



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

D Pinder, J Nottingham, J Hirst, T Hirst, M Hamilton, V Lees-Hamilton, J Taylor

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: James Riding
Press: Richard Mirfield Reporter

MTC141/2014 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance

MTC142/2014 Public Question Time:

James Riding from Sands Ltd addressed council regarding the naming of Land at former Wasps Nest. He reads a letter from himself addressed to the council with a chain of events leading to the submission of the names. Cllr T Hirst thanks James for his opinion and confirms that MTC are in favour of small local development. James confirms that he is grateful to MTC for feedback regarding the name. He confirms that Farrar Court was declined. Cllr T Hirst declares a personal interest in the Former Wasps Nest. James states that another name he proposed was Lindley Court and would be happy to agree to this name if MTC thought it acceptable. Cllr Pinder gives a brief history of the Wasps Nest site to James including details of John Lindley. Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that James should have approached MTC for a meeting to discuss before submitting to Kirklees to avoid these setbacks. James thanked MTC for their input and stated he would approach the postal services to check that Lindley Court was acceptable and then submit to Kirklees. Cllrs stated that although they had no particular objection to Lindley Court, they expressed dismay at the loss of heritage and the historic significance for Mirfield and some still felt the site should retain the name Wasps Nest.

MTC143/2014 Apologies For Absence

Members are reminded that apologies should be sent to the Clerk or Chairman if they are unable to attend.

J Fearn, A Burton, K Taylor, A White, M Bolt, S Harding, E Armitage, A Mapplebeck

MTC144/2014 **Declaration of Interest**

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda.

Cllr D Pinder – Royal British Legion & Mirfield Community Partnership

Cllr J Nottingham – Kirklees Historic Buildings Trust

Cllr T Hirst declared a personal interest in Wasps Nest

Cllr Lees- Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC150 item 1 Co-option Cllr T Hirst Seconded

Vote: All in favour

MTC145/2014 **Confirmation of Minutes**

i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 11th November 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of **£1200.00**

Cllr Pinder stated MTC136 should read 'will shortly have' and not 'have' Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** that once this amendment was

made these were a true and correct record Cllr J Hirst **Seconded**

Vote: All in favour

ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

Cllr T Hirst confirms that Brian Robinson will be switching on the Christmas Lights, Jasmine Wilkinson will be performing and that

Normanton Lions have kindly loaned their sleigh for the night. Cllr

Hirst also confirms that Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be doing a presentation for their defibrillator at the next meeting 16th

December. He confirms that grants are available from British Heart Foundation for unlocked cabinets.

MTC146/2014 **Finance**

To consider and decide any action where necessary on the following matters:

1. BT Direct Debit £45.01 – **NOTED**

NOVEMBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	November Salary	£ 517.89
Clerk L Staggs	Back Pay	£ 537.32
HMRC	November PAYE	£ 486.13
Just Gardens	October Maintenance	£ 80.00
Clifton & Lightcliffe Brass Band	Remembrance Parade	£ 400.00
TOTAL		£ 2021.34

Cllr Pinder **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Nottingham

Seconded Vote: All in favour

Cllr Lees-Hamilton commented that the Royal British Legion had done an outstanding job for the Remembrance Parade Cllr Pinder

stated that there had been National coverage of the event.

MTC147/2014 **Grant Applications**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: NONE

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: NONE

MTC148/2014 **Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
 Naming Land at Former Wasps Nest – Discussed in Public Question Time
 Naming at 173 Kitson Hill Road – Cllrs state that they are not happy with any of the names submitted by the developer, as none of the names reflect the history or the location of the development. Cllr Taylor states that the Ben Bailey website calls the development Moor Croft and that this is a better name than those proposed. Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** MTC objects to the names submitted by the developer and recommends a compromise of Moor Croft Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
 2014/93476 48 St Pauls Rd Erection of two storey side & single storey rear extension – **Noted**
 2014/93493 38 Hopton Lane Erection of extensions – **Noted**
 2014/93413 & 2014/93414 Wellhouse Farm Barn – Cllr Nottingham declared an interest as a Trustee of Kirklees Historic Buildings Trust. He confirms that at the moment Moravian Union and Kirklees Historic Buildings Trust are in dialogue regarding private tender as there could be a legal implication who has the right to do the work required. Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** MTC recommend to Kirklees Historic Building Trust to have dialogue with the private tender Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
 2014/93550 9 Shaw Street Demolition of existing garage structure & erection of detached dwelling - **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. Balderstone Hall Lane – Cllr Taylor informs MTC that Balderstone Hall & Cottage are for sale by auction. He confirms that Cllr K Taylor spoke with Kirklees planning and that Nick Willock is dealing with the case until December but progress is slow.
4. Mirfield Moor – Cllr Lees-Hamilton refers to the email from Robert Halstead and confirms that the application will be heard at the next strategic planning meeting on Thursday 11th December.
5. Local Plan – Final sign off at next meeting 16th December.

