



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm

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

### Councillors Present:

Cllr Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), S Guy, M Bolt, J Hirst, M Burton, P Tolson, J Nottingham, P Blakeley, J Taylor, K Taylor

### In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: J Tomlinson Walsh, D & S Illingworth, K Ashford, R Gruby, J Hinchliffe  
Press: None

### **MTC254/2015** Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone to the first meeting of British Summer Time.

### **MTC255/2015** Public Question Time:

MTC259(6) D & S Illingworth are present. Mr Illingworth states he objects to the 3 hour no return restrictions as it is the only long stay car park in Mirfield. He states he attended Kirklees cabinet meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February regarding this and in that meeting it was agreed the scheme be delayed to allow Mirfield Town Council to hold a public meeting to address concerns about the scheme. He states he would prefer a small charge to be levied. Cllr Bolt states and confirms with the Clerk that notification of this has never been sent to MTC and that the cabinet only said to allow the opportunity to hold a public meeting. He states that any revenue received from car park charges go to Kirklees and not to MTC and that a legal order for this would cost a further £5000. He states that the Railway station also has long stay parking and confirms that only 11 people objected to the limits. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that the Constitutional Club are looking to implement a parking system for the local businesses. Clerk to send a copy of the Car Park Survey to Cllrs and contact Kirklees for an update.

(8.40pm J Tomlinson Walsh, D & S Illingworth leave.)

### **MTC256/2015** Apologies For Absence:

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

**Cllrs:** A Burton, C Walker, K Sibbald, S Benson, M Ibberson, D Pinder

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC261, MTC259(6), MTC262(Headlands) & MTC259(1) Cllr Guy**  
**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

## **MTC257/2015** **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 Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library (other interests).

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning (other interests)

Cllr P Tolson – Team Parish (other interests)

Cllr P Blakeley – Mirfield Show & Mirfield Round Table (other interests)

## **MTC258/2015** **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of £1763.88. Cllr Lees- Hamilton

**Proposed** to amend MTC244 to include Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning (other interests) Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt

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

## **MTC259/2015** **Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

1. To receive an update on defibrillators – 8.45pm Cllr Blakeley declares an interest in Mirfield Round Table and leaves the room. Rob & Karl are present from Mirfield Round Table and Karl reports that they would like to make a £750 donation towards a defibrillator as a partnership with MTC and that it will be approved at the AGM 18<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Guy reports that hopefully the 2<sup>nd</sup> one purchased by MTC will be fitted shortly at the Drill Hall, Nettleton Rd and that he hopes for a further one to be fitted at Old Bank Club. This bringing the total to 4 in Mirfield including the one fitted by the Rotary Club. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states this raises the profile of community groups working together for Mirfield and thanks Karl & Rob for the donation. 8.55pm Karl & Rob leave, Cllr Blakeley returns.  
**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters – Defer no update
3. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan –. Defer no meeting to report
4. To receive an update Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Blakeley to make sure toilets are closed as someone keeps blocking the gents far toilet with toilet paper etc.
5. To receive an update on Council Offices – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that she is meeting with Neil Hirst a builder recommended by Cllr M Burton on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm to look round the building. She invites Cllrs to accompany her. Cllr Lees-Hamilton & Clerk to chase Jonathan Quarmby regarding asset transfer. Cllr J Taylor reports that he set up an online account with Historic England and looked in to Spot Listing which costs £3k-£8k. He found 52 items listed in Mirfield but points out that this does not include the Cenotaph. He states that listing War Memorials has a fast turnaround as there is funding in place for this until November 16. Cllr Taylor to look into listing the Cenotaph. Cllr Bolt thanks Cllr Taylor on behalf of MTC for his research.
6. To receive an update on Car Park Limits – See Public Question Time
7. To receive an update on Flood Resilience – Cllr Bolt reports that a motion has been passed at Kirklees to conduct a flood risk management strategy as per Flood & Water Act 2010. Kirklees will be investigating Ravensthorpe and will include Mirfield. He reports that Robert Goodwill sent his letter to Rory Stewart MP (DEFRA) who has sent a letter in reply, Clerk will attach a copy to the minutes. Cllr Bolt states that Cllr David Sheard is the

nominated Yorkshire Flood Committee representative but has not attended 1 meeting in at least 12 months, which shows Kirklees and Mirfield in a poor light. He also reports that Calderdale & Mytholmroyd are on high alert unlike Kirklees.

