



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: Members of the user groups Mirfield Memorial Park.
Press: None

MTC198/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Blakeley welcomed Councillors and members of the public and congratulated Queen Elizabeth II on the anniversary of her accession to the throne.

MTC199/2017 Public Question Time:

None

MTC200/2017 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

MTC201/2017 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 MTC203(1) member of RBL.

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Licensing

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC204(3) Project Mirfield & pecuniary interest MTC204(3)

MTC202/2017 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 16th January 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4349.95**

MTC192(3) Include Cllr Lees-Hamilton states and Cllrs agree that issues relating to resident's boundary walls are Civic Matters and not matters for MTC.

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** once the amendment was made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 10 in favour Cllr Benson Abstained**

MTC203/2017

7.38pm Cllr Lees-Hamilton arrives

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 – Members of the user groups of the Park are present. Emails between the Clerk & Ramsdens circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk reports that there are no updates from Ramsdens. She reports that Kirklees were to discuss the possibility of listing Memorial Park as a WW1 Fields In Trust but has not had an update from Kirklees since August. Clerk to send a reminder. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC ask Kirklees Chief Executive & Cllr Sheard to look into this and consider if they would allocate Mirfield Memorial Park as a Centenary Fields In Trust Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour

7.41pm Public leave

Cllr Benson asks why the issue with the boundary walls relating to Balderstone was not discussed and addressed at the previous meeting. Clerk advises that the previous meeting cannot be discussed other than to approve minutes and as the minutes have already been approved, the discussion is closed. Cllr Benson leaves at 7.44pm. Cllr Bolt states for the minutes MTC has historically appointed major consultants i.e. Mirfield 25 & Balderstone.

2. To discuss any update from the flood prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reports that he has spoken with Tom Ghee and the consultants have now finished their reports. Tom and the environment agency are happy to meet with Cllrs & discuss comments made in the September meeting.
3. To receive an update from the Clerk on defibrillator Hopton Ward – Clerk reports that the defibrillator has been ordered from Wel-Medical. Cllr Guy reports he has spoken to the electrician who fitted the previous defibrillators and is awaiting confirmation when to install.
4. To receive an update on removal of items from Council Offices – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that the resident with the offer of a van has not been in touch.
5. To receive an update on Test Sites from Arts Catalyst and agree a course of action – Cllrs to email their availability to the Clerk.

MTC204/2017

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2018/90150 – **Noted**
2018/90177 – **Noted**
2018/90176 – **Noted**
2017/93688 – **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 – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC query if the application complies to NPPF64 Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings and associated means of access – Cllr Bolt reports that the 3 Ward Councillors hosted a visit with Kirklees Chief Executive and discussed the impact building would have on Dunbottle Lane. He reports that they discussed the possibility of an extended care facility rather than 60 dwellings. Clerk reports that she emailed Chief executive regarding the

issue with planning applications mentioned at the previous meeting and is awaiting an update.

MTC205/2017 **Mirfield Matters:**

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

1. To note Neighbourhood Plan Steering Minutes – **Noted**
2. To discuss a quotation of £1716 (£55+VAT per basket) for Hanging Baskets and agree a course of action and any costs involved – Cllr Burton
Proposed MTC orders 26 baskets from First Impressions as per the quotation Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Blakeley to ask Community Groups if they wish to sponsor more as per 2017. Clerk to liaise with Mirfield In Bloom for installation dates.

MTC206/2017 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC207/2017 **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To discuss & approve 2018/2019 Budget – A draft budget had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Cllrs discuss the budget at length and recommendations made by the Clerk. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to accept Clerks recommendation to delete column 5 Public Toilets and proposed to insert a column for Remembrance Events £6500, especially due to the Centenary Year events. Items included; new commemorative benches and contribution to RBL for representatives to attend WW1 Commemorations & gateway feature at Memorial Park Cllr Blakeley **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept Clerks recommendation to amend the column 'Mirfield Show' to 'Annual Events' to enable the council to support many of the annual events now held in the town and increase to £20,000, to delete the column 'Clocks' and incorporate Clocks within the 'Grant' column with a £400 maximum capping Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder **Proposed** to accept the recommendations made with £10k of reserves to be transferred to Election Reserves and the balance of the budget to be put in to Regeneration, with £20k ringfenced for libraries, setting the budget at £119,900 Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss & approve 2018/2019 Precept – After discussions with the budget Cllr Guy **Proposed** to set the precept to £102,991.00 with CTR Grant of £8209.01 Total £111,200.01 as per 2017/18 with no increase Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To discuss General Data Protection Regulation support from Kirklees –
Defer to next meeting

MTC208/2017 **Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
2. YLCA Neighbourhood Plan Network Event – Invitation was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk reports that Cllr Bolt & Cheryl Tyler have asked to attend the free event. Cllrs Pinder & Lees-Hamilton to also attend. Clerk to send booking form to YLCA
3. YLCA Dementia Friendly Councils – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC supports in principle Dementia Friendly Councils & will seek further information Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Clerk to contact Alzheimer's Society for more information

4. Friends of Mirfield Library Meeting – **Noted**

MTC209/2017

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Guy reported that Mirfield Rifle Volunteers had presented a cheque for £3000 to Alzheimer's Society. Cllr Pinder enquired if there were any spare saplings (approx. 50) from the Woodland Trust for use by Mirfield Community Partnership.

MTC210/2017

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 20th February 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.47pm**.....