



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), S Guy, M Bolt, J Hirst, K Sibbald, M Burton, P Tolson, S Benson, J Nottingham, D Pinder. M Ibberson, P Blakeley

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: C Tyler, B Thornton, P Wilding, I Marsden, D Marsden. Residents of Beechwood Ave & surrounding area.

Press: None

MTC173/2015 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton began by welcoming Cllrs & Public and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She commended all the residents that rallied for the flood victims, especially Cllrs Blakeley & Guy. Cllr Guy praised the volunteers and reported that a Facebook page was set up on Boxing Day evening and within a few hours Castle Hall car park was opened and 3 vans and 2 cars of donations were received the following day. He expressed his sincere thanks to all the volunteers.

MTC174/2015 Public Question Time:

Cllr Lees-Hamilton invites Pat Wilding & Beechwood Avenue residents to discuss the proposed development at Orchard View. Mrs Wilding explains that the first residents knew about this was when the surveyor was lost and approached the neighbouring household to the potential development. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports a conversation she had with Jonathan Ainley stating Kirklees are in pre-planning talks with a developer. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms full support will be given to existing residents who should not suffer for a new development. Sheena (resident) states that the access is a drive width and cannot accommodate 2-way traffic. She also reports that the play area has been fenced off as if in preparation. Cheryl Tyler confirms once an application is submitted, Save Mirfield would become involved. Cllrs all agree of a lack of communication and secrecy and that the residents and care home should be accommodated. Cllrs Hirst & Bolt locate Riva Homes website, on which states 9 New Homes in Mirfield. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC write the following to Riva Homes: This Town Council believes the developer should at its earliest opportunity engage with the residents and mitigate any concerns ASAP Cllr

Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

8.05pm Residents leave.

Cllr Bolt Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward

MTC178(1) Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC175/2015

Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: K Taylor, A Burton, J Taylor, C Walker

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** a special dispensation for Cllr Walker who had a veterinary emergency Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC176/2015

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 D Pinder - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Community Partnership (other interests).

Cllr Benson - Project Mirfield (other interests).

Cllr Hirst – Mirfield Matters Survey (other interests)

Cllr Ibberson – My Mirfield (pecuniary interest)

MTC177/2015

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 15th December 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of £26,644.35. Cllr Pinder

Proposed the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Bolt **Seconded**

Vote: All in favour

MTC178/2015

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 Mirfield Matters Survey – Cllrs are handed a Survey report. Cllr Hirst declared an interest. Ruth Southon from Spirul is present and presents the survey results. Ruth reports that 28% of residents returned the survey, between 25-30% makes a survey viable. Ruth discusses the report with Cllrs. The main statistics are: 85% are satisfied with Mirfield as a place to live compared to 68% in 2007. Highest levels of dissatisfaction Traffic Flow at 78%. Road/pavement repair 71%. Satisfaction for facilities for young people has increased from 5%(2007) to 19%. 67% would prefer 1 large Health Centre to a number of smaller ones. Lack of grass cutting in parks and open spaces is a major issue from the survey. 10% had been a victim of crime as opposed to 18% (2007). 83% said it was either very important or important to them to have a town council in Mirfield, 42% are prepared to pay £1 more per year than the current £5 per year to assist Mirfield Town Council in supporting community projects. Cllr Bolt thanks Ruth for the overview. He comments that the majority of dissatisfaction is where MTC does not have direct input. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to put the survey results on the MTC website and social media sites, have meetings, then decide an action plan for next 5-10 years, with concerns/issues. In the next month, arrange a large venue to have breakout sessions with residents (178 of which at the local plan meeting wanted to be involved with MTC) and formulate action plans Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder thanked Spirul on behalf of MTC for the thorough and professional report. Brian Thornton congratulated MTC on conducting the survey.

**Cllr Guy Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded
Vote: All in favour**

Ruth Southon leaves.

