



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

**Councillors Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: C Tyler, R Hartley, Dr P Jones  
Press: None

**MTC187/2015 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She reported that the ingress of water was due to stolen lead and poor guttering but would report further in MTC192(7). She reported that Riva Homes would not be attending to discuss MTC192(1) as Kirklees are unhappy with the amount of objections, they are to revisit the plans.

**MTC188/2015 Public Question Time:**

NONE

**MTC189/2015 Apologies For Absence**

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

**Cllrs:** K Taylor, J Taylor, M Burton, S Benson, D Pinder

**MTC190/2015 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

**MTC191/2015 Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **NIL**

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

**MTC192/2015 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 Orchard View – See comment in MTC187
2. To receive an update on defibrillators (Cllr Guy & Clerk) – Clerk reports that cabinets are to be delivered on Thursday. Cllr Guy reports that one cannot be located at Old Bank Coop. Liz from Rotary Club is pursuing other locations. Cllr Guy states that if MTC could get other partnerships, there could be defibrillators at more locations. 1 x partnership Community Centre 2 x partnership Rotary Club. Richard Hartley asked if MTC would consider a partnership with My Mirfield who would fundraise for the costs and locate at Brooks Deli Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accept My Mirfield's generous offer and accept a partnership Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC196 Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**

3. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt reports that it is progressing and **Proposed** MTC formerly applies to Kirklees for Boundary of Neighbourhood Plan Area Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
**9.05pm Cheryl leaves**

4. To receive an update on Local Plan – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that the meeting with Robert Halstead was only attended by herself and Cllr Pinder. Robert attended free of charge and she reports he is retiring at Easter. She reports that Robert advises that the amount of housing should be reduced as per NPPF Paragraph 47 and that MTC objects to Cooper Bridge development as not justified due to the Mirfield Moor development being halved for housing, she reads further from her notes with Robert Halstead highlighting highway issues. **9.15pm Richard Hartley returns.** Cllr Bolt states the opener for the report should be that there is no consideration until the infrastructure is assessed and also Mirfield Matters Survey to be considered and that Balderstone is safeguarded for non build not safeguarded for developers and returned to green belt. Cllr Bolt states the sewerage beds at Cooper Bridge should be removed from industry and used for flood mitigation. **9.20pm Cllr Walker leaves.** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the report includes comments made by MTC tonight and further comments/views received via email to be copied in & agreed before the final response is drafted Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

5. To receive an update on Car Park Limits (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt reports that the car park proposals go before cabinet on 10<sup>th</sup> February with officers recommending support of the changes.
6. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets (Cllr Pinder & Clerk) – In the absence of Cllr Pinder the Clerk reports that notice has been given to Extra Mile and that Clan Services has been asked to provide a contract.
7. To receive an update on Council Offices (Cllr Lees-Hamilton) – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that lead has been stolen from the bay windows and flat roof and that the guttering is leaking. Ben Hardcastle has been asked to take photographs of the guttering when taking down the lights. She reports dry rot in the upstairs

toilets. Clerk to contact YLCA regarding council tax on premises and rights of MTC as a sitting tenant. Clerk to chase Imran Sabir regarding report and survey. Cllr Sibbald states that if MTC are to enter into a tenant/landlord agreement in April with Kirklees then the repairs need addressing. Mark Gregory and Joanne Bartholomew to be invited to discuss. Clerk to check with Kirklees the date the precept is required.

8. To receive an update on Ambassador Scheme (Clerk) – Clerk reports that the press has been asked to publicise nominations and that it is on the MTC website. She asks Cllrs Bolt & Ibberson to put on the Mirfield social media sites. She confirms that the independent panel will bring the nominations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in March.
9. To receive an update on Boulds Bins at Lowlands (Cllr Burton) – Cllr Burton reports that the land belongs to the allotments after a discussion with a solicitor. Defer.

## MTC193/2015

### Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To note BT Direct Debit £52.29 - **Noted**
2. To note Extra Mile Standing Order £287.50 - **Noted**

<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	January Salary	£ 651.36
HMRC	December PAYE	£ 181.16
Spirul	Balance of survey	£ 8484.96
Ben Hardcastle	Balance Christmas Lights	£ 2795.00
Just Gardens	December Maintenance	£ 40.00
Extra Mile	Office Cleaning Oct/Nov/Dec	£ 48.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 12,200.48</b>

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** item 1-8 payment en block Cllr Sibbald **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**

9. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/12/15 – **Noted**
10. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**
11. To agree RFO to transfer £10,000 from deposit account to current account – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk transfers £10,000 from deposit to current account Cllr Guy **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**

## MTC194/2015

### Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Bronte 200 Bicentenary for Mirfield – The applicants are not in attendance. Cllrs would like further details of the application. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms the Clerk emailed the applicant asking for further details. **Defer**
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

