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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7.30pm

Held at: Trinity Methodist Church, 4 Trinity Street, Mirfield, WF14 8AD

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman) M Connell (Deputy), S Naisbett, P Tolson, J Roberts, J Nottingham, S Guy, M Brown.

In Attendance:

Clerk: Cllr S Naisbett took the minutes of the meeting in the Clerk's absence.

Public: None

Press: None

MTC98/2022

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The In the Clerk's absence, Cllr Naisbett took the minutes of the meeting. The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Cllrs to the meeting. She reported on her attendance at the Holmfirth Civic Service and the Mirfield Christmas Light Switch On. She stated that the civic service was very well attended and enjoyable

MTC99/2022

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Kath Taylor, M Burton & J Hinchliffe have a leave of absence & Cllrs Bolt, Hirst, Taylor, Sullivan & Mallinson sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Guy **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Roberts **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**

MTC100/2022

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.

There were no items on the agenda requiring declarations of interest

MTC101/2022

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 16th November 2022 including payments of Nil. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC102/2022

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 Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Lights and agree any action or cost necessary – Cllr Naisbett reported that the switch on went well with Karen Clegg providing music, light times were changed so they come on at 15:30 and not 17:30, planning for next year's event were underway with involvement from Mirfield Show and the Round table. The switch on will take place on Saturday the 2nd December 2023. We have additional lighting unused due to power issues to lampposts Cllr Naisbett to contact Kirklees Lighting to arrange a survey and have additional posts converted. Cllr Lees-Hamilton mentioned that a potential volunteer had come forward for next year's planning.
2. To receive an update on suspected arson attacks and agree any action necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reported that an individual had come forward claiming responsibility for the arson attacks on Back Johnson St, and that arson attacks had been linked to other areas of Mirfield, however these were not known as the agencies were not communicating together. The NMG's to be considered for resurgence.

MTC103/2022

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To agree Clerk December Salary by Bacs
2. To agree Clerk Working Allowance December by Bacs
3. To agree HMRC December PAYE by Bacs
4. To agree Clerk December Pension contributions by D/D
5. To agree Trinity Methodist December Room Hire by Bacs £40.00
6. To agree Able Gardens 2nd November & 1 x December Maintenance by Bacs £90.00
7. To agree Zoom Monthly Pro by Bacs £14.39
8. To agree Wel-Medical replacement of 2 batteries following upgrades £408.00
9. To agree Andrew Wright & Co Accountants advise for Clerk's Salary & confirmation of amounts £192.00
10. To receive Bank Reconciliation to 30/11/22 Noted
11. To receive Monthly Budget to 30/11/22 Noted

Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** to pay items 1-9 en-bloc & noted 10 & 11 Cllr Connell

Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC104/2022

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To discuss Kirklees Place Based Working grants and decide any action necessary Cllr Lees-Hamilton explained the Place Based Working grants to the Councillors present Cllr Connell **Proposed** to agree in principle and to apply for grants once further information was received Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive quotation for planting a tree in Ings Grove Park with cage surround for the Queens Green Canopy for Jubilee year and agree costs of £450 for the cage and £95 for the plaque and any action necessary - Cllr Lees-Hamilton provided the details of the quotation for planting a tree in Ings Grove Park with cage surround for the Queens Green Canopy for Jubilee year with memorial plaque. Cllr Naisbett reported that Kirklees had approved the planting and if agreed, Mirfield Show would arrange for the cage and plaque. There was a discussion regarding whether the tree should have a seat around it, Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated there were enough seats around the park. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to agree the costs as stated above. The plaque wording to be agreed but along the lines of In Memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1952 – 2022 Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Item added by Cllr Lees-Hamilton following the need to appoint a planning consultant for the application at Northorpe. Cllr Lees-Hamilton explained the

current delegation of powers for the Clerk with Cllrs, they discussed the possibility of increasing the amount under delegation, as costs could exceed the current level, it was agreed in principle to look at amending the current delegation of powers and re-word the agreement Cllr Connell **Proposed** MTC look to amend the delegation of powers financial status Cllr Guy **Seconded**. **Vote: All in Favour** Cllr Lees–Hamilton then mentioned the meeting that was to be arranged with the residents of St Pauls Road. Cllr Naisbett to arrange a meeting room at the Conservative Club for the end of January

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Public Question Time:

NONE

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The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton wished everyone a merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.30pm**.....