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## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Ibberson (Chairman), P Tolson, S Guy, J Hirst, D Pinder, J Nottingham, M Bolt, A Burton, S Benson, K Sibbald

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: None  
Press: None

**MTC71/2018** Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Martin Ibberson welcomed Councillors after Summer recess

**MTC72/2018** Public Question Time:

None

**MTC73/2018** 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, P Blakeley, K Taylor, V Lees-Hamilton  
Apologies for absence were accepted

**MTC74/2018** 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 MTC76(1&4) member of RBL.

Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC78(3iii) Land at Slipper Lane

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC79 member My Mirfield

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC78 member Project Mirfield

**MTC75/2018** Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£13,079.24**.

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

**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC76/2018** 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 had circulated an email from Kirklees prior to the meeting declining the application for WW1 Centenary

Fields In Trust status. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk replies to Kirklees: MTC are extremely disappointed with the outcome from Kirklees considering the length or time MTC have been asking for this application. MTC would like full reasons why the application is declined in view of Armistice fast approaching Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on the Ambassador Book & Board & agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reports that Shaw’s have a backlog of orders and will despatch asap.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Blakeley on the Defibrillator plaques & agree any costs or action necessary – As no update from Cllr Blakely, Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** the sourcing and order of plaques to be transferred to Cllr Guy due to time limits Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Remembrance Events – Cllr Bolt thanked the designer for the visuals produced so far for the gateway display at Memorial Park. He confirms that the committee has met and discussed issues and emails had been circulated prior to the meeting to Cllrs. He has been informed by Kirklees that planning permission is needed to change the entrance. All benches are now in situ and Clerk confirms a further 2 match funded benches have been ordered.
5. To receive an update from Cllr Benson on mandate to prepare Flood Prevention Report – Cllr Bolt states that the independent review conducted last year was not robust enough and this is an opportunity to put a case forward. Cllrs discuss the issues with Mirfield flood defences and are concerned that nothing has been done to alleviate potential future flooding in Mirfield. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** Clerk send the following to Kirklees and Environment Agency: MTC are concerned at the fairness of the report and have grave concerns future developments have not been considered and the loss of flood plains culminating from this. Urgent measures must now be taken by Kirklees and Environment Agency to prepare for an inevitable situation occurring in the future Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC77/2018**

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Yorkshire Internal Audit	Final 2017/2018 Internal Audit	£ 315.00
Sean Guy	Repay Regalia Case	£ 35.00
Wild About Gardens	Bankfield Hedges	£ 180.00
RBL Mirfield	Pilgrimage Match Funding	£ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 1030.00</b>

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Items 1-4 en block Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC78/2018**

**Planning:**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2018/92623 – **Noted**  
2018/92706 – **Noted**  
2018/92363 – **Noted**  
2018/92322 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council

### **No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial planning applications.
  - i. **2017/93935 Land off Woodward Court Erection 61 dwellings etc – 8.32pm Cllr Benson leaves the room.** Cllrs report that the topsoil has been cleared away and a fence erected around the site. Cllrs are concerned at the lack of interest from the Coal Authority regarding this application. Coal Authority should be updating records and informing local households and not relying on a developer for facts, who has a vested interest in the site. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** Clerk emails Coal Authority, thank them for their assistance on the development and cooperation with Cllr Benson and ask if they can confirm the remit they have on Planning Applications and to copy MTC into any further information that transpires about coal workings in Mirfield so that MTC can update their records Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour. 8.40pm Cllr Benson returns.**
  - ii. **2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings and associated means of access – No Update**
  - iii. **2018/90801/90802/91005 Land at Slipper Lane – No Update**
  - iv. **2018/91713 Land off Old Bank road – Clerk to chase Kirklees on recent proposal.**

### **MTC79/2018**

#### **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To receive a quotation for Christmas Lights & discuss appointing local contractor & purchase of replacement lights – A quotation from Ben Hardcastle was circulated prior to the meeting for the erection of lights and light switch on. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** MTC accept the quotation as it is within budget and the contractor is local and has extensive knowledge of the Christmas Lights and Switch on Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** A committee to be set up to progress 2018 Switch on. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** MTC obtain designs, costs & availability of replacement lights for the next meeting Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

### **MTC80/2018**

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

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

**Email was circulated prior to the meeting by Cllr Nottingham**

### **MTC81/2018**

#### **Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA Consultation Green Paper Adult Social Care - **Noted**
2. YLCA Government Shale Gas Exploration - **Noted**
3. YLCA NALC Chief Executive Bulletin - **Noted**
4. YLCA Community Led Housing Conference – **Noted**
5. YLCA Increase ro fee CILCA – **Noted**
6. YLCA White Rose Update – **Noted**
7. YLCA GDPR Toolkit Update – **Noted**
8. YLCA NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
9. Fields In Trust Centenary Fields Legacy – **Noted**
10. NALC Newsletter - **Noted**

### **MTC82/2018**

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

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

Cllr Benson reports Yorkshire Water are looking to connect land drainage into a storm drain. Clerk to put on next agenda.

**MTC83/2018**

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

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.42pm**.....