MTC149/2014

Community

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Open Space Demand Survey – Cllr Pinder informs MTC of the meeting with the representative from Knight, Kavanagh & Page and Cllrs J & K Taylor. He states that the survey is open ended and non-specific. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that Kirklees would be better spending the money on upkeep of these spaces rather than a survey. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC ask Kirklees how much the survey has cost Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. Commemorative Benches – Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that all Cllrs have had the emails with the costs and asked that they go away and check local parks in their wards and bring back a list at a later meeting.

MTC150/2014

Internal Matters

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

1. Co-option – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reads a letter of resignation from

Cllr Harding. She states that she is sorry Cllr Harding has taken the decision to leave as she has had good input in MTC but respects her decision. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC send a letter of thanks to Cllr Harding for her work at MTC especially her expertise with the website and help with fundraising Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that only one person has shown an interest in co-option and this is Sean Guy. She confirms that MTC are able to co-opt at this time as per the Parish Councillor's Guide and introduces Sean Guy to MTC. Sean introduces himself to MTC and gives a brief account of his move to Mirfield 19 years ago, his occupation and family life. He states how passionate he has been about Mirfield since moving here and states he joined Mirfield Constitutional Club then the Royal British Legion and Mirfield Rifle Volunteers. He explains he is passionate about Mirfield Library, education & youth groups. He states that he sees joining MTC as a long term commitment and wants to become part of the local community in a larger way and that he would like to give something back to the community that welcomed him. Cllr Taylor thanks Sean and compliments him on a good an emotional speech. He states he has never seen a potential councillor speak so passionately about the town and believes the council needs younger people to bring a different perspective. Cllr Pinder states that Sean would be a very good appointment. Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** to co-opt Sean Guy to MTC Cllr Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. It is confirmed that Sean will take over the Crossley Ward from former Cllr Harding. The declaration of acceptance is brought into chambers and Sean signs and reads the acceptance in front of Council, Public & Press. Members of the council welcome Cllr Guy and congratulate him on his co-option.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

2. Extra Mile Cleaning of Council Offices - Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that MTC accepts the quotation provided by Extra Mile and instruct them to commence cleaning Cllr J Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. Public Toilets Unblocking of Drains – Cllr Pinder confirms that the Mens toilets and urinals had been blocked. He had, on the Mayors approval, instructed a local firm to investigate and carry out essential repairs. He confirmed that the cause of the blockage was underwear a shirt and nappies that had been flushed down the toilet. He confirmed that the pipes from the urinals at a charge of £7 each had been replaced and that both the urinals and toilets were now in full working order. He commented that maybe some signs should be put up advising users to refrain from flushing nappies etc down the toilet. The cost of the visits and work from Clan Services totalled £300. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** that the invoice be paid as the work was crucial for the toilets to be kept open Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder would like it noted that the Library staff kindly offered the use of the Library toilets whilst the public toilets were out of order. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to suspend standing orders and add an extra agenda item. Item 4 Delegation of Powers Cllr Pinder

Seconded Vote: All in favour

4. Delegation of Powers – Cllr Lees-Hamilton stated that in light of what had occurred with the public toilets that it was imperative to the smooth running of the office and public toilets that certain powers be delegated to the Clerk. She stated that YLCA had still not replied regarding the terms for delegation of powers. Cllr Pinder agreed that it was prudent as MTC had made the administrator Town Clerk and RFO and agreed training that the Clerk had certain delegated powers. Cllr Taylor **Proposed** that MTC send a letter of complaint to YLCA for the length of time they are taking addressing issues raised by MTC **Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to authorise delegated powers to the Clerk as per the sub-committees, regarding the safe running of the public toilets and that any monies up to a maximum of £500 could be authorised by the clerk in relation to the upkeep/repairs of the public toilets and that these delegated powers can be reviewed and updated if necessary **Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**
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MTC151/2014 **Correspondence**

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

1. Six by Six Creative Arts Hub - **Noted**
2. PROW Forum – **Noted**
3. YLCA Employment Training – **Noted**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to Note all correspondence Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC152/2014 **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Pinder reports that the Friends of St Marys had their AGM and that the mound had been removed from the “At Risk” list by English Heritage and that they can now apply for grants. He confirms the signage has been designed and will be in place by the end of the financial year. Cllr Taylor reports that Kirklees have issued a press release stating that they will be having a meeting regarding the sale of non-essential buildings and lands and that it would be prudent to keep an eye on this. Cllr Pinder confirms that the campaign to save Birstall Library is active and ongoing but the Friends of Mirfield Library have gone very quiet.

MTC153/2014 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that she will be providing a light supper at the end of the next meeting and states she would welcome Cllrs to join her and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 16th December 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.20pm**.....