



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: J Tomlinson Walsh, M Poppa
Press: None

MTC55/2017

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Blakeley welcomed Councillors and members of the public.
**Cllr Blakeley Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward
MTC62 Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC56/2017

Public Question Time:

None

MTC57/2017

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, S Benson, M Ibberson,

MTC58/2017

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 Bolt queried the protocols with declaration of interests. Clerk to check on advice given by YLCA in 2016. Cllr Bolt suggested an update from Kirklees.

MTC59/2017

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 20th June 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£2852.58**. Cllr Burton **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Sibbald **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC60/2017

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 Clan Services final clean in preparation for Mirfield Arts Festival & update from Cllr Pinder on contact with Kirklees – Clerk reports that Clan Services will steam clean the toilets at the end of the week in preparation for the Arts Festival. Cllr Pinder

reports that he has still not had contact from Matthew Garbutt regarding final meter readings and key handover.

2. To receive an update from the Clerk regarding Bankfield Hedges and discuss and address any issues – Clerk reports that she contacted Wild About Gardens regarding the bi-annual cuts but has not had a reply.
3. To receive any information from the Clerk relating to the Flood Report and response from Kirklees regarding a Spillway and decide any action necessary – Clerk reports that Trefor Hillas has agreed to attend a meeting of council to discuss his report. Cllr Bolt reports that Kirklees have been pro-active and have devised a flood risk strategy following a public meeting, which the Environment Agency has accepted. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to invite the Environment Agency to a future meeting to discuss flood defences proposed for Mirfield Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder suggested the developers of the McInerney site may be interested in attending such a meeting.

MTC61/2017

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2017/91804 4 The Reynards – **Noted**
2017/92072 56 Huddersfield Road – **Noted**
2017/92038 17 Beechwood Road – **Noted**
2017/91863 20a Parker Lane – **Noted**
2017/92089 12 Bishops Way – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. To discuss the Pre-planning application submitted by Bellway Homes and discuss and agree any actions necessary including the appointment of a consultant and any updates from the Clerk – Emails from Kirklees planning and Bellway homes were circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk updates Cllrs on these emails. Cllr Taylor reports that trees have been cut down by Gilder Hall, she states she has reported this to Kirklees as some of the trees have TPO's. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that Save Mirfield has engaged a highway consultant and MTC has a drainage expert in Cllr Benson. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC includes Save Mirfield in any information received and MTC and local action groups have an 'open book' sharing of expertise Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC62/2017

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To receive an update from J Tomlinson Walsh on Mirfield Arts Festival – Jenny & Marina Poppa are present to update MTC. Jenny circulates a brochure and thanks MTC for the grant towards marketing the event. She confirms that there are 7-12 venues throughout the town, celebrating arts/films/craft/martial arts/Star Trek etc. She reports that this year the festival has linked with schools/clubs & special needs groups. Marina reports that there will be a parade on the Sunday 'Mirfield takes Flight' with many schools and groups involved and dressed in the theme of flight. The parade commences at Mirfield Library at 2.00pm. Jenny confirms that Huddersfield Road will be closed for the parade and corroborates that all the necessary insurances are in force. Cllr Pinder congratulated Jenny, Marina and the committee on the hard work and organisation of the festival.

7.50pm Jenny & Marina leave.

Cllr Blakeley Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy

Seconded Vote: All in favour

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Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None

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Correspondence:

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

1. NKCCG Engagement Event – **Noted**
2. YLCA Local Council Administration publication - **Noted**
3. YLCA Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 - **Noted**

MTC65/2017

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Pinder reports that planting plinths are to be provided on Steanard Lane/Huddersfield Rd for various groups to plant with flowers, to try to prevent parking on the pavement. Cllr Pinder also reports that West Yorkshire Print Workshop have contacted him regarding the misuse by youths of the Pea Gravel in the picnic area. Clerk also confirms that she has spoken with them and they have suggested removing the Pea Gravel and replacing with bark, at a cost to them. Cllr discuss and agree that bark can be untidy and needs refreshing regularly. Clerk to put on next agenda to discuss the transfer of the gardens back to Leeds Diocese.

MTC66/2017

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 18th July 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.19pm**.....