## MTC195/2015

### Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
 2015/94070 16 Overhall Rd – **Noted**  
 2015/93682 10 Shepley Mount – **Noted**  
 2015/93997 207 Kitson Hill Rd – **Noted**

2015/93752 9 York Rd – Clerk reports that this has been refused permission – **Noted**

2015/93958 3 Gregory Springs – **Noted**

2016/90046 11 St Marys Walk – **Noted**

2016/90064 Flower Pot – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial applications: **None Received**

## **MTC196/2015**

### **Community**

1. To receive an update from Mirfield Health Centre (Dr Jones) – **8.00pm Cllr Blakeley leaves.** Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanks Dr Jones for attending. Dr Jones gives a brief account of the partnership at the Health Centre and states that improvements have been made in past 12 months. He states that NHS funding is uncertain and he is unsure how this will be structured in next 5-10 years. He confirms that the partners own the premises and that NHS pays rent to them and the partners are contracted by NHS for the healthcare of the patients, he states this is the most common arrangement nationally. He confirms that Mirfield has 17,000 patients but as the population ages the demand for appointments is increasing. Dr Jones stated that 1000 new homes would not impact on the service provided by the health centre as much as 1 nursing home would. He states that Jeremy Hunt is looking at new surgeries with 30,000 patients with a push for mergers in health and social care. **8.05pm Richard Hartley leaves.** Dr Jones confirms that the partners have submitted a vague bid with plans for 600sq m extension, architect fees funded by the partners and extension to be paid for by the next 15 years of rent. Dr Jones confirms that this will not generate more income but is needed for more space. Dr Jones informs MTC that Mirfield residents have several options of healthcare as there are 7 other health centres in a 2-mile radius and depending on post code, residents could have access to 3 health centres. He confirms that Mirfield is the lowest funded practice in North Kirklees. Cllr Bolt thanks Dr Jones stating no previous partner had visited MTC. He reads Mirfield Matters survey regarding the health centre. Dr Jones confirms that the practice is subject to a satisfaction survey with 1 out of 6 patients waiting, which bucks the national trend. He states that an extension would cost under £1million as opposed to a new health centre which would cost in the region of £3.5 - 4 million. Cllrs look at the plans. Dr Jones concludes that the partners are the youngest in the area with more longevity and they want to make the business model work by training up nurses and more GP's and that there would be nil disruption to current service whilst the extension is built. Cllrs thank Dr Jones for attending and informing MTC of the plans.

**9.00pm Dr Jones leaves. Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

## **MTC197/2015**

### **Internal Matters**

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

1. To decide a course of action on External Audit Regime Changes – Defer
2. To consider the purchase of an External hard drive – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to allocate a maximum spend of £75 for an appropriate hard drive Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to source one and purchase.
3. To consider a course of action on Kantara – Clerk & Cllr Lees-Hamilton report that the contract is due to renew in July and that it is no longer fit for purpose due to issues with communication. Clerk to source alternatives prior to renewal.
4. To decide on ticket allocation My Mirfield Awards – Cllrs all agree that 8 tickets in total are required. Richard Hartley is present and thanks Mirfield Town Council and confirm tickets will be distributed shortly.
5. To consider Mayor & Deputy Designate 2016/2017 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Cllr Guy for Mayor Designate Cllr Bolt **Seconded** with no further nominations **Cllrs Vote: All in favour** Cllr Guy **Proposed** Cllr Blakeley for Deputy Designate Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded** with no further nominations **Cllrs Vote: All in favour**
6. To review actions of Internal Audit Report – Clerk reports that there were 3 recommendations by the Internal Auditor. Security of assets – a form has been created for signature by the Mayor and Deputy for assets and is now filed. Investments – the KMC fund was transferred to the deposit account and the fund closed, annual investment of this money to be looked at in the budget. Annual Governance Review – unresolved. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** MTC adopts the latest model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations from NALC Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

## **MTC198/2015**

### **Correspondence**

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

1. White Rose Update YLCA – **Noted**
2. Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacons – Cllr Bolt to look into a community event - Defer
3. PCC Newsletter – **Noted**
4. YLCA Membership Fees 2016/17– **Noted**
5. Review of Bus Services – **Noted**
6. Local Development Kirkburton Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Bolt reports that area of Kirkburton ie Colne and Battyeford have been disenfranchised on area boundary. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC objects to the fact that areas are being left out of the boundary adjacent to Mirfield boundary and these areas would have no representation in local planning Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to send objection and inform the Clerk at Kirkburton of MTC objections.
7. YLCA Opportunities Bulletin - **Noted**

## **MTC199/2015**

### **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Guy reminded Cllrs of the Burns Night on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. He also reported he attended the funeral of Harry Thrush on behalf of

Mirfield Town Council and Royal British Legion and that it was well attended in tribute to him.

**MTC200/2015**

**The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**10.10pm**.....