



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

P Blakeley (Chairman), P Tolson, A Burton, S Guy, M Ibberson, K Taylor, J Hirst, K Sibbald

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: R Edwards, T Grace, R Hartley
Press: None

MTC106/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Blakeley welcomed Councillors and members of the public.
Cllr Blakeley Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC113(1-4) Cllr Burton Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC107/2017 Public Question Time:
None

MTC108/2017 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: M Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, D Pinder, J Nottingham, S Benson, V Lees-Hamilton, M Bolt

MTC109/2017 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 on the members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC111(4) & MTC116 member of RBL.

Cllr Tolson declared a personal interest MTC113(1) member of Mirfield Team Parish

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC113(4) member of My Mirfield

Cllr Taylor declared Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing as pecuniary interest & personal interest in MTC112 2017/92979

MTC110/2017 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 19th September 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£1508.06**. Cllr Burton Proposed the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Sibbald asked that it be minuted that the Clerk had produced an excellent set of minutes which included all the relevant detail.

MTC111/2017

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 the Clerk on Public Toilets closure – Clerk reports that the keys have now been handed back to Kirklees and final meter readings given to Yorkshire Water, Initial have also been contacted and all contracts cancelled.
2. To receive an update from the Clerk & Cllr Tolson current position Upper Hopton Recreational & Cricket Ground relating to Fields In Trust – Clerk reports that Fields In Trust have been in contact via email and this was sent to Cllr Tolson. Cllr Tolson reports that he has no update at the moment. Defer
3. To receive an update from the Clerk on relocation of benches – Clerk reports that Kirklees have stated the picnic bench was returned to Stocksbank Park and the bench at Crossley Lane has been replaced by the new one. Cllr Burton reports that the picnic bench is still not in situ at Stocksbank Park. Clerk to chase Kirklees.
4. To receive an update from the Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Pak & decide and agree any action necessary – No update. Defer

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Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2017/92976 Land adj 55b Towngate – **Noted**
2017/92997 Lidl Station Road – **Noted**
2017/93093 47 Gregory Springs Mount – **Noted**
2017/92979 17 Grove Street – **Noted**
2017/93091 18 Blake Hall Drive – **Noted**
2017/93125 Yorkshire Building Society – **Noted**
2017/93121 The Outpost 18 Chapel Hill – **Noted**
2017/93164 4 Chadwick Hall Gardens – **Noted**
2017/93172 Unit 1a 189 Huddersfield Road – **Noted**
2017/93270 7 Quarryside Road – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None**

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Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To receive a presentation from Ruth Edwards for Mirfield In Bloom and discuss and agree any action necessary – Ruth and Tim Grace are present. Ruth reports that she would like to set up Mirfield In Bloom to bring colour back to the town centre. She confirms having help from Hopton In Bloom, York Racecourse and Rob Dalby from Kirklees. The areas Ruth is interested in planting are: St Mary's Church area, Library Gardens, Sunken Garden in St Pauls, Eastthorpe Gardens, Newgate & Station Road bridges, area in front of Halifax Building Society and council offices and Shepley Marina. She confirms having the support of local businesses and community groups. Ruth confirms that Kirklees have a block insurance that would cover this. Cllrs discuss and are all in support of Mirfield In Bloom. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** MTC supports the initiative & formation of a Mirfield In Bloom committee. MTC will consider financial support for the venture when costs have been collated and a report submitted to the council Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
7.50pm Ruth Edwards & Tim Grace leave.
2. To appoint Internal Auditor for 1st visit 2017/18 – Clerk reports Yorkshire

Internal Audit Service have contacted her for the first visit. Cllr Guy
Proposed Clerk appoints Yorkshire Internal Audit to carry out the first audit
visit Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

3. To discuss and agree setting a precedent for the fixing of memorial plaques onto MTC benches – Cllrs discuss the matter at length. Cllr Burton
Proposed The following precedent be set: Should a resident request a memorial plaque be fitted on an MTC bench, the resident must pay for the fitting of the plaque and reimburse the council the full cost of the bench but the bench to remain the property of MTC. Should a resident request to site a bench in a location in Mirfield, the resident must seek council approval and purchase a bench on a like for like basis to the ones purchased by MTC Cllr Ibberson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To agree a date & costs for 2017 Christmas Lights Switch On as per 5th September meeting – Cllr Ibberson left the room. Richard Hartley is present and reports on the progress so far with the Switch On and Christmas Festival. He confirms the full support of the Coop for use of the car park and briefs MTC on the suggested itinerary and proposed costs. He reports that the only day available is 26th November. Cllr Blakeley
Proposed a working group be set up for the Switch on & Christmas Festival Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk reports the cost from Ben Hardcastle for the Christmas Lights is £6000 as per the meeting 5th September. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC accepts the quotation of £6000 as it is set in the budget and Ben Hardcastle is a local supplier who has provided this service with no problems for many years and agrees the date of 26th November for the 'Switch On' Cllr Blakeley **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

8.10pm Cllr Ibberson returns and Richard Hartley leaves.

Cllr Guy Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Burton Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC114/2017 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None

MTC115/2017 **Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA NALC Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
2. YLCA NALC Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
3. PROW Forum – **Noted**
4. Kirklees Local Democracy Week – **Noted**
5. YLCA Training Events September – **Noted**
6. WYPW Print Run – **Noted**

MTC116/2017 **Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Clerk reports on Cllr Pinder's behalf that the bench purchased by MTC in the library garden has been vandalised.

Cllr Guy reports that the Mirfield Branch RBL is having a rededication at the veterans memorial for its 35th reformation on Sunday 8th October at 3.30pm.

MTC117/2017 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 17th October 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.21pm**.....