



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 22nd July 2014 at 7.30pm
Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

D Pinder, J Nottingham, S Harding, J Hirst, T Hirst, K Taylor, J Taylor, C Walker, A White

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs
Public: Peter Morgan, Sean Guy, D Weedham, B Harrison, D Pryke
Press: Richard Mirfield Reporter

MTC62/2014 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr T Hirst welcomed everyone in attendance

Cllr T Hirst Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC70 Item 2 & MTC69 2014/92001 Cllr J Taylor

Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC63/2014 Public Question Time:

NONE

MTC64/2014 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, A Mapplebeck, M Hamilton, V Lees-Hamilton, E Armitage

MTC65/2014 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 S Harding – Tax Assist & Crowlees School

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr A White – Local Shopkeeper

MTC66/2014 Confirmation of Minutes

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 8th July 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of **£95.00**
Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 7 in favour 2 Abstained**
- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.
Cllr Pinder stated that it would be after 6th August when he and

Cllr T Hirst could visit the mining museum to view plans of the mine shafts.

MTC67/2014

Finance

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

1. BT Direct Debit £43.10 – **NOTED**
2. Well Polished Standing Order £287.50 - **NOTED**

| JULY | | |
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| Payee | Description | Amount |
| Administrator L Staggs | July Salary | £ 558.68 |
| Administrator L Staggs | August Salary | £ 451.39 |
| HMRC | June & July PAYE | £ 266.75 |
| Wild About Gardens Ramsdens | June Maintenance | £ 92.00 |
| | Legal Fees Lease | £ 600.00 |
| TOTAL | | £1968.82 |

Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** to pay en block Cllr Pinder Seconded **Vote: All in favour**

MTC68/2014

Grant Applications

1. To consider grant applications submitted: NONE
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: NONE

MTC69/2014

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2014/92001 Station Rd Demolition of existing buildings and erection of A1 food store, petrol filling station, formation of associated parking, access & servicing & Landscaping – Sean Guy spoke on behalf of the Royal British Legion and voiced his concerns regarding the annual Remembrance Parade along Lowlands. Cllr K Taylor said that any development must maintain the cobblestones under Section 106. Cllr Pinder believes that talks with the supermarket prior to the event would alleviate any problems Cllr J Taylor states that a Traffic Regulation Order can be applied for. Cllrs raise concerns for traffic flow, cobblestones, opening hours, position of petrol station, queueing traffic and the proposal of a pedestrian crossing. Cllr T Hirst Proposed MTC lodges these concerns as objections on the planning application and includes air pollution Cllr White Seconded Vote: All in favour.
Cllr T Hirst Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr K Taylor Seconded Vote: All in favour (MTC64 running order resumed)
2014/92087 Nunbrook Mills variation condition 2 on previous permission for demolition of existing single storey building and erection of new 2 storey building – **NOTED**
2014/92011 33 Crowlees Rd Erection of side extension with front and rear dormer and single storey front extension – **NOTED**
Proposed stopping of non-definitive footpaths at Taylor Hall Lane, Northway Crescent & Northway Gardens – Cllr K Taylor states that

this will be more secure and better for residents and Cllr J Taylor states MTC should support.

2014/92176 – Westfield Assessment Centre Demolition 3 storey extension Cllr K Taylor states that a bat survey has been carried out with no evidence of roosts or nests. - **NOTED**

2014/92161 Hollingsgate Farm Erection of 2 stable blocks & change of use with office & yard & livery –**NOTED**

2014/92177 9 The Waste Erection of garage extension & formation of new pitched roof – **NOTED**

2014/92170 adj 13 Dunbottle Lane Erection of 3 dwellings (modified house types) - **NOTED**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **NO COMMENTS/NOTED**
3. Mirfield Moor – No Update keep on agenda
4. Kitson Hill – Cllr T Hirst explained to MTC that there had been a major development regarding a ‘Call-In’ to the Secretary of State. Peter Morgan informs MTC that Lady Heton Action Group has prepared a submission document for a ‘Call-In’ request to the Secretary of State and would like the backing of this document from MTC. Cllr J Taylor comments that MTC have supported the BE12 argument at the Ben Bailey proposed development from day one and should continue to support this. Peter Morgan explains that this must be submitted by Friday 25th July. Cllr K Taylor Proposed MTC write a letter supporting the ‘Call-In’ and email this to the relevant person at the end of the meeting Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour
5. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr K Taylor reports that she and Cllr J Taylor walked round the footpaths surrounding Balderstone and that they were considerably overgrown. She has reported this to PROW but believes that a mass footpath walk is in order to keep weeds at bay.