2. To receive an update on defibrillators – Clerk reports the external cabinets not yet delivered.
3. To receive an update on Tennis Courts – Clerk to arrange with Tennis Club to attend a later meeting.
4. To receive an update on Local Plan – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that the meeting was well attended and thanks Cheryl Tyler and Save Mirfield for their presence on the day. Cllr Bolt reports that admin at Kirklees are collating a report of the residents who attended. He comments that a meeting was justified by the amount of people that attended, approx. 450-480 and it was prudent of MTC to hold this consultation. Cllr Pinder states the website link provided by Brian Thornton was extremely useful. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Clerk emails Richard Hollinson with a holding comment: MTC has reviewed the document and held its own public consultation and has data from Mirfield Matters Survey pertaining to this and MTC will send a detailed document to Kirklees, maybe not be the end of January but by end of June Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton to contact Robert Halstead and arrange a meeting. Cheryl Tyler stated that it is important to get a Local Plan in place.

9.30pm Cheryl & Brian leave.

5. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Bolt confirms that MTC agreed to concentrate on the Local Plan and reports he is waiting for a contact list of residents interested in being involved and on receipt of this will arrange a meeting.
6. To receive an update on Town Council Bedding Plants – Defer as Cllr Taylor absent.

MTC179/2015

Grant Applications:

1. To consider sponsorship: My Mirfield Community & Business Awards 2016. **9.30pm Cllr Ibberson leaves the room.** Cllrs agree that it is a great idea for MTC to support the awards and the business community. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC sponsors the Special Recognition Award Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
9.40pm Cllr Ibberson returns. Cllr Ibberson confirms that the date of the awards is 15th April @ £25 per ticket. Cllrs to confirm at next meeting how many tickets are required.

MTC180/2015

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council. 2015/94005 19 Overall Park – **MTC has received objections from local residents.** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC objects as not in line with Mirfield Design Statement and further objections as per previous application Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2015/94009 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None Received**

MTC181/2015

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To receive an update on public toilets (Clerk & Cllr Pinder) – Cllr Pinder reported that the Gents & Disabled toilets had been repainted and steam cleaned and looked significantly cleaner. He also reported that someone is

constantly blocking the toilets with vast amounts of toilet roll. Clerk confirms that the cleaning contract with Extra Mile has 30 day notice period. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC gives Extra Mile 30 days notice Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Clerk to inform Extra Mile.

MTC182/2015 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC183/2015 **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To receive an update on Eastthorpe Gardens – Defer
2. To discuss Council Offices – Cllrs all agree that the ingress of water, damp and mould has now reached an unacceptable state. Clerk to email Cathy Scott and cc Mark Gregory. Cathy Scott was at the earlier planning meeting and saw for herself the state of the building.
3. To discuss and sanction updated Financial Regulations – Defer
4. To discuss and sanction updated Standing Orders – Defer
5. To discuss 2016 Ambassador Scheme – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** all nominations and reasons why to be submitted with a closing date of Monday 15th February with independent panel presentation Tuesday 1st March, Clerk to contact Chris Breare with all the details and local press, Clerk to upload to MTC website and Cllr Bolt to post on Mirfield Matters and Cllr Ibberson to post on My Mirfield Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
6. To note Provisional Tax Base and Grant application - **Noted**

MTC184/2015 **Correspondence:**

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

1. Rural Action Yorkshire - **Noted**
2. Locality – **Noted**
3. Fields In Trust - **Noted**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to note all correspondence Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC185/2015 **Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Pinder reported Darren Smith Homes had received 4 Awards.

Imelda Marsden reported on a fundraiser for Hollybank on Saturday 12th June.

Cllr Nottingham reports that the planning application for the turbines at The Ship Inn has been withdrawn as not cost effective. Cllr Pinder reports Burns Night on 23rd January at Old Colonial hosted by Mirfield Rifle Volunteers and states that Forget Me Not Hospice and Soldiers off the Street have benefitted from 2015 fundraising.

MTC186/2015 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

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

Time Meeting Closed.....**10.00pm**.....