

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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DOCUMENT	MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
VENUE	Town Council Chamber, North Street
DATE AND TIME	Wednesday 2 nd . September 2009 7.05pm
IN ATTENDANCE	Town Councillors: Wright, Hopkins, M Davis, G Davis, Chambers, Clews, Jarvis, Barker. Shaw County and Borough Councillors Fox and Pickard Members of the public: Mrs Clay, Mrs Wrigley,
APOLOGIES	Councillors Macchi, Singh, Sweet, Freer, Peat, Vickers. Borough Cllrs L & N Dirveiks.
CHAIRMAN	Cllr Jarvis
CLERK	Mr G Day

Item		Actions	Notes
1.	APOLOGIES As listed above. It was resolved to accept the Town Councillor's apologies as offered. Proposed Cllr Clews, seconded Cllr Barker		
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To be taken as and when.		
3.	PUBLIC SESSION Mrs Clay stated that the residents of Welcome Street were against having a bench situated on the corner with Long Street as it had previously been a meeting place and a source of trouble. Mrs Wrigley asked about the speed humps in Witherley Road, County Cllr Fox to report on these later in the meeting. Cllr Clews stated that there had been a rottweiler loose in St Mary's Road play area, the Police had said to phone NWBC where it was stated that the dog warden was on holiday. Cllr Barker stated that this should come under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. Cllr Shaw gave congratulations to the daughter of Cllr Singh who had achieved 3 A-levels at grade "A" and would be studying to be a doctor. Mrs Wrigley asked about Memorial Testing, Cllr Jarvis replied that this was currently under consideration as it had to be carried every 5 years.		
4.	REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS Cllr Fox: reported that measurements had been taken of Witherley Road speed humps, the measurements had to be taken along the direction of the traffic flow, and they had all come under 81mm so there was no recourse back to the contractor. Splitter islands had been investigated to stop the traffic driving up the centre of the road, but there were too many drives. Cllr Fox was asking Warks CC for £5000 out of the current year's budget for a study to be carried out. She stated that so far she had received only 20 responses from residents but had written to Mike O'Brien MP as he had reportedly received 70. P50-09/09		

	<p><u>Cllr Shaw:</u> reported that together with Cllr Fox, he had a meeting the following day at Warks CC regarding bus services. He reported that the £50,000 allocated to his area had already spent for this period. He stated that he would be looking for guidance from the Town Council for future projects such as traffic calming for Coleshill Road, repairs to Church Street and Market Street and an ISDN line to Leek Wootton for CCTV.</p> <p><u>Cllr Pickard:</u> reported that footpath repairs were being carried out in Lister Road, with kerbs dropped as part of the repair. He thanked the Town Council staff for updating the new website giving access to past meeting minutes.</p> <p><u>Cllr Shaw</u> asked if Cllr Pickard could find the date of the next Sheepy Road residents meeting and inform the clerk for circulation, and also the contact for the Merevale View Neighbourhood Watch.</p>		
5	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 5th. August 2009 It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker</p>		
6.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 5th. August 2009. P36 d. Cllr Wright stated that he had been show the design and position for the locking posts at Merevale allotments. P34 Item 5, Taverner's Lane to be completed asap.</p>		
7.	<p>INVOICES FOR APPROVAL AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis declared an interest in cheque numbers: 104990, 104991 and 104992. The clerk reported that 2 extra cheques were needed for CiLCA re-sit registrations for G Day and S Oldham. These would be numbers 105018 and 105019. The cost for disposal of soil from a new triple grave to be discussed at the next Policy meeting. It was resolved to sign the cheques 104975 to105019 as listed Proposed Cllr Barker seconded Cllr G Davis</p>		
8	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED E14. CAB, notice of AGM. E30. As above, date correction. E15. Swine Flu update, rate of new cases falling. E20. Date noted, it was resolved to start the Strategy Working Group later at 7.30pm with a presentation on strategy from Cllr Hopkins. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr G Davis. E21. Green Space Strategy Funding, working group to be set up. E22. WALC North Warks Area Committee, Cllrs M Davis and Chambers to attend. E29. Dogs loose in Westwood Road, it was resolved to contact the Police about this incident, and the one from the Public Session as P51-09/09</p>		

	<p>it was felt that the two types of dog came under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p>		
9	<p>CORRESPONDENCE ISSUED Filed in office</p>		
10.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p><u>b) Financial Report</u> It was resolved to accept the monthly budget and bank reconciliation for July 2009. proposed Cllr G Davis, seconded Cllr M Davis.</p> <p><u>c) Clerk's Report</u> The clerk reported that Festive Lighting would be visiting on Wednesday 9th. September at 11.00am to view the Christmas lights and support infrastructure to enable a detailed quotation to be produced. They had confirmed that a 15% discount would still be applicable. It was resolved that each property would have to be contacted before the testing commenced, proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr M Davis. The clerk reported that a complaint had been received about children being able to run or cycle straight out of the gate at St Mary's Road and that there had already been one accident in the road. It was agreed to have a site meeting on Thursday 3rd. September at 4.00pm. The complaint regarding DDA access would also be considered. The clerk presented the recommendations from the Bus Services working group with the 3 round robin routes listed. A slight amendment was made to the Mancetter route and it was resolved to accept the recommendations, with the amended route and to make them available to County Cllrs Shaw and Fox for their meeting on 3rd. September. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Clews. Letter received from North Warks Area of Parish Councils regarding meetings with WCC traffic group. The following issues regarding the town to be raised; Traffic calming and parking, Coleshill Road area. St Mary's Road play area, safety barrier and signs. Pedestrianise Market Street and Silver Street. Double red lines in Long Street between Market Street and Church Street. An island at the junction of Rowlands Way and Sheepy Road.</p> <p><u>d) Representative's Reports</u> Cllr Shaw reported that the 2 County Cllrs will be having regular monthly contact meetings with the Police. He reported that there was no Police presence at the recent Summer in the Square other than when called to a disturbance outside the Old Skool. He suggested that floodlighting could be provided for the football area at Westwood Road, perhaps by use of a 106 agreement. Cllr Jarvis reported that he had checked the equipment at St Mary's Road following a report from NWBC about a sharp seam on a tube, but could not find any problem. It was agreed to ask NWBC if someone could attend with the inspector during his visit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P52-09/09</p>		

11.	ALLOTMENTS It was resolved that this item be moved to the end of the meeting and discussed in Private and Confidential. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.		
12.	MARKET SQUARE Nothing to report		
13.	GYPSY LANE ALLOTMENT AND WASTELAND Nothing to report. The clerk was asked to chase the solicitor for the business to be concluded asap.		
14.	CEMETERY The clerk reported that a full grass cut was due that week and that a review of the standard would be carried out. E-mail received from Dunn & Co. regarding training. Clerk to get costs of Memorial Safety training if carried out at the Town Council offices.		
15.	STAFFING MATTERS Nothing to report		
	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. Proposed Cllr Barker, seconded Cllr Wright.		
11.	ALLOTMENTS Cllrs G Davis and Wright gave a report from the recent Warks Retail Crime Initiative meeting. Concerns had been raised at the meeting regarding security at Gypsy Lane allotment site where there had been increased instances of items going missing. Clerk to contact Police and review situation in 1 months time. It was resolved to get costs for 2 retail radios for use of the Council and staff. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Barker.		
	The meeting closed at 9.05pm.		

Signed

Chairman of Atherstone Town Council.