



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm

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

### Councillors Present:

P Blakeley(Chairman), A Burton, D Pinder, J Nottingham, J Hirst, P Tolson, S Benson, V Lees-Hamilton, S Guy

### In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: J Tomlinson Walsh, D Sutherland, J Davies

Press: None

### **MTC17/2017**

#### **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Blakeley welcomed Cllrs thanking them for their attendance and asked Cllrs, the Clerk and members of the public to join him in a minutes silence to remember the victims of the Manchester Arena bombing.

**Cllr Blakeley Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC24 2017/91339 & MTC25(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

### **MTC18/2017**

#### **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, K Taylor, M Bolt, K Sibbald, M Ibberson

### **MTC19/2017**

#### **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.

**None**

### **MTC20/2017**

#### **Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the annual meeting of **9<sup>th</sup> May 2017** as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

### **MTC21/2017**

#### **Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

1. To review the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and agree amendments and inform Kirklees of such amendments – After discussions Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC accept the revised Terms of

Reference put forward by Kirklees and inform the steering group and Kirklees of the decision Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To review the Mirfield Toilets survey and agree a course of action and implement feedback from the survey – Cllr Guy talks Cllrs through the responses of the survey. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that once the Lidl site is complete, they will have customer toilets and this would alleviate much of the problem. For events, MTC could consider hiring porta-loos. Cllr Pinder put forward several proposals to keep the toilets open for a temporary period or for events until the Lidl site is completed, but did not have a seconder for the proposals. Cllrs discussed the expense involved in turnstiles, tokens and other suggestions from the survey, but could not justify the expense of these. Cllr Burton states that residents have been managing without the public toilets whilst they have been closed and that it is extremely difficult with the level of misuse and vandalism to keep the toilets clean to a standard that is expected from the survey. The Clerk reminds Cllrs that the asset transfer of the toilets is still pending and would need addressing asap. Cllr Burton **Proposed** MTC closes the public toilets permanently, gives 1 months' notice to Clan Services and informs Kirklees that MTC no longer wish to pursue the asset transfer of the toilets Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: 6 in favour Cllr Pinder against Cllrs Lees-Hamilton & Hirst abstained** It is noted that Cllrs have made the decision from the results of the public survey. Cllrs thank Cllr Pinder for all his hard work as head of the Toilets Working Party.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Benson and feedback from the schools and report on the progress of the feasibility study, identification of a 'champion' from the school to work on this, and to identify the potential number of pupils who would use those footpaths – No update, defer to next meeting
4. To receive an update from Cllr Lees- Hamilton regarding discussions with ward Cllrs and Kirklees regarding devolution of powers and application to New Homes Bonus relating to a Community Warden – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports she has had discussions. Defer to next meeting.

## MTC22/2017

### Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

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

<b>MAY</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	May Salary	£ 757.92
HMRC	May PAYE	£ 223.81
St Marys	May Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	May Maintenance	£ 80.00
St Mary's Team Parish	Civic Service	£ 208.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 1312.23</b>

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** items 2-6 payment en block Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

7. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/04/17 – **Noted**
8. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

## MTC23/2017

### Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **None**
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **Battyeford Boys U15 Holland Trip** – The Clerk circulates a Thank You card from the group and reports that the memory books sponsored by MTC are not ready, the group will attend the meeting 20<sup>th</sup> June to give a presentation.

**MTC24/2017**

### **Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2017/91476 – **Noted**  
2017/20150 – **Noted**  
2017/91339 – Land opposite 14 Bracken Hill. Residents from Bracken Hill are in attendance and object to the retrospective planning application. Residents report that the current build is higher, with dormer/velux windows that were not on the original application in 2015. They also report that the build does not match the character of the surrounding properties. Cllr Pinder states he is fed up of builders applying for retrospective permission and chipping away at the original to get what they want from a build. Cllrs discuss at length with the residents. Cllr Benson **Proposed** MTC objects on the basis of detrimental to highway safety both access and egress, over intensification of site, overlooking neighbouring properties, loss of privacy due to height of build, in contravene of BE12 and refer to highway comments in original application 2015/91816 and state that the practice of deliberately changing plans & applying for retrospective permission is becoming common and a lack of contact from building regulations to local residents is unacceptable Cllr Nottingham **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**  
**7.50pm residents leave**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial applications: **None**

**MTC25/2017**

### **Community**

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

1. To receive a presentation J Tomlinson Walsh on the Mirfield Arts Festival - Jenny gives a detailed presentation on the events at the 3 day festival, culminating in a procession of 500 children and a brass band concert in St Pauls. Save the date cards have been sent out and programmes printed. Cllrs Pinder & Blakeley complimented Jenny on a great event.  
**8.10pm Jenny leaves**
2. To discuss the recent presentation from Kirklees and receipt of maps regarding outstanding PROW's in Mirfield and decide any action necessary - Defer

**MTC26/2017**

### **Correspondence**

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

1. Kirklees Local Plan & Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule – **Noted**
2. Fields In Trust Manifesto for parks - **Noted**

**MTC27/2017**

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

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

Cllr Guy reports Mirfield Rifle Volunteers are holding a raffle in aid of the Manchester Bombing Appeal. Clerk reports that the cheque from Co-op for the

Community Orchard in Knowl Park has finally arrived. Clerk updates that St Mary's have agreed to let MTC use the Parish office address as a C/o address for the council. Cllr Pinder reports that the cycle track in Ladywood is to go ahead but will be taken out again when building begins on the land.

**MTC28/2017**

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

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.56pm**.....