



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm

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

### **Councillors Present:**

S Guy (Chairman), A Burton, K Taylor, P Blakeley, V Lees-Hamilton, P Tolson, D Pinder, M Ibberson, C Walker

### **In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: None  
Press: None

### **MTC124/2016 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Cllrs.

### **MTC125/2016 Public Question Time:**

None

### **MTC126/2016 Apologies For Absence**

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

**Cllrs:** M Burton, J Hirst, K Sibbald, J Taylor, J Nottingham, M Bolt

### **MTC127/2016 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.

**None to declare**

### **MTC128/2016 Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the Annual Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**.

Cllr Blakeley **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Tolson

**Seconded Vote: All in favour who were present at the previous meeting**

### **MTC129/2016 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 – Cllr Blakeley reports the defibrillators have been ordered, awaiting delivery. Cllr Blakeley to check local supplier for a price for plaques.
2. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets – Clerk and Cllr Pinder

report that there are no concerns to report.

3. To receive an update on Council Offices – Cllr Lees-Hamilton gives a recap on the verbal estimate. Cllr Burton confirms a written estimate is to be sent by Neil Hirst. Cllrs discuss ways to fund an asset transfer. Clerk to contact Jonathan Quarmby for an update. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to have a small agenda for the next meeting and have the Council Offices as the main item and start at 7.15pm Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update on Historic England – Defer as no update
5. To receive an update on Benches – Clerk reports that the Battyeford bench is located in Crows Nest Park and that Will Acornley at Kirklees has agreed this will be returned to the park and Kirklees will also move the Crossley bench to Crossley Lane.
6. To receive an update on Christmas Lights/Festival – Cllr Ibberson reports that the light switch on will be earlier than usual approx. 6.00pm, Fun Fair Noon till late. There will be a small selection of food and craft stalls and he has asked the high street shop owners to remain open. Clerk to check with Cath Bottomley @ Kirklees regarding licenses.

## MTC130/2016

### **Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. Clan Services Monthly Maintenance £425.00 - **Noted**

| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>   |                          |                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Payee</b>       | <b>Description</b>       | <b>Amount</b>    |
| Clerk L Staggs     | October Salary           | £ 679.31         |
| HMRC               | October PAYE             | £ 172.81         |
| St Marys           | Room Hire Meeting        | £ 40.00          |
| Just Gardens       | Sept Maintenance         | £ 80.00          |
| Just Gardens       | Oct Maintenance          | £ 40.00          |
| Just Gardens       | Benches Installation     | £ 320.00         |
| PKF Littlejohn     | External Audit           | £ 480.00         |
| Wild About Gardens | Hedges Bankfield         | £ 180.00         |
| Yorkshire Water    | Public Toilets           | £ 158.53         |
| Ben Hardcastle     | Christmas Lights Deposit | £ 3000.00        |
| Trinity Methodist  | Tree Festival            | £ 18.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |                          | <b>£ 5168.65</b> |

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** items 2-12 payment en block Cllr Guy

**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

13. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/09/16 – **Noted**
14. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

## MTC131/2016

### **Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **None**
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

## MTC132/2016

### **Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
  - 2016/93373 – **Noted**
  - 2016/93379 – **Noted**
  - 2016/93363 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:

**No Comments/Noted**

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

**MTC133/2016**

**Community**

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

1. To receive an update on Flagpole and agree a course of action – Cllr Guy reports that Rob Whittaker at Kirklees has been very helpful regarding advice on planning permissions, 4'6" and above requiring permission He reports Friends of Mirfield Library have proposed installation in the central flower bed. Cllrs all agree that the central bed is not an ideal place and to not rush the process for this year's remembrance parade but plan for future years. Cllr Guy to contact Friends group and Rob Whittaker. Cllr Guy also reports that Tim Grace has advised against a rooted Christmas Tree due to upkeep and root spread. Clerk to check on heights etc of flagpoles.
2. To receive an update on Knowl Skate Park and agree a course of action – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that it would cost in the region of £50-£70K to extend the Skate park. Defer to a future meeting for full discussion
3. To discuss possible meeting with NKCCG – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that any meeting with NKCCG should be with members of the public present Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC134/2016**

**Correspondence**

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

1. Rural Action Yorkshire News – **Noted**
2. HTF Update – **Noted**
3. Friends of Mirfield Library Minutes – **Noted**
4. Kirklees Democracy Commission – **Noted**

**MTC135/2016**

**Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Pinder reports the canal bank behind St Pauls has had planting. He also reports that a Friends Group has been sent up in respect of the playground in the Memorial Park. Clerk to chase Mark Nicholson regarding Fields In Trust application.

**MTC136/2016**

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

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.53pm**.....