



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

S Guy (Chairman), P Tolson, J Nottingham, K Sibbald, P Blakeley, A Burton, S Benson, D Pinder, M Ibberson

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: J Tomlinson Walsh, M Poppa
Press: None

MTC86/2016 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Cllrs stating it was lovely to see everyone and he hoped they had a restful break.

MTC87/2016 Public Question Time:

J Tomlinson Walsh is present and gives an update on the Arts Festival and hands out new opening hours for the library. She reports that the festival was a success with around 2.5k visitors. Next year festival 15th-16th July. She reports that the Maltings Partnership has mentioned the possibility of Mirfield being a festival town. Jenny to send details to the Clerk for consideration at next meeting. Cllr Pinder congratulates the Friends group on a successful Arts Festival.

19.46 J Tomlinson Walsh & M Poppa leave.

MTC88/2016 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: M Burton, V Lees-Hamilton, K Taylor, J Taylor, J Hirst, M Bolt

MTC89/2016 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.

Clerk gives an update on declaration of interest following advice from YLCA. Cllrs need only declare if an item is on the agenda or a pecuniary interest is not already registered.

Cllr Guy – MTC92(1) 2016/92693 Royal British Legion (Other Interest)

MTC90/2016 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 19th July 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **£2320.48**. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** the

minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC91/2016

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 – Cllr Blakeley reports that the remaining defibrillator purchased by MTC has now been installed at Battyeford Sporting Club and that BSC has part funded it. He reports that a further one is to be installed at Mirfield Parish Cricket Club when purchased by MTC from the contributions received from community groups. Clerk and Cllr Blakeley to liaise with John Spikings YAS.
2. To receive an update Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder reports that the toilets have been left open for the past 2 weeks without major incident. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** to have a 1 month trial leaving the toilets unlocked Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Clerk to liaise with Clan Services and advise Cllrs if any issues are raised. Cllr Pinder reports that the graffiti is increasing. Clerk to liaise with Clan Services.
3. To receive an update on Council Offices – Defer as Cllr Lees-Hamilton absent.

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Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2016/92686 - **Noted**
2016/92758 - **Noted**
2016/92614 - **Noted**
2016/92682 - **Noted**
2016/92794 - **Noted**
2016/92693 – Old Colonial Erection temporary store Cllr Guy reads a letter from Timothy Wood detailing the application. Cllr Guy leaves the room. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** MTC supports the application for a temporary store to house the Royal British Legion stock Cllr Blakeley **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Guy returns.
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None**

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Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

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Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive information on Christmas Light Switch On/Christmas Market/Christmas Tree and decide a course of action – Cllr Ibberson reports that another Mirfield Christmas Festival/Market is in the planning stages with My Mirfield and that they are looking at using St Pauls as an indoor venue. Cllr Ibberson mentions the possibility of shops and community groups having their own light placard. Cllrs Ibberson & Pinder to contact local groups and shops. Clerk confirms that she has received a quotation from Ben Hardcastle as per the previous year and confirms that there are no other local companies who can provide this level of service and maintenance of lights on a daily basis. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC accepts the quotation from Ben Hardcastle as it is a local company Cllr Ibberson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to confirm with Kirklees if a Christmas Tree will be provided for outside the library.

2. To receive information on Bankfield Hedges and agree a course of action – Cllr Burton reports that the hedges were cut but that Wild About Gardens had recommended 2 annual cuts rather than the 1 in July. Clerk to obtain quotation and bring back for decision.
3. To agree a course of action for payment of Clan Services (Maintenance Public Toilets) – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to pay Clan Services by monthly standing order Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To discuss payment of VAT element of Invoice for container on behalf of Allotment Society – Clerk reports that the Allotment Society decided to pay for the container out of their own monies rather than from the Allotment account held by MTC. As the invoice has been paid by the Allotment Society Clerk does not feel that the VAT element can be recovered by MTC. Cllrs all agree that MTC will be unable to reimburse the Allotment Society the VAT element. Clerk to inform Allotment Society of decision.

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Correspondence:

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

1. YLCA July White Rose Update – **Noted**
2. YLCA Training Seminars – **Noted**
3. PCC Newsletter - **Noted**
4. YLCA Annual Conference – **Noted**
5. YLCA Training Event November – **Noted**
6. HTF Events Update – **Noted**
7. Rural Action Yorkshire News – **Noted**
8. Fields In Trust Have a Field Day - **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 Guy reports that Mirfield Rifle Volunteers are having a Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 11th at 2.30pm £5 entry.

Cllr Pinder reports that St Marys are hosting the Heritage weekend on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th.

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 20th September 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**20.26pm**.....