



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 8th July 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, T Hirst, M Hamilton, M Bolt, J Hirst, C Walker, E Armitage, K Taylor, J Taylor

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs

Public: K Andrews, Howard Fishwick & Members Heavy Woollen Scouts, S Benson

Press: None

MTC48/2014

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance on the lovely sunny evening **Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC55(6) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to bring forward MTC54 Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Public Question Time:

Keith Andrews talks of his concern regarding all the development in Mirfield, listing them. **Cllr K Taylor leaves the room 8.10pm.** He requests MTC organise a public meeting during July to discuss. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that it is not possible to organise before school holidays Cllr J Taylor states that even in 3-4 weeks the majority of application deadlines will have passed. Cllrs agree that a meeting in September with residents would be prudent and to discuss possible neighbourhood plan.

8.20pm Cllr K Taylor Returns and Keith Andrews leaves.

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Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: S Harding, A White, J Fearn, J Nottingham, A Burton, A Mapplebeck

MTC51/2014

Declaration of Interest:

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

agenda.

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion & Mirfield Community Partnership

Cllr M Bolt – Mirfield Moor

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

MTC52/2014

Confirmation of Minutes:

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 24th June 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of £721.47
Cllr T Hirst stated that Cllr Nottingham had also agreed to be on the Christmas Lights Working Party MTC39 (1) Cllr T Hirst **Proposed** that once these amendments were made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr K Taylor **Seconded**
Vote: 9 in favour Cllr Walker Abstained
- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.
Cllr Pinder informed MTC that the Armed Forces Day had raised £240.00. Cllr K Taylor confirms that she has spoken to Leisure Services regarding the flagstones in the yard behind chambers and they have agreed MTC can have all but 2 flagstones. Administrator to check when these can be collected.
Cllr Bolt asked if Cllr White was informed (prior to the minutes being circulated) of the proposed hamper MTC43 Cllr Pinder confirmed that he did speak to Cllr White regarding this following the meeting.

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Finance:

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

1. YLCA £95.00 for Neighbourhood Planning Course Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC pay the invoice and thanked Cllr Pinder for attending on behalf of MTC Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour Cllr Bolt draws attention to MTC282/2013 regarding timescales and costings involved in a Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that a timescale will be set and will also invite a planning expert from Planning Aid with no cost to Council (a recommendation from R Halstead) to discuss.

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Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Heavy Woollen District Scouts** – Howard Fishwick gives a presentation and brief description of the World Scout Jamboree. He confirmed that 3 members of the group will be attending. Cllr Armitage asks how the 3 were selected and how many from Mirfield. Howard confirms that 160 Scouts applied and over 2 days and various activities the 3 were selected and that 1 of the scouts is from Mirfield. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** a grant of £500 Cllr Pinder **Seconded** Cllrs K & J Taylor said they would prefer to wait and see what the Scouts raised and then base the grant on the shortfall and Cllr K Taylor advised them to also apply to Mirfield/Dewsbury area committee. Howard confirms the Jamboree takes place July 25th-29th 2015 but all payments must be received by 1st April 2015. Cllrs agree therefore it must be in this year's grant allocation. Cllr Armitage states that the grant is for Mirfield residents and therefore proposed third split of £1185 i.e. £395.00. As there was no second to this proposal Cllr Bolt's earlier proposal of £500 seconded by Cllr Pinder was put to

the vote. **Vote: 7 for 2 against 1 abstained.** Cllr Lees-Hamilton asked that they come back and tell of their experiences. Howard confirms that they will give a presentation evening to discuss their experiences and that MTC will be invited.

8.10pm Heavy Woollen Scouts leave. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour.

