



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, J Nottingham, S Harding, T Hirst, J Hirst, M Bolt, M Hamilton, K Taylor, E Armitage, J Taylor, C Walker

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs

Public: None

Press: Richard Mirfield Reporter

MTC165/2013 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance to the first meeting of 2014 and wished everyone Happy New Year.

MTC166/2013 Public Question Time:

None

MTC167/2013 Apologies For Absence

Members are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Administrator or Chairman if they are unable to attend.

Cllrs: A Mapplebeck, J Fearn, A Burton, A White

MTC168/2013 Declaration of Interest

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr K Taylor – Member KMC Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion

Cllr S Harding – Tax Assist, Mirfield

Cllr M Bolt – Mirfield Moor

MTC169/2013 Confirmation of Minutes

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 17th December 2013 as a true and correct record including payments of £1656.13

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

Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded** **Vote: 9 in favour 3**

Abstained

Cllr K Taylor commented that The Thirsty Man extension to hours had been approved.

MTC170/2013

Planning

1. To consider *planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
No Objections/Comments
2. To consider * planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
2011/90157 Track off Hopton Lane – Cllr Lees-Hamilton gave brief history of the application
3. Mirfield Moor – **No Update**
4. Proposed development Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr K Taylor tells MTC of the installation of 2 cameras on Wellhouse Lane. Through investigation it transpires that these are traffic monitoring video cameras operating for 2 days from 8.00am till 4.30pm on behalf of Bellway Homes. It appears that neither the local Primary School nor residents have been informed of this. Cllr Taylor confirms that she spoke to Kirklees, who also had no knowledge of the cameras. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that it is the norm to use the speed loops and that if MTC are not happy with Bellway's results that MTC will ask Kirklees to do a traffic count. Cllr Bolt states that under SPD1 developers must make a £7k contribution to highways improvements if 10 or more peak trips are generated from a development. Cllr J Taylor reads an article from 13/1/14 Daily Telegraph regarding development without council decisions. Cllrs Pinder, Lees-Hamilton & K Taylor show concern for possible land banking by developers and banks. Cllr Lees-Hamilton briefly explains land banking to Cllrs. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that MTC invite MP S Reeve to a meeting to discuss planning and intentions regarding planning at Westminster Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr J Taylor commented that at the recent 'Save Mirfield' meeting MP S Reeve had commented that it was the best attended meeting he had been to and that he would do all he could to help 'Save Mirfield' and Mirfield Town Council.

MTC171/2013

Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary

1. Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder confirmed he had appointed Adam Cockcroft from Ramsdens Solicitors Huddersfield in respect of the lease. He confirmed that there were a few points to look at but was looking at a time frame of 28th January meeting to present the lease for consideration and approval. Cllr Armitage asked if this could be seen prior to the meeting Cllr Pinder confirmed he would circulate prior to 28th January.
2. Clearance of Mirfield Towpath – Cllr Nottingham informed Council that he was holding another Towpath clearing event on Saturday 8th March 10am-12pm @ Shepley Marina. The Rotary Club will be attending and Cllr Mapplebeck has offered the use of his barge to help clean the water and refreshments will be provided at the Navigation Tavern.
3. Health & Safety Paperboys/girls – Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that Newsagents needed to raise awareness of this legal requirement and explained in brief what had been omitted prior to the death of Declan. She would like to extend an invite for the first meeting in

February to all Newsagents to discuss this. Cllrs are unsure of the Health & Safety requirements, Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that she will email this to them. Cllr Bolt agrees that MTC should invite local newsagents and The Federation of Retail Newsagents to a meeting.

MTC172/2013

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To accept updates(if received) and decide any action where necessary

MTC173/2013

Internal Matters:

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

1. Website Update- Cllr Harding confirms that she has approached Mirfield Free Grammar in respect of school website project but has not had a response. She confirms researching other Town Council websites and believes that MTC may be able to create one using a template. She states that there are very important issues happening in Mirfield at the moment that need to be addressed on a website. Cllr Lees- Hamilton asks what Cllr Harding needs to proceed and asks if she thinks she will be able to carry this out. Cllr Harding says that she will put some designs together and bring to the next meeting.
2. Eastthorpe Gardens – Cllr Armitage confirms she has received a quote via text from Just Gardens @ £100 for 8 months £30 for 4 months Annual Total £920.00 Cllr Pinder asks if this includes clearance of debris and planting beds Cllr Armitage confirms it includes clearance of debris but will check if it includes any planting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** all tenders are in writing for 28th January for Council to sign off Cllr T Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Allotments – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to adjourn till Council meeting January 28th pending further details and then draw to a close Cllr K Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC174/2013

Correspondence

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

1. YLCA Government Statement- **NOTED**
 2. Kirklees Provisional Taxbase– **NOTED**
 3. YLCA 23rd Dec Bulletin – **NOTED**
 4. DCLG Neighbourhood Planning – **NOTED**
 5. YLCA All Member Councils – **NOTED**
 6. NACO Annual Training Day– **NOTED**
 7. NCMME Consultation & Planning – **NOTED**
- Cllr Lees-Hamilton read out 2 Thank You letters from Kirkwood Hospice and 1st Mirfield Scouts that came into the office after the agenda was prepared.

MTC175/2013

Matters for Report and Information

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

Cllr Pinder reported the funeral of Robert Frettlöhr on Thursday 16th January 12.00 at Christ The King

MTC176/2013

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 28th January 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.45pm**.....