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## **Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting**

**Held on:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** St Mary's Community Centre, Church Lane, Mirfield

**Councillors Present:**

V Lees-Hamilton (Deputy), K Taylor, P Tolson, S Guy, A Burton, D Pinder, J Hirst, J Nottingham, S Benson

**In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Member 868 Squadron, Members Mirfield In Bloom, Residents

Press: None

**MTC111/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

In the absence of the Chairman, Deputy Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs & members of the public.

**MTC112/2018 Public Question Time:**

A resident has requested to speak about an issue she has had with her plot at one of the Allotment sites. The resident confirms that her appeal was upheld by the NSALG. She thanks Cllr Lees-Hamilton for her assistance with the matter and Cllrs Hirst & Pinder for attending the appeal as neutral observers. She proceeds to read a statement to MTC. Clerk confirms to Deputy that the statement is merely an update from the resident and no debate need take place as per Standing Order 3(g).

**7.39pm Resident leaves**

**MTC113/2018 Apologies For Absence**

Councillors to send apologies and reasons for absence to the clerk or chairman for approval

**Cllrs:** M Burton, C Walker, J Taylor, P Blakeley, K Sibbald, M Ibberson, M Bolt

**Absences were accepted**

**MTC114/2018 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC116(1) member RBL

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Benson MTC118(3) member of Project Mirfield  
Cllr Tolson MTC117(4&5) member Team Parish  
Cllr Burton MTC116(6) member Armistice Committee

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing order & bring forward MTC118(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC115/2018**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr Burton abstained as absent from the previous meeting.**

**MTC116/2018**

**Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.

1. To receive an update from Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – Clerk had circulated an email received from Kirklees prior to the meeting. Cllr Guy **Proposed** Clerk email Kirklees: MTC is disappointed with Kirklees who continue to block the reasonable bid for the Memorial Park to become WW1 Field In Trust. The issues raised are not adequate issues as stated by Fields In Trust themselves. The reasons given are not justified as Fields In Trust status was given to other fields during the Jubilee year with the same issues that Mirfield Memorial Park is being refused on. In addition to this the park already has status as a listed memorial with Historic England and Mirfield has the largest Remembrance Parade outside of London, making it an ideal WW1 Field in Trust Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassadors Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reports that the cost for 100 A4 pages is £249 with an additional £55 plus VAT for the coat of arms, printed black or blue and bound in blue leather. Cllr Guy **Proposed** Cllr Pinder order the leather-bound book including the coat of arms on the front at a total cost of £304 plus VAT Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – No update defer
4. To receive an update from Cllr Ibberson on Christmas Lights and replacement lights and agree any actions or costs – In the absence of Cllr Ibberson, the Clerk reports of the updates and cost of £300 for My Mirfield advertising.
5. To receive an update from Cllr Benson on addendum to Flood Report – Cllr Benson circulated the addendum. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the following addendum: MTC feel it is their duty to protect our downstream partners and would expect the same considerations from upstream. MTC would like the following conditions set in place. MTC request that until further knowledge of climate change is understood & the effects, all non-developed land within reach of river Calder flood zones 2 & 3 & flood storage areas be set aside for future flood resilient schemes as new innovations and cost-effective solutions develop. Our objective is with future fluvial river flooding and the risks associated with the River Calder footprint of Mirfield, the above is subject to the spending review of 2019 being set in place & the criteria of funding **Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**
6. To note the minutes of the Armistice committee – **Noted** Cllr Burton updates MTC that the Armistice committee had problems from Kirklees

regarding the proposed entrance. Armistice committee agreed the purchase of 2 x 6 foot "Tommy" statues, these can be moved to Ings Grove at a later date. There will be huge poppies and banners along the parade route.

