



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

S Guy (Chairman), J Nottingham, M Burton, M Bolt, P Tolson, K Sibbald, K Taylor, P Blakeley

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: J Tomlinson Walsh, J Bulmer, P Frain, C Bairstow, M Bridges, C Vickleman, B Vickleman, P Grason, H Grason, K Asbridge,

Press: None

MTC73/2016 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

MTC74/2016 **Public Question Time:**

Cllr Guy Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC76 & MTC81(3) Cllr Sibbald Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC75/2016 **Apologies For Absence**

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

Cllrs: A Burton, J Taylor, V Lees-Hamilton, M Ibberson, J Hirst, D Pinder, S Benson

MTC76/2016 **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.

All Cllrs declare that they have been lobbied by Riva Homes

Cllr S Guy – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library(Others)

Cllr Tolson – Team Parish(Others)

Cllr Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning(Others)

All Cllrs present declared that they had been lobbied by Riva Homes prior to the public meeting.

MTC77/2016 **Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the Annual Council meeting of 5th July 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**.

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC78/2016

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update on defibrillators – No update
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets – No update

MTC79/2016

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

JULY		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clan Services	Maintenance	£ 425.00
Clerk L Staggs	July Salary	£ 666.69
Clerk L Staggs	August Salary	£ 734.43
HMRC	July PAYE	£ 164.19
HMRC	August PAYE	£ 210.17
St Marys	Room Hire Meeting (July)	£ 40.00
Just Gardens	Monthly Maintenance	£ 80.00
TOTAL		£ 2320.48

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-7 payment en block Cllr Blakeley **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

8. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/06/16 – **Noted**

9. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

MTC80/2016

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **None**

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

MTC81/2016

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2016/92093 – **Noted**

2016/92212 – **Noted**

2016/92271 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:

No Comments/Noted

3. To consider potential controversial applications: To receive a presentation from Riva Homes 2016/91483 & 2016/91486 – James Bulmer & Paul Frain are present from Riva homes along with residents from Westfield Court. James gives a presentation for the proposed development and access gates from Westfield Court into Orchard View. James explains that building a gated entrance into Orchard View reduces the health & safety risk to Orchard View during the building of the development approximately 12-18 months construction. Residents are all in agreement that they are not objecting to the development, just the gated entrance from Westfield Court. Residents feel that the development does not warrant a gated entrance and that the existing access could be used. James explains that the Beechwood option was too narrow as the access point was between 2 houses and that it benefits Kirklees and Riva Homes to have access from Westfield Court. He states Kirklees wanted to form a new access before the development, to improve traffic flow. Cllr Taylor states she is not aware that Orchard View is to be sold and asks if Riva Homes would be interested in acquiring and 'land banking'. James confirms that Riva would

be interested even with a 3-year timescale. Cllr Bolt states that emergency vehicles have 24hr access to Orchard View and asks if Kirklees will agree to use this and not drive through the development. James confirms that there is an agreement with the legal and operations team. Cllr Blakeley asks if the access gates from Westfield Court can be used only during development and then closed off to use existing entrance. Residents are in favour of this option and state that a gated entrance has been proposed to add value to the development and more profit for Riva Homes. James states the highways wanted a loop road through the development. James to take residents details to contact them directly. Clerk to inform residents when the application is on the agenda at Heavy Woollen Planning. Cllr Taylor states that she would prefer a smaller developer rather than larger ones as they would not have entered in to a public consultation. Cllr Guy thanks James & Paul for attending and thanks the residents for their comments.

20.35 Residents Leave

20.40 James & Paul Leave.

Cllr Guy Proposed after a 5 minute recess then to reinstate standing orders Cllr bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC82/2016

Internal Matters

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

1. To recommend & agree Clerk's salary be paid by Bank Transfer on 2nd meeting of the month (Financial Meeting) – Cllr Guy **Proposed** that with immediate effect the Clerk's Salary be paid by Bank transfer at the 2nd meeting of the month Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To agree a venue for September & October council meetings -Cllr Taylor **Proposed** St Mary's Community Centre be used for meetings for the rest of the year Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt stated he had reservations with regards to the number of tables and chairs available if all Cllrs were present and high numbers of residents attended.
3. To receive a cost for Bankfield Hedges including reducing height by 1 foot & recommend Wild About Gardens proceed – Cllr Taylor would like clarification on the ownership of the hedge as it is on the boundary. If it belongs to Kirklees, she believes they should cut it. Clerk to check. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to instruct Wild About Gardens to proceed on the quotation of £180 for reducing height and trimming Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To consider purchase of storage container from Allotments Account for Nab Lane site – Cllrs state that they would like a copy of the minutes of the allotment committee sending when anything is required from the allotment account, for audit purposes. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC authorises the payment from the allotment account up to a value of £400 excluding VAT Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC83/2016

Correspondence

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

1. YLCA Community Rights Event – **Noted**
2. HTF Upcoming Events – **Noted**
3. Fields In Trust Update – **Noted**
4. YLCA Training Events – **Noted**
5. YLCA Being a good employer guide - **Noted**

6. YLCA National Village & Community Hall Network – **Noted**
7. KOYLI Memorial Appeal – Cllr Bolt states that he is concerned that the public are being asked to fund something that should be paid for nationally and states that Heritage Lottery and War Memorials Trust could be approached for grants. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC supports the provision of memorials of all the fallen in all conflicts but with the available National funding. MTC urges KOYLI to ascertain if funding is available prior to seeking public subscription Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC84/2016

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Guy reports that the Mirfield Arts Festival was a success. He also reports that he attended the Open Day at Strensall and was given an update regarding Mirfield Cadets joining with Wakefield.

MTC85/2016

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Cllr Guy thanked Cllrs for their attendance since he was elected in May and wished Cllrs a restful and peaceful summer recess.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 6th September 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.59pm**.....