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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Ibberson (Chairman), K Taylor, P Tolson, S Guy, M Bolt, A Burton, V Lees-Hamilton, K Sibbald

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Members Save Mirfield & Trinity Methodist

Press: None

MTC84/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Ibberson welcomed Cllrs & members of the public. Cllr Ibberson congratulated Mirfield In Bloom on their success as Best Large Town in Yorkshire In Bloom. He also congratulated the 3 Ambassadors who received their awards on Sunday 16th September at The Celebration of Mirfield Volunteering.

MTC85/2018 Public Question Time:

None

Cllr Ibberson Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC92(3iii) & MTC91(1) Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC86/2018 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, C Walker, D Pinder, J Hirst, J Nottingham, J Taylor, P Blakeley, S Benson

Absences were accepted

MTC87/2018 Declaration of Interest

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC89(1) & MTC93(2) member RBL

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC92(3) iii. Land at Slipper Lane

MTC88/2018 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 4th September 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£1030.00**. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: 5 in favour** Cllrs Lees-Hamilton & Taylor **abstained as absent from the previous meeting.**

MTC89/2018

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update from Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – Cllrs discuss the emails from Kirklees that the Clerk had previously circulated. Cllr Guy **Proposed** Clerk emails Chief Executive at Kirklees asking for detailed reasons why the Memorial Park cannot be allocated as a WW1 Field In Trust and why Kirklees feel that it contravenes the criteria Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update regarding Fields In Trust and decide any action necessary – See MTC93(2)
3. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassadors Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Defer
4. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – Cllr Guy is sourcing an appropriate template. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk use her delegated powers to a maximum of £300 for the purchase of the plaques Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
5. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Remembrance Events & agree any action necessary – Clerk to change the item on future agendas to 'To note the minutes of Armistice Committee'.

MTC90/2018

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

SEPTEMBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	September Salary	£ 755.29
HMRC	September PAYE	£ 246.54
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Marys	September Room Hire	£ 42.00
St Marys	Room Hire 16/9/18	£ 40.00
Just Gardens	September Maintenance	£ 80.00
Newton Newton	Remembrance Events	£ 218.60
Flags		
NALC	NALC Conference Cllr Bolt	£ 294.00
TOTAL		£ 1694.43

Cllr Guy **Proposed** items 1-8 payment en block Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

9. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/07/18 – **Noted**
10. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/08/18 – **Noted**
11. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**
Clerk to transfer agreed contingency from reserves to Remembrance Events.

MTC91/2018

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Trinity Methodist**

Remembrance Book – Grant application was circulated by email prior to the meeting. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to approve the grant to the value of £1084.00. £399 for Remembrance Book from Remembrance events budget allowance and the balance from Grants Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

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

8.25pm Save Mirfield & Trinity Methodist representatives leave. Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC92/2018

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2018/92841 – **Noted**

2018/92931 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:

No Comments/Noted

3. To consider potential controversial applications:

- i. 2017/93935 Erection 61 dwellings Land off Woodward Court – Save Mirfield report that the developers have been carrying out investigations on the field. She reports that a non-evasive geo-physical survey should have been carried out but is not convinced this has happened. A fibre optic box and cables have been installed and a road dug out where the planned houses are to be built and top soil removed and the field levelled. She also reports that there is no evidence stating that 60 houses would be safe on highways grounds. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk send the following to Chief Executive at Kirklees: This council endorses the importance of transparency in the planning process. Also, sadly in Mirfield and other areas of Kirklees, there is a great cynicism of the process and in some cases the behaviour of applicants and the alleged lack of robust scrutiny and challenging of developers by the local planning authority. As an example, MTC showcase the current application 2017/93935, where several aspects of the process by both Kirklees and the applicant may give residents the impression of prior approval. MTC call on Kirklees to keep robust details of all contracts & discussions of planning applications on a public register. Clerk to also circulate to YLCA & NALC seeking support/examples of this in other areas where councils are having similar issues with planning & developers. YLCA & NALC to perhaps discuss this with Ministers at their briefings. Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Guy Proposed Clerk emails Coal Authority to find out what steps have been taken regarding the proposed development at Balderstone and are the Coal Authority happy with the recent work carried out by the developers by removing topsoil and has this work been done to a suitable level Cllr Ibberson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
- ii. 2017/94124 Outline application for erection up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane – No update
- iii. 2018/90801/9080291005 Land at Slipper Lane – Cllr Bolt reports that both himself and the Clerk have used their delegated powers on this matter to sign off the engagement form for a traffic consultant.
- iv. 2018/91713 Land off Old Bank Road – Clerk reports that she sent a reminder to Kirklees regarding the motion from the previous

meeting. Clerk to send a further reminder.

MTC93/2018

Community

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items

1. To discuss Yorkshire Water land drainage into a storm drain & agree any action necessary (Cllr Benson) – Cllr Benson is absent. Cllrs discuss the drainage issues highlighted to certain Cllrs by the Allotment Society at Nab Lane Allotments. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** To delegate Cllr Benson to liaise with an officer at Kirklees known to Cllr Benson and circulate any report from this outcome to MTC Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss & propose Fields In Trust Charter For Parks. To become a signatory to FIT Campaign & to endorse 6 bullet points to call on the Community of Mirfield to support this campaign. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the motion as detailed above Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Mayor to circulate.

MTC94/2018

Internal Matters

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

1. To receive an estimate for replacement Christmas Lights and discuss & agree action necessary and costs involved (Cllr Ibberson) – Cllr Ibberson reports that estimated costs are between £200 - £400 for individual lights. He states he will visit suppliers & pursue all avenues. Clerk to check if Kirklees will supply a Christmas Tree this year.
2. To discuss appointing a third party to transfer WorldClient and agree a course of action – Clerk highlights to Cllrs the issues she has been having with the webmail WorldClient and inability over last few weeks to access emails. Cllrs discuss. Clerk to contact YLCA & other councils to seek advice regarding their providers etc.

MTC95/2018

Correspondence

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

None received

MTC96/2018

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Sibbald reports a rise in car theft & burglary. Clerk to contact Kirklees & obtain some up to date crime figures.

MTC97/2018

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 2nd October 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.14pm**.....