



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm  
**Held at:** Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

### **Councillors Present:**

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), S Guy, J Nottingham, M Burton, M Bolt, P Tolson, M Ibberson

### **In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: R Hartley, P Blakeley, J Tomlinson Walsh, R Hall, R Southon, T Bosah  
Press: None

### **MTC80/2015** **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton began by welcoming everyone including members of the public. She congratulated Cllr Ibberson & Richard Hartley on erecting the bunting on the high street. She then informed council that Cllr Bunton had tendered his resignation due to work commitments. She reads his letter of resignation to council. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the clerk writes to Cllr Bunton stating he was pleasant to get on with, supported all resolutions, asked questions when unsure and didn't make it political and that MTC wishes him success for the future Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to inform electoral services that a Casual Vacancy has occurred.

### **MTC81/2015** **Public Question Time**

Jenny Tomlinson Walsh & Rochelle Hall report that the coping stones outside the library are still been stolen. She asks for MTC support to remove the 70% existing stones and replace with good quality fakes. Cllr Bolt suggests concrete with possible Imprint or design from local youth groups. Cllr Ibberson to approach Jake Hinchliffe for possible ideas. Jenny also asks permission to use the water supply in the public toilets to water the flower beds at the library. Cllrs agree that this is acceptable. Cllr Bolt reports that a report due at the end of the month states Mirfield will be a higher category Town Library but with reduction in staffing. **Cllr Guy declares an interest.** Jenny confirms this is what the friends group wanted and that they have 20-30 volunteers awaiting training and that the library is being used for many clubs. She reports that there will be a Brass Band concert at St Pauls 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**8.00pm Jenny & Rochelle leave.**

### **MTC82/2015** **Apologies For Absence**

Councillors to send apologies and reasons for absence to the Clerk or Chairman for approval  
J Taylor, A Burton, K Taylor, K Sibbald, J Hirst, D Pinder

**MTC83/2015**

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda or not declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr S Guy – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Library & Mirfield Rifle Volunteers (other interests)

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC87(1) and MTC89(1) Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC84/2015**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of **£13,359.84**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC85/2015**

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. To receive an update regarding Mirfield Tennis Courts (Cllr Bolt) – Clerk emailed Joanne Bartholomew but no reply. Cllr Bolt reports that Kirklees have leased the courts to the Tennis Club without public access. Councillors want confirmation why a lease was allowed on a public asset. Clerk to send further email to Joanne Bartholomew.
2. To receive an update regarding defibrillators (Cllr Guy) – Cllr Guy reports that he has still not received a reply from the Cricket Club but will chase. Defer to next meeting.
3. To receive an update regarding sanitary bins Mirfield Public Toilets and decide what action is to be taken (Clerk) – Clerk reports on the final costs and service agreement Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** to accept the costs and agreement Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to proceed with the order.
4. To receive an update regarding Neighbourhood Plan and decide any action necessary (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt reports that he has secured a planning professional for the meeting. It will be held 12<sup>th</sup> October, with a large venue to be confirmed. Clerk to print posters for display locally and add link to MTC website to Locality Guide.
5. To receive an update on travellers (Clerk & Cllr Bolt) – Clerk updates that she is still waiting for councils to get in touch to collate a report. Cllr Bolt states that wooden posts and a gate could be erected and the possibility of a community orchard. Defer
6. To receive an update on Christmas Lights and decide any action necessary (Cllr Ibberson) – Cllr Ibberson reports that he has instructed Ben Hardcastle due to lack of time but will source other quotations next year. This year My Mirfield will be supporting the switch on and R Hartley and Cllr Ibberson hand out proposals for a Christmas Makers Market. Proposal for switch on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm with fairground open at 12 noon till 10.00pm and Market 2.00pm-8.00pm. R Hartley confirms lots of community interest and 1200 'going' to event in 24 hours on Facebook page. Cllr Ibberson confirms that 100 new bulbs are required at a cost of £190 plus VAT. Clerk to check with insurance company and licensing. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accepts the date of the switch on and costs Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC86/2015**

**Finance**

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. Extra Mile Standing Order £287.50 – **NOTED**
2. BT Direct Debit £55.46 - **NOTED**

| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |                    |                  |
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| <b>Payee</b>     | <b>Description</b> | <b>Amount</b>    |
| Clerk L Staggs   | September Salary   | £ 695.85         |
| HMRC             | September PAYE     | £ 211.28         |
| Extra Mile       | Office Cleaning    | £ 12.00          |
| Just Gardens     | August Maintenance | £ 80.00          |
| Yorkshire Water  | Public Toilets     | £ 124.11         |
| A Burton         | Bunting            | £ 209.80         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |                    | <b>£ 1333.04</b> |

Cllr Guy **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
**Grant Applications**

**MTC87/2015**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Battyeford Boys FC Grant/Sponsorship of Kit- Tony Bosah from Battyeford Boys FC presents the grant application for a new kit for the Under 18's. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC sponsors the kit to the value of £440 plus VAT with the MTC logo on the front of shirts Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Ibberson asks if the MTC logo could also go on the back or on the shorts. Tony to check and report back. Tony and councillors discuss the possibility of a Youth Council/Forum. Clerk to put on next agenda.

**8.14pm Tony leaves.**

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

**MTC88/2015**

**Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2015/92725 5 Bronte Way– **Noted**  
2015/92680 Unit 3A Fold Mills – **Noted**  
2015/92510 Radula 21A Hopton Hall Lane - **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **None Received**

**MTC89/2015**

**Community**

1. To receive amendments from Cllr Bolt on the Mirfield Matters Survey for discussion and sign off with Spirul and discuss any matters relating – Clerk informs council of the charge of £33.50 from Kirklees for the Open Register Cllr Bolt **Proposed** payment of £33.50 to Kirklees Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt confirmed the amendments with Cllrs and Ruth Southon. Many of the amendments to gain extra feedback and more detail. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the amendments Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to send budget percentages and MTC logo to Spirul.

**8.57 Ruth Leaves**

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on the opening and closing of the public toilets and decide any action necessary – Defer until Cllr Pinder available to update
3. To receive a report from the Clerk on Mirfield Public Toilets asset transfer and take appropriate action – Clerk reports on the asset transfer and confirms that a form has been received from Kirklees Cllr Guy **Proposed** to complete the form and proceed with the asset transfer Cllr Lees-

Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Toilets to remain open till 9.30pm for Christmas Light Switch on and Bonfire Event.

**MTC90/2015**

**Correspondence**

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

1. Fields In Trust – **Noted**
2. Rural Action Yorkshire – **Noted**
3. HTF September Newsletter – **Noted**
4. Rural Action Yorkshire – **Noted**
5. Email M Parris – Cllr Ibberson confirms that it is the Wasps Nest development not Ben Bailey. Clerk to forward email to John Ritchie at Kirklees.

Cllr Lees –Hamilton reads out a late correspondence item ‘Complaint from M Hutchinson’. Cllrs agree to defer to next agenda for consideration and Clerk to invite M Hutchinson to attend and discuss the contents.

**MTC91/2015**

**Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that councillors had visited the allotment sites and that the overhanging tree was no longer on the river bank.

**MTC92/2015**

**The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**10.05pm**.....