



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: C Tyler, B Thornton, K Andrews, H Grason, P Grason, C Barstow, A Cowan, K Asbridge

Press: None

MTC61/2016 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Cllrs and members of the public and thanked them for their attendance.

MTC62/2016 **Public Question Time:**

Cllr Guy Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC67(3) and add an urgent item MTC67(4) Link Road Cllr Bolt

Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC63/2016 **Apologies For Absence:**

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

Cllrs: M Burton, S Benson, D Pinder, J Taylor, J Hirst

MTC64/2016 **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.

Cllr S Guy - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library (other interests).

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning (other interests)

Cllr P Tolson – Team Parish (other interests)

MTC65/2016 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 21st June 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **£1702.38**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC66/2016 **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 St Andrews are happy for a defibrillator to be installed on their building.
2. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan –. No update
3. To receive an update Mirfield Public Toilets – Clerk updates on sanitary bins and key holders.
4. To receive an update on Council Offices – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads an email received from Paul Kemp regarding asset transfers.

MTC67/2016

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
 2016/92113 - **Noted**
 2016/92080 - **Noted**
 2016/91971 - **Noted**
 2016/91976 - **Noted**
 2016/91592 - **Noted**
 2016/91980 - **Noted**
 2016/91945 - **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. 2016/91486 Westfield Assessment Centre Erection 22 dwellings – Members of the public are present and also speak on 2016/91483. 2016/91483 residents are concerned for the positioning of the entrance gates for the proposed development. Cllrs & residents discuss the access/safety and egress issues for the application. Cllr Bolt is mindful that the 'ransom strip' allowing access is owned by Kirklees, he states they shouldn't be minded to give this to Riva homes but as a precedent has been set, should ask for the maximum benefit which may dissuade Riva. He also states that Riva have not had a public consultation or consulted with MTC. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that Westfield Court does not have good sight lines to the highway. Cllr Guy **Proposed** Mirfield Town Council objects to the erection of gates and formation of hard surface at the proposed location of Orchard View on the grounds of detrimental to living amenity, poor sight line on to main highway, child safety & TPO's on trees on the site Cllr Bolt **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour. 2016/91486 after further discussions Cllr Guy **Proposed** Mirfield Town Council objects to the erection of 22 dwellings at Westfield Assessment Centre on the grounds of over intensification of site, TPO's on trees on site, discharge of vehicles on the highway, inadequate public open space, drainage of the site does not take into account Riparian water rights for the property owners downstream of the proposed site.(The water cannot be transferred out of the watershed without due consideration as to the rights of the downstream riparian landowners), surface water run-off cannot be achieved by means of soak-away most of the site is encapsulated with clay making groundworks hard and will create problems controlling water as construction starts and progresses, there is no strategy plan in place to prevent existing boundary properties from suffering from construction site flooding, recorded elevated levels of concentrated land lead, arsenic & mercury could create cross contamination of the water course, and may find its way into the food chain by leaching to boundary properties by means of ground water, school routes "footpaths" are blocked by site vehicles & does not conform to Mirfield Design Statement Cllr Bolt **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour
4. Link Road Cooper Bridge-Wakefield – Cllr Bolt reports on an article regarding a proposed M62/M1 link road from Cooper Bridge through Mirfield/Horbury via a 'yellow' route (based on the route proposed

previously by Highways agency) to the M1 and a survey by Dept. of Transport. He reports that in 1993 plans for a link road were shelved by the government following various communities' objections. In 1992 Peter McBride opposed the link and Cllr Sheard stated that rail links were better than a link road. C Tyler states that this would open up fields on either side for development. Cllrs and members of the public all agree the Manchester/Sheffield link is a much better route. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC writes to Adrian Lythgo/WYCA & Local Enterprise Partnerships stating that MTC requires an urgent meeting regarding a possible link road between Cooper Bridge & Wakefield and that MTC should be the recognised body that transport agencies have dialogue with in the event of this. MTC requests that they are given any information and has extensive dialogue prior to any decisions being made Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

8.45 Members of the public leave

Cllr Guy Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC68/2016 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC69/2016 **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To receive information and agree a course of action for Mirfield Memorial Park Fields In Trust Centenary Fields programme - Clerk to send the application form to Adrian Lythgo with supporting details.

MTC70/2016 **Correspondence:**

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

1. Invitation Annual Meeting YLCA – **Noted**
2. YLCA Workplace Pensions - **Noted**
3. YLCA Permitted Development Rights - **Noted**
4. Kirklees Stay Connected with local life – **Noted**
5. Cinnamon Trust Local Appeal - **Noted**

MTC71/2016 **Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Sibbald reports that the governors of Old Bank School of which he is one, have written to the Chief Executive of Kirklees regarding the proposed development on Old Bank Rd, they have asked for the site to be monitored for toxic fumes that may pose a danger to the pupils.

Cllr Guy reports that he has attended a few events locally and that he will be opening the Beer/Music Festival on Friday 8th as MTC sponsored part of the event.

MTC72/2016 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19th July 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**20.55pm**.....