



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

### Councillors Present:

D Pinder, J Nottingham, J Hirst, T Hirst, J Taylor, A White, E Armitage, V Lees-Hamilton, M Hamilton, A Mapplebeck

### In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs  
Public: S Benson, K Andrews  
Press: Richard Mirfield Reporter

### **MTC88/2014**

#### **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr V Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance & apologised for the slightly late start.

### **MTC89/2014**

#### **Public Question Time:**

S Benson enquires about the minutes on the website Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms they are up to date as there were no minutes for August as Council was in recess. He asks if MTC are looking into a Neighbourhood Plan and if so if the residents will be consulted. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that MTC are investigating costs & implementation and that residents, local builders, Cllrs and local action groups will all have to be involved in the preparation of a plan. **Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC 95 2014/90688 Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

### **MTC90/2014**

#### **Apologies For Absence**

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

J Fearn, M Bolt, A Burton, C Walker, S Harding, K Taylor

### **MTC91/2014**

#### **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

### **MTC92/2014**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of **£2264.97**  
Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record  
Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary. Cllr Taylor confirms that he sent the link for asset transfers to the administrator and asks if Adrian Lythgo can be invited to either of the November meetings. Administrator to check with his secretary. Cllr Pinder reports that the Horse & Pony show went well and that there was no damage to the showground. He confirms that the Heritage weekend went extremely well at St Marys with many residents & children involved in the dig. He states that clay pipes and foundations possibly going back to Norman times were found and are now looking for more funding to excavate further. Cllr T Hirst confirms a presentation of defibrillators for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in October by St John Ambulance. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states the employment committee were unable to meet due to busy schedules and that NALC were busy and hadn't sent details through for delegation of powers, these will be sent to Cllrs when received. Cllr Armitage reports on her visit with Dr Lukic and tells Cllrs that there will be 3 new partners in December and 1 new partner in situ, 3 existing salaried doctors and 4 nurse practitioners. A phone call before 9am for morning appointments and after 9am for afternoon. They are hoping to extend into the car park and over the nurses section. He is trying to get staff to park elsewhere to make room for patients. Cllrs mention an annual fee of £5 for parking in the Constitutional Club car park. Cllr Armitage states that Dr Lukic will be retiring to Spain shortly and Cllr Lees-Hamilton says this will be a loss for Mirfield. Cllr Pinder asks that Cllr Armitage thanks Dr Lukic for the productive meeting.

## MTC93/2014

### Finance

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

1. BT Direct Debit £44.86 – **NOTED**
2. Well Polished Standing Order £287.50 - **NOTED**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administrator L Staggs	September Salary	£ 519.13
HMRC	September PAYE	£ 129.80
Wild About Gardens	August Final Maintenance Hedges Bankfield	£ 92.00
Yorkshire Water	Utilities Public Toilets	£ 120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 971.52</b>

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to pay en block and add extra Item 7 £92.00 Wild About Gardens Cllr Pinder Seconded **Vote: All in favour**

## MTC94/2014

### Grant Applications

1. To consider grant applications submitted: NONE
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: Cllr Taylor asks if the cheque for Friends of St Marys History Boards had ever

been cashed. Administrator to investigate further.

## MTC95/2014

### Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2014/92739 114 West Royd Ave – **NOTED**  
2014/90688 Land at Slipper Lane – Keith Andrews mentions a report in the Huddersfield Examiner regarding section 106 payments. He states that Taylor Wimpey claim they cannot afford to build the Commercial section until after the homes are built but can afford a lump sum to Kirklees towards schools. He also is concerned that Kirklees will not disclose the Financial Impact assessment to Robert Halstead. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that officers on HWP are in favour of the development but MTC are not and states that no matter how much money is given to schools, it will not improve the highways infrastructure. Cllr Pinder states that CBI survey shows there is more Industrial space available in West Yorkshire than anywhere in the country. He states that the plans for a major city Leeds/Bradford/Wakefield will result in more industrial and housing developments to the neighbouring villages. Cllr White asks why Kirklees have accepted £1 million from Taylor Wimpey when they could have insisted on £4 million. Cllr Pinder states a percentage of CIL or 106 should be given to Town/Parish Council. Cllr Taylor mentions the new Strategic Planning Committee and reads from Kirklees website the criteria for this committee and wonders if this application will be heard at this rather than HWP. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that Kirklees are not operating a democracy and also wonders what they may be hiding as they will not give MTC sight of the Financial Impact Report. She concludes by stating that Mirfield residents rely on MTC to help. **8.15pm Steve & Keith leave. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder seconded Vote: All in favour.**  
2014/92669 Land adj 54 Old Bank Rd – **NOTED** Cllr Taylor states this is retrospective as the work has been carried out.  
2014/92783 John Cotton Group – **NOTED**  
2014/92404 adj 35 Shillbank Lane – **NOTED**  
2014/92675 Westfield Assessment Centre – **NOTED**  
2014/92547 2 Hopton Hall Lane - **NOTED**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **2013/94023 Cllr Pinder states he will contact the developer regarding the stone plaque in the former Swan Inn**
3. Mirfield Moor – R Halstead still pursuing see comments above.
4. Kitson Hill – Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms with Cllrs that they have all seen the email from the Secretary of State regarding the 'Call In'. Cllr Pinder states that it is a travesty that this was not called in as it has blatantly breached regulations on house distances.
5. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Taylor confirms that the fields have been cut but that this will not be heard at HWP, maybe the following one. Keep on agenda.

## MTC96/2014

### Community

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder refers to M Garbutt email regarding extending the lease to December 15 and states that a Kirklees officer has shown common sense in doing this. Cllr Pinder

**Proposed** MTC accepts the extended lease, sign and complete Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: 9 in favour** Cllr Armitage **abstained** as she had not had time to read the email from M Garbutt. Cllr Pinder confirmed that Cllr White had persuaded the drainage company to carry out the report and FOC and thanked Cllrs for their patience and support. Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that MTC had provided public facilities for residents throughout this time.

**MTC97/2014**

**Internal Matters**

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

1. Employment Committee – Cllr V Lees-Hamilton confirms that the meeting could not go ahead, but the administrator has called a further meeting. Place on next agenda.

**MTC98/2014**

**Correspondence**

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

1. Historic Towns Forum – **NOTED**
2. YLCA White Rose Update – **NOTED**
3. YLCA Resignation – **NOTED**
4. Remembrance 2014 – **NOTED** put on next agenda to discuss
5. Rural Action Yorkshire – **NOTED**

Cllr Taylor **Proposed** to note all correspondence Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC99/2014**

**Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Nottingham informs MTC that the Towpath Clearance went very well and was worthwhile. Cllr Pinder circulated slides and notes from his Neighbourhood Plan course. He states that it is not mandatory for MTC to do a plan, as several have been withdrawn and only 1 so far out of 800 has gone through. He confirms the cost to be approx. £20K with a timescale of 12-24 months preparation and confirms that at any stage Kirklees can object to the contents. Cllr Lees-Hamilton asks Cllrs to digest the notes and will bring back to a later meeting. **9.05pm Cllr White leaves.** Cllr Pinder confirms that Mirfield Community Partnership have a volunteer to tend St Pauls sunken garden. Cllr T Hirst confirms that the invoice for the first payment for Christmas Lights has been sent out and would welcome any ideas from the working party. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms the first meeting of October is annual planning update with Linda Beckett @ 6.30pm.

**MTC100/2014**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked everyone for their attendance.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.15pm**.....