**MTC117/2018**

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	October Salary	£ 919.78
HMRC	September PAYE	£ 358.85
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Marys	October Room Hire	£ 42.00
St Marys	Room Hire 16/9/18	£ 30.00
	Balance	
Just Gardens	October Maintenance	£ 40.00
Just Gardens	Lowlands Hedges	£ 60.00
Premier Inn	NALC Conference	£ 96.00
Trinity Methodist	Remembrance Book	£ 399.00
Enzygo	Traffic Review Documents	£ 900.00
Enzygo	Traffic Consultancy report	£ 1200.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£ 480.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 4543.63</b>

Cllr Guy **Proposed** items 1-12 payment en block Cllr Benson **Seconded**

**Vote: All in favour**

13. To note There But Not There 2 x figures £1552.61 – **Noted**

14. To note Exterior Lights UK £118.78 – **Noted**

15. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/09/18 – **Noted**

16. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

**MTC118/2018**

**Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **868(Mirfield)Squadron Set up of Rifle range** – A member of the squadron is present and he gives a presentation to Cllrs and reason for grant assistance. He reports that without a replacement range, the members from Mirfield would be unable to shoot and would have to keep rifles at the nearest armoury in Huddersfield. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC award the full amount of £2020.04 and stated that the squadron do a fantastic job in the community and are well regarded Cllr Burton **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour 7.51pm member 868 leaves.**

**Mirfield In Bloom 2019 Provision** – Members of MIB are present and report that MIB won several Gold & Silver gilt awards including Gold for Best large town in Yorkshire In Bloom. The judging panel were impressed that MIB had included so many community groups and members of the community. Funds are now required for Autumn/Winter Bedding and 2019 provision. Cllrs congratulate MIB team on a fantastic win. Cllr Taylor **Proposed** MTC continue to support MIB and grant the full amount of £10,000 under section 137 as this is a benefit to the entire community Cllr Burton **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour** Cheques are presented by the Deputy Mayor. **8.16pm MIB members leave**

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**  
**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy**  
**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC119/2018**

### **Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2018/93219 – **Noted**  
2018/93188 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial applications:
  - i. 2017/93935 Erection 61 dwellings Land off Woodward Court – Cllr Benson reports that the Coal Authority have issued a new report. This states no sustainable drainage solution, no approved drainage and no scheme acceptable for drainage. **8.39pm Cllr Benson leaves the room.** Cllrs discuss the drainage issues at length and are concerned that there are no detailed figures of flow rates, tank is not approved by Yorkshire Water, Bellway have re-designed layout but public open spaces are still above mine shafts. No final design of houses, so Cllrs wonder where the tank is to be situated and who will maintain the tank if installed. Cllr Taylor states she doesn't think the application feels ready for approval and that HWP can't comment once approval is given and conditions could be changed.
  - ii. 2017/94124 Outline application for erection up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane – No update
  - iii. 2018/90801/9080291005 Land at Slipper Lane – A full report from Enzygo Traffic Consultants was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Clerk reads snippets of the report to Cllrs. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC request sight of Safety Audits. Cllrs to decide what MTC would like to see as TRO's and Cllrs to look at local areas where they feel it is not safe for HGV's by 6<sup>th</sup> November Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour 8.59pm Cllr Benson returns.**

**MTC120/2018**

### **Community**

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items

1. To discuss providing First Aid courses for residents & Community Groups – Cllr Guy reports the Air Cadets would like to help with the courses as they are qualified First Aid Trainers. Cllr Guy **Proposed** Clerk contacts Air Cadets for further details Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC121/2018**

### **Internal Matters**

To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

1. To discuss 2019 Ambassador Awards/My Mirfield Awards & Civic Dinner and receive information and any costs involved from Cllr Ibberson – Defer as Cllr Ibberson absent
2. To consider purchase of 11<sup>th</sup> Edition Local Council Administration Book at a cost of £110.99 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the Clerk purchase 11<sup>th</sup> Edition Local Council Administration Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC122/2018**

### **Correspondence**

To receive the following new items of correspondence and decide any action where necessary.

1. NALC Spring Conference – **Noted**

- 2. PCC Newsletter – **Noted**
- 3. YLCA Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**

**MTC123/2018** **Matters for Report and Information**

Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the Chairman prior to the meeting.

Cllr Guy reports 9<sup>th</sup> Festival remembrance Concert at St Mary's Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Guy invites Cllrs to attend the Remembrance Parade setting off at 1.30pm with a small service at the Cenotaph beforehand at 11.00am on 11/11/18.

**MTC124/2018** **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.05pm**.....