



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm

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

**Councillors Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: K Aston, J Tomlinson Walsh  
Press: None

**MTC229/2016 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Guy welcomed Councillors and members of the public.  
**Cllr Guy Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC234(4) & MTC235(1) & to allow 2 further updates MTC234 Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC230/2016 Public Question Time:**

None

**MTC231/2016 Apologies For Absence:**

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

**Cllrs:** M Burton, K Taylor, J Taylor, C Walker, M Ibberson, P Blakeley, J Nottingham

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** an extended leave of absence for Cllr J Taylor on medical grounds Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Guy on behalf of MTC sent regards to Cllr Taylor.

**MTC232/2016 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.

**Cllr Guy declared an interest in Mirfield Library.**

**MTC233/2016 Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£3720.54**. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC234/2016 Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

Cllr Bolt reports that Friends of Mirfield Playground have also applied to the Woodland Trust for saplings and that he has spoken with Simon Pedley at Kirklees who has approved the planting of these and other specimens at Mirfield Memorial Park. He confirms that he has also updated Simon on the application from MTC for saplings for Knowl Park. Clerk confirms an 8-week timescale from application to confirmation. Clerk to monitor and liaise with Simon Pedley when confirmation is received.

Cllr Bolt reports that a Community Litter person has been appointed and funded out of Ravensthorpe Community Centre. He states that a Community Warden could be funded by MTC or area committee from New Homes Bonus. Clerk to chase YLCA regarding appointment of a Community Warden.

1. To receive an update on Car Park Limits – Cllr Bolt reports that Peter Margrave will contact MTC when signage is being erected. Cllrs all agree that notice of the changes have been publicised widely & on numerous agendas to allow residents to comment.
2. To receive an update on Defibrillators – No update in the absence of Cllr Blakeley
3. To receive an update on Hanging Baskets – No update in the absence of Cllr Blakeley
4. To receive an update on Public Toilets – Kevin Aston from Clan Services is present. Cllr Pinder starts by thanking Kevin for a great job redecorating the Mens toilets following vandalism. He reports on an article in The Huddersfield Examiner regarding a possible scheme for a brand new library with possible public toilets. He states the current public toilets need making more secure which means a financial outlay. Kevin discusses options for a keypad with credit card entry and CCTV monitors, with local shops & library having cards and codes. Cllr Bolt reports on recent social media comments, stating that the public are blaming those who maintain the toilets, rather than the culprits who are causing the vandalism and gross misuse. Cllrs discuss options as the toilets are highly used by residents and help keep the high street vibrant. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to conduct a survey both online and in paper form with a link from social media sites and MTC website and paper form in shops & library. In the meantime, close the toilets and erect signage stating due to vandalism and abuse of service toilets are closed Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour. Clerk to print signs and give to Clan Services. Cllr Guy to circulate survey for next meeting.**

**8.00pm Kevin Aston leaves**

**MTC235/2016**

#### **Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Mirfield Arts Festival – Jenny Tomlinson Walsh is present. A presentation was given at the previous meeting and a full application form and supporting documentation was submitted for Cllrs to view. Cllr Bolt Proposed that MTC supports the application for £2500 by way of sponsorship as the event will attract tourism to Mirfield Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour. Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanks Jenny and the Friends of Mirfield Library for all their hard work.

**8.06pm J Tomlinson Walsh leaves**

**Cllr Guy Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Bolt Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

**MTC236/2016**

#### **Planning:**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2017/90504 25 West Royd Avenue – **Noted**  
2017/90154 95 Shillbank Lane – **Noted**

2017/90497 19 The Coppice – **Noted**

2017/90550 Land Newgate – **Noted**

2017/90557 Calder View Erection 99 dwellings – Cllr Bolt reports that he attended a public 'drop in' session and has noted from the plans that the developer has provision for public open space but not play equipment. Cllr Lees-Hamilton comments that the play equipment from South Street is supposedly stored with other equipment by Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC submits comments to Kirklees that it has concerns that after years of use the subbase of the current highway may not conform to new regulations and would like confirmation that this has been checked. MTC would like confirmation of the location of the playground equipment from South Street. MTC would also like clarification regarding the discharge of water and pump station and how much water will be held in the gully Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2017/90574 19 Jackroyd Lane – **Noted**

2017/90575 The Coach House – **Noted**

2017/90608 35 Wilson Road - **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**

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

## **MTC237/2016**

### **Mirfield Matters:**

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

1. To discuss & decide a course of action on Tour de Yorkshire – Cllr Bolt reports that the cyclists & rolling road will pass through Mirfield at approx. 3.30pm, St Pauls intend to erect a large screen tv for residents to watch the race on.
2. To discuss & decide a course of action on Regeneration of Mirfield Footpaths – Cllr Benson reports on the condition of the footpaths around Crossley Fields School. He states that in some parts the footpath is not accessible and would like to investigate options for funding the regeneration of these footpaths. Cllr Guy confirms that this is in the council's Powers & Duties remit. Cllrs all agree that the local schools need to be involved and this could be adopted as a Safe Routes to school. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to agree in principle, subject to Cllr Benson orchestrating feasibility work and liaising with the local schools to appoint a school champion to conduct a report to identify the number of pupils who are prepared to walk and use the footpaths Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour. Cllr Benson to action this with the local schools.**

## **MTC238/2016**

### **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

Cllr Bolt reports that there are a number of outstanding defects/claims around Mirfield PROW's, if not dealt with by 2016, these will be deleted. Clerk to contact Rob Dalby at Kirklees and invite him to a meeting to discuss.

## **MTC239/2016**

### **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To discuss & decide a course of action on Lowlands Allotments pertaining to sale of Boulds Bins – Cllr Burton reports that he has tried on several occasions and various ways to contact Adam Smallpage but without success. Cllr Burton to contact Adam Smallpage again and arrange a meeting with him & Cllr Pinder to discuss matters further. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC authorises Cllr Burton to obtain a quotation from a solicitor to consider Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To agree date of Annual Town & Annual Town Council Meeting – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to set the May meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the late second meeting in April and hold the annual meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> May Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To confirm date of Civic Service – Cllr Guy confirms the date as Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, however as this is the same day as the Tour de Yorkshire he states he will contact Hugh Baker and agree the earliest time for the service.

**MTC240/2016**

**Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA Neighbourhood Plans - **Noted**

**MTC241/2016**

**Matters for Report and Information:**

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

**Nothing to report.**

**MTC242/2016**

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

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.55pm**.....