



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Bolt (Chairman), J Nottingham, J Roberts, P Tolson, J Hirst, M Brown, S Guy, K Taylor, S Benson, K Taylor, M Connell, V Lees-Hamilton

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: None
Press: None

MTC120/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Mayor welcomed Cllrs and reported that the following 2 meetings of council would be in purdah with no public questions. It was confirmed there was no intention by anyone to record the meeting. Cllr Bolt asked Cllrs to observe a minutes silence as this was the nearest meeting to Armistice Day. Cllr Guy read the Exhortation prior to the minutes silence.

MTC121/2019 Public Question Time:

None

MTC122/2019 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: Cllr Ibberson has an extended leave of absence. Cllr Naisbett. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept apologies and reasons Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

Cllrs Hinchliffe & Burton were absent. No apologies received

MTC123/2019 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 Bolt declared an other interest MTC130(3i) Land at Slipper Lane, as his home was nearby

Cllr Brown declared an other interest in Allotments

Cllr Kath Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in Heavy Woollen Planning & Licensing

Cllr Benson declared a pecuniary interest in MTC130(3i) Land at Slipper Lane as he is employed by the developer

Cllr Nottingham declared an other interest in MTC130(3ii) occupation in Health & Social Care

MTC124/2019

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 15th October 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **£6263.04**. Cllr Brown **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 11 in favour Cllr Lees-Hamilton Abstained**

MTC125/2019

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 Light Switch On and agree any costs or action necessary – A quotation of £5995 was circulated prior to the meeting from the current supplier Ben Hardcastle Harrison. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC accept the quotation of £5995 as it is of similar value to the previous years and the contractor is local and known to MTC to deliver the exact requirements as they have extensive knowledge of the Switch On Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update from Cllrs Roberts & Nottingham on Mirfield Riverside Project & agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Roberts reports that the project is progressing despite the rainfall. The knotweed was sprayed and completed within 4 days except the area by Battyeford Playing Fields as this is owned by Kirklees. Total cost of project to date £3468.00 inc VAT compared to £6400 original quotation, partly due to the adverse weather. No major tree removal is necessary along the riverbank. He reports of a Community Open day 23rd November at the Library. Cllr Roberts **Proposed** the project be named; Mirfield Riverside Project Supported by Mirfield Town Council Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC126/2019

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary. Reports to be submitted to Clerk and circulated by email with the agenda. **None Received**

MTC127/2019

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey and to receive reports from Portfolio Leads & discuss any action necessary – Cllrs agree that once all the reports are received, the Project team look at all the information from the reports, collate key actions to progress further. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that once the reports were collated, that they be put forward for public scrutiny by the Project Board & Comms leads Cllr Connell **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllr Guy reports that the Facebook page is now 'fit for purpose' and is an active place to see where and how MTC are benefitting the community. See appendix below for the approved flow of work

MTC128/2019

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive a report from Cllr Bolt on NALC conference – Cllr Bolt reports that HRH the Princess Royal attended the conference as it was 125th Anniversary of the Modernisation of Town/Parish Councils. There were many small trade stands and workshops with the Chairman of Local Government Association also attending. There were representatives from Woodland Trust & Fields In Trust with many councils signing up to the Tree Charter. Cllr Bolt reported that land in Kirkburton used as a Memorial has been allocated as FIT, however Kirklees had refused Heckmondwike Green Park to be allocated. Cllr Brown **Proposed** to reimburse Cllr Bolt the

mileage expenses Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2. To receive a report relating to meeting with Paula Sheriff regarding Cooper Bridge Bypass/Kirklees Local Plan, discuss & decide any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reported that Cllrs Keith Taylor, S Guy and himself met with local MP Paula Sheriff and briefed her on the consultation process. She was shocked at the lack of information available for the attendees of the public consultation. She agreed to contact Kirklees with support for the comments made by MTC previously. Cllr Guy reported that it was a positive meeting and highlighted to her the lack of communication from Kirklees to MTC, which showed a lack of respect from Kirklees especially in light of the Parish Charter.
3. To discuss meeting with Network Rail & decide any action necessary - Cllrs discuss the meeting with Network Rail held prior to this meeting. Cllrs are concerned that Network Rail confirmed that Woodend Bridge belongs to them with no rights of access to/from the care home and is not an evacuation route for the care home. Cllrs are concerned that Kirklees allow this in a planning application with no validity to the applicants claim. Cllr Bolt states he is disappointed at the narrow field of vision Network Rail have with no future proofing in place and they are only looking at the immediate area not where the track spurs off to.

