a shortcut across the land.</p> <p>It was agreed that the site should be made secure with warning notices put up.</p> <p>A site visit to take place on 14th November at 9.30am at the Abeles Way end.</p>		
12.	<p>MEMORIAL STABILITY TRAINING</p> <p>The clerk reported that training by ICCM would take place at the office on Thursday 14th. January 2010, it was decided that the 2 clerks would attend.</p> <p>Notices to the public to be displayed as the office would be closed for the day.</p>		
13.	<p>DRAFT LETTER TO BRITISH WATERWAYS</p> <p>The clerk had distributed the proposed letter to British Waterways, regarding tourism promotion. It was resolved to send the letter, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr G Davis.</p>		
14.	<p>TOWN GUIDE</p> <p>The clerk presented a guide produced for Earl Shilton by the Earl Shilton Business Forum. It was resolved to pursue discussions about the guide and also to contact Heritage Guides, proposed Cllr M Davis, seconded Cllr Wright.</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 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 G Davis, seconded Cllr Macchi.</p>		

15	<p>STAFFING MATTERS</p> <p>The clerk reported that the laser printer was broken and had been unable to find anyone to repair it, quotes were presented for alternatives. It was decided not to replace the printer and to rely on the photocopier for printing, black and white only.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he was attending the meeting of the Local Council's Strategy Officers Group Meeting at Stoneleigh, on the 5th November.</p>		
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</p>		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.