MTC70/2014

Community

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder confirms the drainage company will carry out the survey & report and that he will be notified 24 hours prior so that he can unblock the drains with the fluid. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** Council authorise him to sign the lease and take the oath on behalf of MTC and bring this to a close Cllr K Taylor
Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. Eastthorpe Gardens – Cllr T Hirst gives a brief background on maintenance at Eastthorpe Gardens he states that both the Tender and assurances from Just Gardens are very favourable. Don Pryke (Just Gardens) explains that in his opinion the bushes have been neglected and strimmed rather than pruned back and that cut backs and grass cuttings have been left under bushes that should have been disposed of. Cllr T Hirst explains the tender and proposals for the central bed to be flagged. Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** that MTC accept the tender from Just Gardens under a 12 month contract commencing September and give Wild About Gardens 1 month notice Cllr White **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Hirst enquires if any Cllr have an update on the Trinity Playgroup using the gardens for recreation. Cllrs J Hirst states they

will be moving into new premises next month. Cllr Pinder confirmed that he had looked round the new premises and there was an outside play area at the back of these in an enclosed yard. Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** Cllr K Taylor & Cllr T Hirst visit during lunch times to check if Trinity are using the gardens and report back to MTC
Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

3. Christmas Lights – Cllr T Hirst confirms that the cost has increased £300 from last year due to rising insurance costs to £5795.00. Cllr T Hirst **Proposed** to agree costings at £5795.00 and to set Sunday 30th November 6.00pm as the official date & time for switch on Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. Hedges @ Bankfield Court – Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** MTC obtain a quote for this from Don Pryke (Just Gardens) Cllr White **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
5. Stationary Request – Administrator requests A4 paper/dividers/pens etc costing approx. £60 plus VAT Cllr Pinder **Proposed** the administrator proceed and order stationary Cllr J Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
6. Mirfield Community Trust Transfer – Cllr K Taylor states this is cause for concern. She has grave concerns how this has been handled and that it hasn't progressed since 2001. She believes it better to be handed over to Mirfield Town Council and not Mirfield Community Trust. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC contact Kirklees legal department to determine the legal wording and YLCA as a back-up Cllr White **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC71/2014

Correspondence

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

1. Revised NALC Handling Complaints – **NOTED**
2. Draft Plain English Guide – **NOTED**
3. Kirkburton Civic Events – **NOTED**
4. Creative Arts Hub Summer Art Fair- **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 Nottingham informs MTC of another Towpath Clearance in connection with Community Payback, Rotary Club, and Canal & River Trust on 13th September. Cllr Pinder informs MTC that 2nd August Rifle Regiment will be doing a sponsored 3 Peaks Challenge & 3rd August is St Marys WW1 Service. Cllr Pinder raised the issue of a new Union Flag. He mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan Course he attended and stated it was a very useful half day and will present a report after recess he also shows MTC newly printed guides of Mirfield Town Centre Trail by Mirfield Community Partnership. Cllr J Taylor congratulated the Deputy Mayor on his first meeting as Chair. Cllr T Hirst confirmed that The Mayor and Deputy would be attending Ings Grove Fair on Sunday 27th @2.00pm and asked Cllrs to attend. He reported on the Army Cadets presentation day he and Cllr Pinder attended stating it was an excellent & informative day especially a demonstration on Defibrillator use and that he would like to see this installed in Mirfield Schools. Cllr K Taylor asked that this be put on the September agenda.

MTC73/2014

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Cllr T Hirst thanked everyone for their attendance.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 9th September 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**20.57pm**.....