



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: Residents from Bankfield Court & Members Allotment Society  
Press: None

**MTC20/2018** Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

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

**MTC21/2018** Public Question Time:

None

**MTC22/2018** 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, K Sibbald, P Blakeley, S Benson, M Bolt

**MTC23/2018** 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 MTC25(1) member of RBL.

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Licensing

**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward**

**MTC27(1) Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC24/2018** Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£3122.08**.

Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder

**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC25/2018** 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 – Clerk has no updates

2. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on the Ambassador Bool & Board & agree any action or costs necessary – No update Cllr Pinder still enquiring
3. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on the Defibrillator plaques & agree any costs or action necessary – Cllr Guy reports that he has spoken with Cllr Blakeley who wishes to continue with sourcing and ordering the plaques. He reports that he passed on the contact details & the artwork. Clerk to send a reminder to Cllr Blakeley.

## MTC26/2018

### Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2018/91489 – **Noted**  
2018/91087 – **Noted**  
2018/91559 – **Noted**  
2018/91558 – **Noted**  
2018/91389 – **Noted**  
2018/91611 – **Noted**  
2018/91612 – **Noted**  
2018/91654 – **Noted**  
2018/91187 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.  
**2017/93935 Land off Woodward Court Erection 61 dwellings etc – No Update**  
**2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings and associated means of access – No update**  
**2018/90801/90802/91005 Land at Slipper Lane – No update**

## MTC27/2018

### Internal Matters:

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

1. Bankfield Allotments – To discuss the issues received from residents regarding the parking arrangements of plot holders and agree any action necessary – Residents from Bankfield Court and the Allotment society are present. Cllr Ibberson shows photographs on his iPad to Cllrs, showing the issues with parking. Residents are concerned that plot holders are parking in resident bays or blocking entrance to resident parking, most of which have some form of disability which requires parking near the flats/bungalows. The Allotment Society explains that there are now less plots than there used to be with only 6 plot holders, one of which lives in Bankfield. Only 1 plot holder who has a disability has been parking on the roadside. A lengthy discussion takes place. Cllr Guy suggests that a small laminated sign is put in the cars of the allotment holders, so that their cars can be identified by residents. Outcome of discussion: To put small signs in cars of plot holders or visitors, plot holders to park only to drop off & unload and then move the vehicle, MTC to arrange a site visit to look at other access points for plot holders then contact Kirklees with regards to the wall and lane into the field behind the allotments.

#### **8.04pm Residents leave**

**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to add an urgent item to the agenda MTC27(2)**  
**Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour**

Emergency Item added: Bankfield Allotments Access Issue to road adjacent to 26 Nab Lane – Allotment Society report that there is an ongoing issue with the owner/occupier of 26 Nab Lane and the access road leading to the Nab Lane Allotments. A letter was sent to the occupier of 26 Nab Lane regarding access in April 2009 by MTC. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

June a lorry belonging to a contractor at 26 Nab Lane blocked the access to the allotments, which prevented a contractor hired by the Allotment Society to enter the road. The occupier of 26 Nab Lane spoke to the driver of this vehicle and now the contractor is refusing to complete the work for the Allotment Society and will not comment why. Again, on 5<sup>th</sup> June the road was blocked by the same contractor to 26 Nab Lane. The Allotment Society report that the occupier is being unreasonable and although she knows she doesn't own the land, is claiming easement rights. Cllrs agree that MTC should have been approached by the occupier of 26 Nab Lane asking for permission for the contractor to use the access road. Clerk confirms that no such request has been received from 26 Nab Lane. Cllrs discuss the issue at length with the Allotment Society. **8.35pm Cllr Lees-Hamilton leaves.** Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC writes to the occupier of 26 Nab Lane with the following: It has come to our notice that major works are being carried out at your property and as such the access road to Nab Lane Allotments has been blocked. It is also noted that you have been instrumental in denying access to the Allotment Society's contractor. The council would like to remind you of the letter sent 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009, copy of which is enclosed. Please supply an explanation of your actions within 10 days of receipt of this letter. Any work planned in the interim, that uses the access road, should cease forthwith. Letter to be sent by Recorded Delivery **Cllr Ibberson Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
**8.41pm Allotment Society leave**  
**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy**  
**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC28/2018** **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)  
 To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

**None Received**

**MTC29/2018** **Correspondence:**  
 To receive the following new items of correspondence and decide any action where necessary

1. YLCA South Pennine Annual Branch Meeting – **Noted**
2. NALC New Strategic Plan - **Noted**
3. NKCCG Engagement Invite - **Noted**
4. NALC Chief executive Bulletin - **Noted**

**MTC30/2018** **Matters for Report and Information:**  
 Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the Chairman prior to the meeting.

**8.59pm Cllr Lees-Hamilton returns**

Clerk reports a meeting at Mirfield Tennis Club 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am  
 Cllr Guy reports Armed Forces Day event at Old Colonial on 30<sup>th</sup> June  
 Cllr Pinder reports Mirfield Community Centre AGM 18<sup>th</sup> June  
 Cllr Pinder reports Friends of Mirfield Library have a copy of the Kirklees Public Summary which was only online for 2 hours. 70% of replies are in favour of keeping library services funded by Kirklees.

**MTC31/2018** **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**  
 Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
 Time Meeting Closed.....**9.10pm**.....