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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: Residents
Press: None

MTC125/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Martin Ibberson welcomed Councillors and members of the public.

MTC126/2018 Public Question Time:

Resident is present and reads a statement pertaining to the Nab Lane Allotments and asks for the item to be minuted. Clerk confirms that this is not protocol but can be done if requested. Resident states there was a breach of lease between MTC & Allotment Society in the termination of her plot. She states the specific plots have been ring fenced for people. She states the rules of the Allotment Society are dubious & numerous changes were incorporated at the AGM. There is no postal address, so any complaints to be addressed to the landlords (MTC). She mentions that MAGS involved MTC in emails regarding her termination and that there was an ongoing grievance with a resident & MAGS relating to the Nab Lane Allotments access track. She urges MTC to investigate matters or she will bring them to the attention of the public. Cllr Ibberson confirms that MTC has in their lease delegated the day to day running of the allotments to MAGS and has had this confirmed by YLCA. He states that residents must make sure themselves that they have access to their property and that Cllr Lees-Hamilton on several occasions has assisted the resident and liaised with Kirklees on their behalf for relevant licenses.

7.36pm resident leaves.

MTC127/2018 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: M Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, P Blakeley

Apologies for absence were accepted

MTC128/2018 Declaration of Interest:

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared on the

members register of pecuniary interests.

Cllr Guy declared a personal interest MTC130(1) member of RBL.

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC133(1) member My Mirfield

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC131(3) member Project Mirfield MTC132(1)

Cllr Bolt declared a non-prejudicial interest MTC131(3iii)

MTC129/2018

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting 16th October 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4543.63 & Grants of £12,020.04**

Cllr Burton **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Cllr Ibberson Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC130(1) & MTC133(1) Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour.

MTC130/2018

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update from the Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – An email from Kirklees was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs all agree that Kirklees rejected the bid for WW1 FIT status for the wrong reasons as the excuses were irrelevant as confirmed by FIT. MTC note that Kirklees is the only council in West Yorkshire not to allocate a WW1 FIT. Cllr Pinder has spoken with Huddersfield Examiner who are investigating this further. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC urges all the users of the Memorial Park to join together as a cooperative & look at a possible asset transfer of the park. He thanked the Clerk for her persistence over the last 2 years for pursuing this and FIT for their continued support of the MTC bid Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on the Ambassador Book & Board & agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reports that he has ordered the book. However, without the coat of arms on the front, as there was not a high enough resolution image available to be printed on leather. Birstall Woodturners are still working on the board. Cllr Pinder to liaise with Mirfield Library for an appropriate position.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on the Defibrillator plaques & agree any costs or action necessary – No Update
4. To receive an update from Cllr Ibberson on replacement Christmas Lights & Christmas Light switch on – Cllr Ibberson reports that there is now power to the appropriate lamp posts and that the new motifs are ready for collection. Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** Clerk sends payment via Bacs to Litemania to expediate the delivery Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllrs agree to look at lighting up Council Offices and Ings Grove area in 2019. Cllr Ibberson reports that there are other events happening at the same time as the light switch on in the Town and that the Christmas Window Displays will also be judged that day and that Mirfield Constitutional Club has agreed to the use of it's car park by residents and shop owners.

MTC131/2018

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council. 2018/93534 – Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC send in objections as per the previous application 2017/92976 Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** 2018/93337 – **Noted**

2018/93461 – Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC send in objections as per the previous application 2017/90661 Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2018/93445 – **Noted**
2018/92787 – **Noted**
2018/92971 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.
 - i. **2017/93935 Land off Woodward Court Erection 61 dwellings etc**
– Cllr Benson reports that the application has been refused by Kirklees. He thanked members of Save Mirfield and the headmistress at Crossley Fields School for their input. Cllr Bolt reports he has emailed Kirklees regarding the topsoil expressing his concern at the mounds left by the developer being a H & S issue. Cllr Bolt to email correspondence to Clerk. Kirklees are investigating Bellway making good & restoring the field. Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC asks Kirklees H & S executive to investigate the site and feed back to MTC their findings Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC writes to Bellway stating: In light of the latest refusal & local plan safeguarding of land, MTC wish to discuss the possibility of the purchase of the land for community benefit Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
8.40pm Cllr Benson leaves the room.
 - ii. **2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings and associated means of access**
– No update
 - iii. **2018/90801/90802/91005 Land at Slipper Lane** – Clerk reports that she has asked Kirklees for the Safety Audits for Mirfield. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC asks Kirklees for a blanket TRO for HGV's in the Mirfield Triangle from A62 to A644 Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
8.48pm Cllr Benson returns.

MTC132/2018

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To consider compiling a letter of support for Arts Catalyst Test sites programme – Clerk reads an email from Arts Catalyst with a draft endorsement letter. Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** MTC adopts the draft endorsement letter and send to Arts Catalyst to enable them to apply for funding Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To discuss the prevention of pollution in the River Calder and consider a course of action – Cllr Benson reports that on a recent visit to Boston, USA, he came across some signs built in gully's asking people not to dump rubbish etc in the river. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** Cllr Benson progress with finding costs & materials, liaise with Canal & River Trust & report back with more detailed accounts Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

3. To note Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group October meeting minutes - **Noted**

MTC133/2018

Internal Matters:

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

1. To discuss 2019 Ambassador Awards/My Mirfield Awards & Civic Dinner & receive any information and any costs involved from Cllr Ibberson – Cllr Ibberson discusses the possibility of merging the above awards & civic dinner. Cllrs discuss at length with My Mirfield representative. Cllrs are

mindful that this is hospitality and Purdah will have been set the weekend of the awards. Cllrs feel that the Ambassador Awards and Civic Dinner are totally separate to the My Mirfield awards and should be kept separate. Cllr Ibberson thanks Cllrs for their input and states that as the different protocols have been brought up, the merging of the 3 things is not feasible.

8.10pm My Mirfield member leaves. Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. To agree appointment of Internal Auditor for the interim 2018/2019 audit – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk appoint Internal Auditor for interim 2018/2019 audit Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive a report from the Employment Committee for the Clerk's Annual Review and consider and agree any recommendations made – The Employment committee had previously met and a recommendation report was circulated by Cllr Lees-Hamilton at the beginning of the meeting.
9.04pm Clerk leaves. Cllrs discuss the recommendations at length.
9.20pm Cllr Lees-Hamilton left the discussion & meeting. Cllr Guy Proposed to accept the recommendations of the Employment committee including contacting NALC for an appraisal of the Clerk's pay level Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
9.32pm Clerk returns.

MTC134/2018

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC135/2018

Correspondence:

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

1. Friends of Mirfield Minutes – **Noted**
2. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting – **Noted**
3. Local Development Draft Highways Design – Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC refer this to Enzygo Highway Consultants Cllr **Tolson Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. YLCA & NALC Subscription Fees 2019/20 – **Noted**

MTC136/2018

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Burton reported the "Tommy's" were to be delivered 7/11/18 with installation 8th or 9th November.

Cllr Guy reported 11.00am Service at the Cenotaph followed by Remembrance Parade 1.30pm meet for 2.00pm start on 11/11/18. He also reported Festival of Remembrance St Mary's 9/11/18.

MTC137/2018

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 20th November 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.34pm**.....