



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton, S Guy, J Hirst, K Taylor, M Bolt, A Burton, P Tolson, J Taylor, S Benson, J Nottingham, D Pinder

In Attendance:

Clerk: Clerk was absent Cllr Guy took the minutes
Public: None
Press: None

MTC20/2015

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

It was with great regret that Cllr Lees-Hamilton informed those present that a position on MTC had already become available since the election due to one of the elected councillors failing to complete his declaration of office before or at the 1st meeting following the election or request an extension via the clerk to the council or the mayor. Elected councillor Michael Hutchinson has been deemed to have vacated his position and therefore a casual vacancy has arisen in the Battyeford ward.

Following the annual meeting contact was made with YLCA who provided a detailed legal response in relation to this issue. Cllr Lees-Hamilton has detailed correspondence between YLCA and MTC.

In light of this Cllr Lees-Hamilton proposed that Martin Haigh should be contacted with the above details.

Cllr K Taylor also added that Sharon Salvanos should also be contacted.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton read out a letter from Mr M Hutchinson dated 31/05/15 (Sunday) claiming to have not received any information regarding meetings subsequent to the election. This was disputed by Cllr Lees-Hamilton and said that all information was sent out by the clerk well in advance of the annual meeting. Every Cllr present confirmed they had received details within the 1st few days of the election results being published.

Cllr Benson asked the cost to the people of Mirfield of holding a by-election. Cllr K Taylor informed him that the cost of the whole election to the people of Mirfield was £25,000 and as there was 5 wards this

made it around £5,000 per ward, although Battyeford having the largest number of councillors would have been slightly greater. Cllr Pinder checked that no contact had been made with either the clerk or the mayor by Mr M Hutchinson and this was confirmed by Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Cllr A Burton confirmed that both he and Cllr M Burton had been in to swear in front of the clerk prior to the meeting despite feeling unable to attend the whole meeting due to suffering from bronchitis.

Cllr J Taylor also confirmed that he and Cllr K Taylor had sworn in with the clerk in the same manner due to illness.

Cllr Tolson asked what the procedure would have been had Mr M Hutchinson been unable to attend but made contact. Cllr Lees-Hamilton said that the request would have been discussed by the Cllrs present and then a vote taken as to whether an extension to the time should be granted.

Cllr K Taylor confirmed that she had spoken to Mr M Hutchinson on the Sunday after the election in light of the potential voting misconduct in the Northorpe Ward, this had been done since she had no contact information for the Labour candidate in that ward at this time Mr M Hutchinson made no reference to request an extension to complete his declaration of office.

MTC21/2015

Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: M Burton, K Sibbald, C Walker

MTC22/2015

Declaration of Interest:

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

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr Benson - Project Mirfield and McInerney Homes

Cllr Pinder - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Community Partnership

Cllr Guy - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library

Cllr Tolson - Parish Church Council

MTC23/2015

Confirmation of Minutes:

- i. To approve minutes of the Annual Council meeting of 19th May 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of £2078.34. MTC5/2015 - Cllr M Bolt was present, it was Cllr M Burton who was absent. MTC18/2015 - Cllr Pinder didn't give the vote of thanks to former Cllr White, the vote of thanks was given by the council as a whole. MTC12/2015 Clerk's salary £653.51 HMRC PAYE £182.83 Total Finance £2078.34 Cllr Bolt **Proposed** following these amendments the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

Cllr Pinder reported that the purchased toilet roll holders were smaller than the original ones and were subsequently too small for the existing stock of toilet rolls.

MTC24/2015

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2015/91384 1 Princess St Change of use and alterations to convert first floor of hairdressing salon to dwelling - **Noted**
2015/91424 49B Jackroyd Lane Erection of extensions and alterations - **Noted**
2015/91420 33 Crowlees Rd Erection of single storey extensions and new roof over garage - **Noted**
2015/91441 84 Jackroyd Lane Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey extensions to front & rear – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
Cllr Guy **Proposed** to note all applications and Cllr Nottingham to notify Historic Buildings Trust on 2014/93413 & 2014/93414 Cllr Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Benson asked whether there had been an update from Robert Halstead, Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that none had been received.

MTC25/2015

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. Benches Eastthorpe Gardens & Wards – Cllr Pinder reported that the pea gravel in Eastthorpe Gardens had been thrown in "handfuls" at premises of The Print Workshop. This had resulted in at least a dozen holes in the windows and damage to the ventilation fan. Cllr K Taylor expressed annoyance at the cost of the work on Eastthorpe Gardens, citing a domestic patio at the property of Cllr Sibbald of greater proportions which had been carried out by a local Mirfield firm at less cost and called the work in the gardens "An absolute mess" Cllr Benson asked whether we were liable for the damage Cllr Guy asked whether there was any CCTV of the incident. Cllr Pinder confirmed that as part of his contact with The Print Workshop he had asked about receiving their CCTV footage and he would continue to liaise. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirmed that it should have been flagged rather than gravel and she would go and look following the meeting and it should be returned to the next meeting. Cllr Bolt suggested MTC contacted the new bishop regarding the 99 year lease on Eastthorpe Gardens. Cllr J Taylor confirmed that this was Bishop Jonathan Gibbs and said he would pass on the contact details to all Cllrs. Cllr Bolt asked Cllr Tolson to speak to the P.C.C. regarding this matter. Proposed by Cllr Bolt **Proposed** as the decision on benches has been delegated to Ward Cllrs, this should be sent to the clerk. Part of this decision is whether to have a picnic bench or a park bench Cllr K Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. Estimate for wall mounted bins to public toilets – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that this estimate should be returned for one in greater detail as to the costs of the individual components and brought back before the council once received Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
20.05 Former Cllr Hamilton arrived
3. Letter from Mirfield Health Centre –Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the following reply "Mirfield Town Council has considered the issue raised and if the group would like to submit a grant application with

a costed proposal then the Town Council will be happy to consider it" Cllr J Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr K Taylor commented whether the tone of the letter implied that the group with the members of MTC go out patrolling.

MTC26/2015

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates (if received) and decide any action where necessary. Cllr Nottingham will remain on the Rights of Way and Kirklees Historic Buildings Trust

Cllr J Taylor raised the allotment committee Cllr K Taylor and Cllr A Burton will be on the allotment committee

MTC27/2015

Internal Matters:

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

1. YLCA Provision of Service approval – Cllr K Taylor **Proposed MTC** accepts the Provision of Service Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. Appoint members of Employment Committee –
Cllr K Taylor - **Proposed** by Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded** by Cllr J Taylor **Vote: All in favour**
Cllr M Bolt - **Proposed** by Cllr Guy **Seconded** by Cllr J Taylor **Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Pinder - **Proposed** by Cllr Guy **Seconded** by Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Vote: All in favour**
3. To set Chairman's Allowance – Chairman's allowance to remain the same **Proposed** by Cllr Pinder **Seconded** by Cllr J Taylor **Vote: All in favour**

MTC28/2015

Correspondence:

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

1. Kirklees Council Stay Connected Newsletter - **Noted**
2. HTF Newsletter - **Noted**
3. Letter of thanks John Daniels - **Noted**
4. Sexual Entertainment Venues - **Noted**
5. Creative Arts Club - **Noted**
6. Last Friday Club - **Noted**

MTC29/2015

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Raised earlier - windows of The Print Workshop

MTC30/2015

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 16th June 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.13pm**.....