



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

J Hirst, V Lees-Hamilton, S Guy, S Benson, J Nottingham, A Burton, K Taylor, M Bolt, K Sibbald, G Bunton

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: Dave & Jane Sowerby
Press: None

MTC31/2015

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton began by welcoming everyone on the lovely evening. Regrettably, she informed Councillors of Cllr Pinder's recent hospitalisation.

MTC32/2015

Public Question time:

None

MTC33/2015

Apologies For Absence

Members are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Clerk or Chairman if they are unable to attend.

J Taylor, M Burton, P Tolson, C Walker, D Pinder,

MTC34/2015

Declaration of Interest

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr S Guy – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Library & Mirfield Rifle Volunteers

Cllr S Benson – Project Mirfield & McInerney Homes

Cllr Bolt – Sowerby Bros Cycles

Cllr Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC37(1) 2015/91352 Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC35/2015

Confirmation of Minutes

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 2nd June 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**.

MTC25(1) should read 'Cllr Pinder confirmed that as part of his contact with' not 'contract with' & MTC26 should be Cllr A Burton not Cllr A Bolton Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that once these amendments

were made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

None

MTC36/2015

Finance

To consider and decide any action where necessary on the following matters:

1. Extra Mile Standing Order £287.50 – **NOTED**
2. BT Direct Debit £51.98 - **NOTED**

JUNE		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	June Salary	£ 683.42
HMRC	June PAYE	£ 202.12
Extra Mile	Office Cleaning	£ 24.00
Extra Mile	Toilet Roll Dispensers	£ 415.00
V Lees-Hamilton	Chairs Allowance	£ 1000.00
Yorkshire Water	Public Toilets	£ 91.71
Just Gardens	May Maintenance	£ 80.00
Tax Assist	Annual Payroll	£ 43.20
TOTAL		£ 2539.45

3. Transfer of £12,000 from Deposit to current account
Cllr Taylor **Proposed** payment en block and the transfer of £12,000 from Deposit to Current account Cllr Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

MTC37/2015

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2015/91453 2 Armoury Avenue – **Noted**
2015/91534 2 Priory Way – **Noted**
2015/91352 – Sowerby Bros Cycles – Dave Sowerby addresses MTC regarding the application. He states the plan is to develop the brick storage unit to 2 x 2 bedroom apartments with parking plus 2 extra parking spaces for the bungalow, whose only access at present is via Princess Street and 3 extra spaces at the back of the shop. Cllr Taylor ask if there are any issues from residents living on Fenton St. Dave confirms that there are no issues and that he originally applied in Spring 2011, again with no objections. In view of this Cllr Taylor **Proposed** MTC supports the application Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Dave Sowerby informs MTC that Tesco are to have a new roof and that scaffolding will be erected, causing Princess Street to have no parking.
7.45pm Dave & Jane Sowerby leave
Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr guy Seconded Vote: All in favour
2015/91524 3 Oastler Grove – **Noted**
2015/91542 7 Eastfield Road – **Noted**
2015/91605 5 Sunny Bank Grove – **Noted**

2015/91612 19 Blake Hall Drive – **Noted**

2015/91568 7 Pinfold Close – **Noted**

2015/91415 15 Church Lane - **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Bolt informs MTC of his sponsored cycle from Balderstone Hall Lane to Balderstone in Lancashire on Saturday 27th June between 2.00pm & 4.00pm for Save Mirfield. Cllr Sibbald congratulates Cllr Benson on the video made by Project Mirfield in objection to the planning application.
4. Mirfield Moor – **8.05pm Cllr Bolt leaves the room.** Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads the email received from Robert Halstead that gives a brief update on the appeal with the information commissioner. Cllr Taylor mentions that there is an ongoing planning application in another ward that has gone to Strategic planning 3 times and has now been deferred to a private meeting with no public or press to discuss finances. **8.07pm Cllr Bolt returns.**

MTC38/2015

Community

To receive an update/discuss/note

1. Mirfield Public Toilets Update from Extra Mile – Clerk & Cllr Burton had researched alternatives online. Cllrs all agreed that more details on sizes and a picture were needed from Extra Mile before a decision could be made. Defer to next meeting.
2. Discuss Kirklees Underspend – Cllr Bolt informs MTC of a £4.5M underspend in Kirklees Budget. Cllrs all agree this money could be used for Pot holes, McInerney Site, Road surfacing, Grass cutting of open spaces, Library, CCTV, Footpaths. Cllr Benson updated MTC on McInerney site. Cllr Sibbald states that the money should be spent now when interest rates are low, as cheaper than in the future when interest rates increase. Cllrs discuss possibilities and Cllr Bolt mentions possible loan idea for McInerney site. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC sends the following to Kirklees: As a Town Council we believe the underspend should not be put back in reserves, but in the current financial climate be used for the residents of Kirklees Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
3. Defibrillator Discussion Cllr Guy – Cllr Guy confirms he has been in contact with John Spikings from YAS. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the following 1. To fund the purchase of external cabinet at Waterroyd Community Centre £420.00 2. To fund Defibrillator & external cabinet on Huddersfield Rd £420 plus machine approx. £2k, exact cost to follow 3. Make residents aware that MTC are unable to fund one every 200m but should MTC be approached by a group it would consider a possible partnership. Cllr Bolt stated that this could be covered under the £3000 Community Fund in the budget Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton congratulated Cllr Guy on his research.
4. Eastthorpe Gardens Lease – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that Cllr Tolson has spoken to PCC of Mirfield who has directed him to the diocese to discuss handing the lease of Eastthorpe Gardens back to the Church of England. For the benefit of new Cllrs, Cllr Bolt gave a brief history of the lease. Cllr Taylor **Proposed** that MTC has a mandate to write to the Bishop of Huddersfield Cllr Guy

Seconded Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Bunton Abstained

MTC39/2015

Internal Matters

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

1. KMC Investment discuss options – Clerk gives MTC an update on the investment fund and the advice received from YLCA regarding investments Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to consolidate the money and give Kirklees notice that MTC want the money transferring into the Natwest Deposit account Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. Approval of Annual Return – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the annual accounts Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Stationary Order Paper & Ink – The Clerk informed MTC that she required paper and Ink for HP printer Cllr Guy **Proposed** the clerk proceed with ordering the relevant stationary Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. Clerk Annual Pay Review to set date & time of meeting of Employment Committee – In light of Cllr Pinder's recent illness Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** Cllr Guy as substitute Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Clerk to send out relevant documents and agenda by email to the 3 Employment Committee members.

MTC40/2015

Correspondence

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

1. Rural Action Yorkshire May ebuletin - **Noted**
2. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting - **Noted**
3. YLCA Rules for recording of public meetings - Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to take out items 4, 8 & 9 from the template and then accept and adopt the Rules for recording council meetings Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. Fields In Trust Update – **Noted**
5. NCM Invite – **Noted**
6. Historic Towns Forum – **Noted**
7. Public Sector Online – **Noted**
8. Letter from Jenny Dransfield - **Noted**

MTC41/2015

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that a copy of the Council's Complaints Procedure has been requested, Cllrs have been sent a copy of the email. She confirms that this can be emailed to the resident and also confirms that it is available to view on the website.

MTC42/2015

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs for their attendance

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 7th July 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.15pm**.....