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

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Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2014/91251 4A Crowlees Rd Erection of detached dwelling – **NOTED**
2014/91964 19 Station Rd Change of use of offices to restaurants & alterations to convert 2nd floor to 2 flats – Cllrs agree that offices are required and not a restaurant Cllr J Hirst states that there is insufficient parking for customers/ residents. Cllr Walker confirms that A1 use can be changed to residential. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC object on the grounds of loss of office space, insufficient parking, busy entrance/exit to and from highway and inappropriate location Cllr Armitage **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2014/91974 Land off Francis St Erection of 2 semidetached dwellings with associated parking – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that original planning for a detached dwelling was withdrawn due to height elevations and expense of the build. New layout gives more privacy and she confirms that she has not received any comments or objections – **NOTED**
2014/91666 16 Banks Mews Erection of single storey side extension - **NOTED**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**
3. Mirfield Moor Update – No update keep on agenda
4. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllrs J & K Taylor inform council that the planning application was amended but Kirklees failed to inform either MTC or residents that had previously objected to the application, but had put a notice on a lamp post near to the site. Cllr J Taylor confirms that the amendment is regarding building materials, he reads an email from Paul Kemp. Cllr K Taylor states that Paul Kemp should be included in the autumn schedule for Kirklees visits as Kirklees are not being transparent with planning issues.
5. Kitson Hill Development – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that this will be heard on Friday 11th July not Thursday 10th July, at HWP due to public services strike. She states that although Kirklees are not entitled to use their BE12 clarification document, they have done so and the proposed amended plans are still not 21 metres away, she confirms planning officers are recommending the application be granted. Cllr K Taylor confirms that HWP meeting will be recorded for the first time.
6. Steve Benson S.U.D.S – Steve gives a presentation to Cllrs regarding his findings, he suggests MTC obtain mine shaft reports and DG5 from Yorkshire Water costing £150+VAT. Cllrs Pinder & T Hirst agree to visit the Mining Museum to obtain mine shaft reports.

From his research Steve believes that the size of the tank to be fitted on Old Bank Rd is not large enough (size 3 bedroom house) @ 380 cubic metres. He confirms that all new developments use S.U.D.S but after time silt builds up and then floods into gardens, roads etc. He confirms that if all the developers use S.U.D.S eventually it will result in surface water at the top, middle & bottom of Mirfield as it will have nowhere to drain to. He confirms that he is having a meeting the following week with Yorkshire Water and will report back to council on this. Cllr K Taylor thanks S Benson for his easy to understand presentation.

7.55pm S Benson leaves.

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Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllrs Hamilton & Pinder confirm that they will meet Friday 11th with ladders to collate photographs of the Public Toilets Roof and these will be sent to the administrator to forward to Ramsdens. Cllr Pinder asks for authority to purchase more unblocking fluid Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Cllr Pinder purchase some fluid to enable the drainage report to be carried out **Cllr Armitage Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. WW1 Commemoration Benches – Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that she has not had time to contact suppliers Cllr Pinder confirms that if badges are to be put on the benches he has names of the 4 regiments that should be honoured.

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Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates (if received) and decide any action where necessary.

NONE

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Internal Matters:

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

1. Eastthorpe Gardens – Cllr Pinder informs council that Trinity Children's Centre are using Eastthorpe Gardens as an outdoor play area and stopping members of the public from using the gardens. Cllr Bolt states that anyone who uses the gardens should inform council at once to indemnify against accidents. Cllr K Taylor states that MTC should have been approached prior to the use and MTC could levy a charge for the use of the gardens. Cllr Armitage states she will visit during the week at lunchtime and find out what is happening and report back to council.

Administrator reads out the tenders submitted. Cllr Hamilton asks if it is a 12 month contract. Administrator confirms this. Council agree that the best price is Just Gardens Cllr T Hirst **Proposed** to meet with Don Pryke (Just Gardens) to discuss maintenance as per his schedule of conditions Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Administrator to obtain a cost from Just Gardens excluding the central border.

Cllr J Taylor Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC58 (4), MTC59 & MTC 60. MTC58(2&3) to be discussed at the end and administrator to leave the room during these items Cllr Lees- Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour.

Administrator leaves whilst council discuss MTC58 (2&3)

2. Administrator Annual Review & Contract – **Discussed in closed meeting**
3. Internal Auditor Report RFO Status – **Discussed in closed meeting**
4. Key Holders – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that Cllr White has handed over his set of keys to Cllr T Hirst.

MTC59/2014

Correspondence:

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

1. Rural Action – **NOTED**
2. Bishops Welcome to Huddersfield - **NOTED**
3. Planning Climate Changes - **NOTED**
4. Meltham Civic Sunday - **NOTED**
5. YLCA White Rose Update - **NOTED**

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Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Pinder informs MTC that Tim wood and the British Legion intend to produce a shroud to cover the cross and fill it with poppies in commemoration of WW1 with the involvement of the local schools, Cllr T Hirst confirms he has spoken to Ben Hardcastle regarding the Christmas Lights and has provisionally agreed a date of Sunday 30th November at 6.00pm. Approx. cost £5695.00. Cllr T Hirst will bring forward confirmation of date and costings for full ratification at the next meeting of the council. He also confirms speaking to licencing regarding street sellers, who have stated that this is a Police matter. He states he will speak to the Police in October/November to discuss this.

Administrator Returns. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 22nd July 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.44pm**.....