

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ATHERSTONE
PARISH**

<u>Date of meeting</u>	Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 6.30 p.m.
<u>Place of Meeting</u>	The Town Council Chamber, The Old Mortuary, North Street.
<u>Present</u>	
Town Cllrs:	Cllr Singh, Cllr G Davis, Cllr R Jarvis, Cllr Clark, Cllr Barker, Cllr Clews, Cllr Shaw, Graham Day
Town Clerk:	Sally Oldham
Deputy Town Clerk:	none in attendance
County and Borough Cllrs:	
Public:	Mrs D.Clay, Mrs M.Wrigley, Mrs Evans, Mr Boulstridge, Mr Hunton, and a number of other Merevale Allotment tenants.
Apologies	Town Cllrs Borough Cllrs Fox, N Dirveiks and L Dirveiks.
Chairman	Cllr. Mejar Singh Gill
Clerk	Sally Oldham

Cllr. Singh opened the meeting by welcoming all the attendees.

**1) TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
1st MAY 2013**

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

2/ PRESENTATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Cllr Singh presented the Annual Report of the Town Council and outlined the services of the Council

3/ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Wrigley reported an advertising board had blocked her way when trying to negotiate the pathway around the corner from Bates butchers. Cllr Jarvis commented that at the Forum East meeting the police had identified the parking issue as a priority and it should be reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Cllr Jarvis said the Town Council should also report the problem. In addition Cllr Jarvis reported that the rear fire exit of the Arcade was frequently blocked by cars.

Mr Hunton spoke regarding the unlocked gate at Merevale Allotments. A lock was needed as the site was vulnerable. It was reported by the clerk that the Town Council had resolved to purchase a combination lock but that there was some difficulty welding it to the chain and it was still being investigated. An alternative shrouded lock was another suggestion.

Cllrs L and R Freer arrived at 6.50pm.

Cllr Pickard arrived at 6.53pm.

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Mr Hunton spoke regarding bonfires and said that one council officer should investigate complaints about bonfires and an individual who is not a tenant should not be allowed to “patrol” the allotments.

Mr Hunton proposed that no longer should one person who is not a tenant have the right to walk around the allotments policing bonfires and cockerels and the council officer alone should investigate any complaints.

Mr Boulstridge asked why the Town Council support in principal the idea of a Unitary Authority and Cllr R Freer responded that examples of problems such as tonight’s debate about environmental issues of bonfires were dealt with by different authorities rather than one.

Cllr L Freer proposed inviting a representative from the NWBC Environmental team and the allotment holders to a meeting on site to explain the environmental issues of both bonfires and cockerels.

Mr Riley supplied information about an alternative lock to the combination lock which would mean that only authorised people could have keys cut. The information was left with the Deputy Clerk. It was proposed and agreed by a vote of those present to buy a lock and then issues keys through a deposit agreement. *(this action was ratified at the Full Town Council on the later meeting)*

The meeting closed at 7.25pm