**MTC260/2015**

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment

<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mirfield Allotment Society	Grab Wagon	£ 192.00
St Marys	Room Hire	£ 20.00
Yorks Water	Public Toilets	£ 126.84
Kirklees	Eastthorpe By-election	£ 4210.02
YLCA	Membership	£ 1565.00
Salvation Army	Room Hire	£ 35.00
Clan Services	Public Toilets	£ 425.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 6573.86</b>

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** payment en block Cllr J Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC261/2015**

**Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Mirfield Tennis Club & Friends of Mirfield Library – **Mirfield Tennis Club** – Clerk reads email from Cllr Sheard suggesting MTC give the Tennis Club the money required. Cllr Bolt states that the land is owned by Kirklees and he would expect the landlord to maintain the courts legally & morally. He states that the system is for public access and are not used solely by Mirfield residents and in fact many members and committee members are not Mirfield residents. Cllrs are unhappy at the comments by Cllr Sheard as Mirfield gets a fraction of what other wards receive. Cllrs agree Mirfield Tennis Club should contact Area Committee for a grant Cllr Bolt states it would be unconstitutional of the Area Committee to turn this down. Clerk to inform Tennis club. Cllr Lees-Hamilton to consult with Vina Randhawa. Defer.  
**Friends of Mirfield Library** – J Tomlinson Walsh is present and updates MTC on the Arts Festival and partnerships. She is present to apply for a grant of £5k for promotion and advertising for the Arts Festival. She estimates the total including a shuttle bus, first aid, signage & notices to be around £8k and estimates 10,000 visitors. Cllr K Taylor asks Jenny if she has applied for funding elsewhere as there is a lot of money involved and would like to know where it is all coming from. Jenny states she has applied to the police commission and Kirklees Gap Schemes but has not heard anything. Jenny is hoping for sponsorship from local businesses and donations into the venues and states there will be a charge for the event held in St Pauls. Cllrs Burton, Guy & Taylor are all concerned that the costs for advertising are so high and includes an expensive advertisement in Yorkshire Life, which Cllrs are not happy to promote. Cllr Blakeley having experience with large events like Mirfield Show & Mirfield Bonfire believes 10,000 visitors is too ambitious for the first year of a festival and that it would be a gamble to spend so much on advertising. Clerk confirms annual budget for grants is £10k. Cllrs all believe that £5k is too much to award only 5 days in to the new budget. Jenny states that she would reduce the

advert in Yorkshire Life to an editorial to reduce the costs. Cllr Bolt asks for individual costings as the paperwork provided does not show this. Jenny verbally gives costings. Cllr Bolt suggests £1000 grant and to apply to Area Committee for £500 chairs discretion as a starting point. Cllrs discuss and Cllr Burton **Proposed** £1500 MTC grant on the proviso that £500 is received in addition from Area Committee Cllr J Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the Clerk emails Nick Howe and remind him what was said by Cllr Sheard in Parish Sub-committee that Town Councils can apply to Area Committee for grants, in fact he wanted Town Councils to apply Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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

## MTC262/2015

### Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2016/90862 – **Noted**  
2016/90021 – **Noted**  
2016/90701 – **Noted**  
2016/90910 – **Noted**  
2016/90920 – **Noted**  
2016/90840 – **Noted**  
2016/90901 – **Noted**  
2016/90958 – Jake Hinchliffe is present and updates MTC on the application reporting that it is a large plot and has been designed so that No 46 doesn't lose any light. He reports that Kirklees and the neighbours have been consulted and have no objections - **Noted**  
2016/90833 – Jake also reports that the neighbours have been consulted on this application and have no objections. He states if anything changes with the application the neighbours will be informed for consultation. He reports that flood defences have been installed already – **Noted**  
**Cllrs thanked Jake for updating MTC on the applications.**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council - **Noted**  
**2016/90642 Cllr K Taylor comments that it is a shame a building of Historic Value is to be demolished.**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None Received**

## MTC263/2015

### Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

Cllr Nottingham had circulated updates on Historic Buildings Trust via email - **Noted**

## MTC264/2015

### Internal Matters:

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

1. To consider & approve date of Annual Town and Annual Town Council Meeting – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to hold the Annual Town meeting at 7.00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and the Annual Town Council meeting at 7.15 or at the rising of the preceding meeting Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss printing of minutes & agendas for meetings – Clerk reports that as she only has access to the small desktop printer, printing out minutes & agendas is very expensive. Cllrs to bring ipad etc to view or print their own. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reminded Cllrs that a motion was passed previously to supply Cllrs with 1 ream of paper and 1 ink cartridge for this purpose if required.
3. To confirm Civic Service – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that the Civic Service will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm @ St Johns Upper Hopton with High Tea afterwards at Croft House. She states she would appreciate as many Cllrs attending as possible as it is here that they will give their dedication to Mirfield and the Ambassador Awards will be presented.

**MTC265/2015**

**Correspondence:**

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

1. Fields In Trust Update - **Noted**
2. Last Friday Club – **Noted**

**MTC266/2015**

**Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Blakeley reports that 50 tons of wood has been ordered that the music stage and fun fair have been booked. The total cost will be £1800.

**MTC267/2015**

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

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.20pm**.....