



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: P Hawkins, P Margrave, D Walker, G Forster, A Wilkinson

Press: None

MTC203/2016 **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 MTC212(1) & MTC208(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC204/2016 **Public Question Time:**

None

MTC205/2016 **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, S Benson

MTC206/2016 **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.

MTC207/2016 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 17th January 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4738.37**. **MTC198(2)** should read Cllr Pinder **Proposed** Cllr Sibbald **Seconded MTC198(3)** should read Cllr Pinder **Proposed** Cllr Sibbald **Seconded**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** once these amendments were made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC208/2016 **Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

1. To receive an update on Car Park Limits – Peter Margrave & Paul Hawkins from Kirklees are present. Cllr Bolt gives a recap to Cllrs on the Car Park Survey, the most favourable option from the survey and the one MTC

agreed on was 3 hours no return for 2 hours. Following the legal order, cabinet have agreed the limit in principle with objections mostly from the local estate agent. Paul confirms that the order will take place on 1st April, 2 weeks prior to this, large correx signs will be implemented stating the intent of the order. From 1st April, there will be 2 weeks of warning notices and 3rd week full penalty notices. **Cllr Guy declares an interest in the Library.** Cllrs are concerned at the parking limits for the volunteers at the library. Peter confirms that the small parking area for the library will not be included in the restrictions and that both he and Paul are happy to discuss with Friends of Mirfield Library. Peter also states that vehicles like Breast Screening and Blood Drives will be given larger time limits if they contact Kirklees in advance, as would the Christmas Lights. Paul believes that after the signs have been erected, there will be a backlash from residents and agrees to return with Peter 3 months after with statistics and feedback. He confirms that the survey conducted by Spirul was a robust study, with monitoring and interviews and as good as a survey that Kirklees would have carried out. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC resolves to support the previous decision to implement the time limits on the Station Road car park, to support Kirklees officers' recommendations and work with Kirklees on communications and will issue appropriate adverts on MTC website and social media sites at the 2 week notice period Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

8.10pm Paul & Peter leave.

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

2. To receive an update on Defibrillators – No update
3. To receive an update on Public Toilets – Clerk shows Cllrs images of the Mens toilets sent by Clan Services. Cllr Pinder reports that there is excrement on the floor, filth and litter strewn in the cubicles and under urinals and graffiti all over the walls and cubicles. Clan are spending extra money on toilet rolls as it is being abused by users of the toilets and Cllr Pinder states that Clan Services are going beyond the maintenance contract by doing all of this. Clerk reports that Clan have closed the toilets until the work can be carried out to re-paint and deep clean the Mens. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** to close the toilets until the renovations and deep clean are completed, instruct Clan to re-paint with anti-graffiti paint, Clerk & Cllr Pinder to source improved security options & Cllr Pinder to inform the local press the reason the toilets are closed Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC209/2016

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2016/90174 Spinners Way – **Noted**
2016/90220 3 Hill Top Crescent – **Noted**
2016/94278 Headlands – **Noted**
2016/90138 24 Jackroyd Lane – **Noted**
2016/90195 Sunny Bank Walk – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None**

MTC210/2016

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To discuss applying for Community Tree Pack from Woodland Trust for Knowl Park – Cllr Bolt reports that groups can apply to the Woodland Trust

for a tree pack if they fit the criteria. Cllr Bolt confirms that MTC and Knowl Park do fit the criteria. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC applies on behalf of Knowl Park Community Orchard for a tree pack Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour Clerk to email Fresh Marketing enquiring the whereabouts of the cheque from Coop Community Donation.

2. To discuss Hanging Basket Proposal from First Impressions – Cllrs discuss the proposal sent by First Impressions and condemn Kirklees for cutting the funding for Mirfield. Cllr Blakeley suggests local groups and businesses may wish to sponsor a basket & advertise the business at the same time. Cllrs state that this is now the state of play as Kirklees have withdrawn the funding. Cllr Blakeley **Proposed** he obtains quotations from local suppliers and considers local sponsors for the baskets Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour Clerk to check cost of self-watering tubs from Amberol.

MTC211/2016

Outside Bodies: (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC212/2016

Internal Matters:

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

1. To discuss contribution towards container from Allotment Account – Members of the Allotment Society are present. Dick Walker gives a brief update on the Society's finances in which he reports loses due to the 2015 Boxing Day floods. Alan Wilkinson reports on 2 projects the Society are undertaking. The first is to turn overgrown & unused plots into car parking spaces and the second to reduce water costs, install guttering and water collection containers. Alan asks if the cost of Scalpings (£440 + VAT) for the parking spaces and water collection (£280) can be paid for from the Allotment account as the container has been funded. Cllr Bolt asks Paul Hawkins if the Scalpings could be sourced from Kirklees. Paul confirms he will check this and email Cllr Bolt. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the cost of the Scalpings & water collection be paid from the Allotment account Cllr Sibbald **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour
7.45pm Allotment Society leave

MTC213/2016

Correspondence:

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

1. HTF HTVF Vacancies – **Noted**
2. YLCA NALC DIS & Grants – **Noted**
3. YLCA Rural Affordable Housing Scheme – **Noted**
4. YLCA South Pennine Leadership Programme – **Noted**
5. YLCA White Rose Update - **Noted**

MTC214/2016

Matters for Report and Information:

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

Cllr Guy reports that the St Mary's Pantomime is a continued success and praises the members on a great performance.

MTC215/2016

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 21st February 2017**

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