MTC129/2019

Correspondence:

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

1. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin (For Information) – **Noted**
2. YLCA South Pennine Branch Meeting (For Information) – **Noted**
3. YLCA Woodland Trust Tree Charter (For Discussion) – Cllr Guy reports that 30th November is National Tree Planting day, with a great opportunity to engage with the community. Clerk confirms she has signed the Tree Charter and is awaiting further communication from Woodland Trust. Cllrs are interested in applying for further saplings to plant around Mirfield. Clerk is conscious that a large number were ordered from Woodland Trust and not used in Knowl Park and would like confirmation where these saplings were planted if at all. Cllr Guy to investigate further. Clerk to check if new saplings can be ordered and when delivery is expected.

MTC130/2019

PLANNING:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council
2019/93531 – Noted
2019/93324 – Noted
2019/93422 – Noted
2019/93269 – Noted
2019/93181 – Noted
2019/93362 – Noted
2019/93400 – Noted
2019/93172 – Noted
2019/93370 – Cllrs discuss the impact this could have on residents & other businesses. Cllr Brown **Proposed** to object to the application due to the impact of local resident, the noise & nuisance of the out of hours deliveries and effect on other businesses Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications
 - i. **2019/90756 & 2019/91971 & 93367 & 93202** Land at Slipper Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – **No update**

7.45pm Cllrs Kath Taylor and V Lees-Hamilton leave the room and return at 8.02pm.

- ii. **2017/94124** Land at Dunbottle Lane to receive an update and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Bolt reports that the outline planning in 2017 never went ahead, although the site is allocated in the Local Plan. He confirms a letter has been hand dropped to all houses in the perimeter of the site asking residents their opinions on the use of the site and to consider the possibility of an extended care facility as previously resolved by MTC. MTC to work with residents to provide something beneficial. So far 10 letters have been received from residents. Clerk to email Chief Executive to ask if she would be willing to discuss the site and possible alternative use of the land. Cllr Nottingham declared an other interest occupation in Health & Social Care. Cllrs agree MTC continues with its current position for an extended care facility as per its previous resolution.
- iii. **Dewsbury Riverside Development – No Update**

MTC131/2019

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Guy reports the Remembrance Parade will take place on Sunday 10th 1.30pm at Lowlands with a service at Ings Grove and wreath laying, with the attendance of the Lord Lieutenant. Cllr Bolt reported that one side of the Memorial Park feature would be in place for Sunday.

MTC132/2019

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19th November 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.25pm**.....

APPENDIX TO BE INCLUDED IN MTC POLICIES:

**Mirfield Matters Project Process
Agreed by Council 5 November 2019**

**Portfolio individual reports are to be distilled from the study including the appendices and all information
As agreed by Council these will now be reviewed by project group to ensure that all aspects are covered with
no duplication of work or omissions**

The reports will then be publicised for a period to allow public scrutiny or interest

**Following the public scrutiny Portfolio leads to draft individual work streams, as per template detailing
responsible statutory bodies identified,
stakeholders identified and engaged,
timescale agreed
budget identified (with full robust costings)
milestones and measurable outcomes identified
Completion date**

**The project sheet should reference back to the study and should have been compiled in consultation with
interested and statutory parties**

**Work stream reports sent to project group to review and agree for inclusion on council report dependant on
priorities**

**Progress and approval on project sheets are reserved for approval by Council and will be subject to provision
of costed reports where expenditure is needed**

**Co-ordination or oversight to be dealt with by the Project Board lead by Cllrs Connell and Guy under their
information and communications portfolio in consultation with the Clerk & Town Mayor**