



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: Cameron Shaw
Press: None

MTC157/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

Cllr Blakeley welcomed Cllrs and members of the public.

MTC158/2017 Public Question Time:

None

MTC159/2017 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, C Walker, K Sibbald, J Taylor, S Guy

MTC160/2017 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 under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr K Taylor declared Heavy Woollen Planning and Kirklees Licensing as pecuniary interests.

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC167(2) member My Mirfield

Cllr Benson declared a pecuniary interest MTC165(3) 2017/93935

MTC161/2017 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of **21st November 2017** as a true and correct record including payments of **£1803.22**. Cllr Benson **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Ibberson **Seconded** **Vote: All in favour**

MTC162/2017 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 Cllr Tolson Fields In Trust Hopton Recreational & Cricket Ground – Cllr Tolson states he will meet with the group and complete the form for Fields In Trust to get the application started.
2. To receive an update from Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports she has not had a reply from her last email. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** he visit Ramsdens and have a face to face meeting with Tim Gregory to get a conclusion Cllr Blakeley **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour
3. To receive an update from the Flood Prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – Clerk confirms that she has sent minutes to Kirklees, Trefor Hillas and Environment agency and asked for answers to the questions raised on the night. Clerk to send a reminder email.
4. To receive an update from Cllr Lees-Hamilton regarding possible match funding for a defibrillator in Upper Hopton and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that a fundraiser has taken place and raised £204. Defer to next meeting. Cllr Blakeley reports that the defibrillator has been installed at St Mary's.
5. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassador Awardees book/board and receive a draft of the Ambassador role description and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reports he is awaiting costs and also has enquired with other Ambassador Schemes as to the wording and will report back at a later meeting. Defer.

MTC163/2017

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

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Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	December Salary	£ 799.25
HMRC	December PAYE	£ 236.44
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Marys	December Room Hire	£ 21.00
Just Gardens	December Maintenance	£ 40.00
R Hartley	Facebook Expenses	£ 36.00
	Christmas Lights	
TOTAL		£ 1150.69

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-6 payment en block Cllr Benson **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

7. To receive a bank reconciliation to 30/11/17 – **Noted**
8. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

MTC164/2017

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Gilder Hall Youth Foundation**
Cllr Bolt reports he has received an email confirming that MCT wish to withdraw the application. Cllr Bolt forwards the email to the Clerk.
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

MTC165/2017

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2017/93905 – **Noted**

2017/93852 – **Noted**
2017/93974 – **Noted**
2017/93982 – **Noted**
2017/94006 – **Noted**
2017/94054 – **Noted**
2017/94059 – **Noted**
2017/94018 – **Noted**
2017/93421 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial applications: **2017/93935 Erection of 61 dwellings with associated access, drainage, open space & landscaping Land off Woodward Court** – Having declared a Pecuniary Interest Cllr Benson left the room (7.38pm). Cllr Lees-Hamilton states the original application was rejected on highway issues, as was the 2015 application and since then traffic has increased and neither the drainage or highways have improved. Cllr Taylor states there are 1200 houses in Northorpe Ward if this goes ahead and Flash Lane that is 10% increase of houses in that Ward. With no LDF in place, developers are trying their luck. Cllrs are concerned that at a public meeting Bellway admitted to not owning all the land, Cllrs fear this will mean more building at a later date. Cllr Bolt reports that Bellway have not consulted the school regarding the plans of 'Drop & Go'. Cllr Bolt also states that if consent is given, a condition must be put in that the develop supply adequate Grit Bins & maintain. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC contacts local Community Groups to find out what consultant they have retained, so MTC know where the 'Gap' is Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** 7.50pm Cllr Benson returns.
2017/00424 Street Naming Land off Woodend Road – Cllrs have a lengthy discussion regarding the history of the area. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC informs Kirklees that the council would recommend Butt End Mills Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC166/2017

Community

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

1. To discuss Town Council role in the Neighbourhood Plan – Clerk had circulated Adopted Terms of Reference, Service Level Agreement & Minutes 7/7/15. Cllr Bolt reads out 8) from adopted terms of reference, highlighting MTC delegates authority to Steering Groups up to the point of draft publication for consultation. Cllr Benson states he is content with this explanation
2. To discuss Neighbourhood Watch for Mirfield – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that residents are interested in forming a Neighbourhood Watch in Mirfield and that a formal meeting is to be arranged in the West Royd/Water Royd area with residents & Libby Walker from Crime Prevention in Dewsbury. Cllr Pinder states there is a group in Park Avenue, but due to lack of support from the police it is difficult to keep the group going. Cllr Burton echoes this in the Heathfield Area. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC assists any new groups setting up a Neighbourhood Watch by providing a stationary pack sourced by MTC & invite Mark Burns Williamson to attend a meeting to discuss support for the groups Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC167/2017 **Internal Matters**

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

1. To discuss the removal of paperwork/fixtures & fittings etc from the Council Office and agree members of a working party and action necessary (Cllr Lees-Hamilton) – Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that in July a working party was agreed but the offices still need clearing. Kirklees have a preferred bidder with a timescale of minimum 4 months takeover of the building. She has been offered free loan of a van to transport item if required. She reports the Clerk will need the wardrobe cabinet with minutes and accounts files. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to donate the reference books, prints & old photographs to Friends of Mirfield Library for the reference library, crockery, cups & cutlery to community centres, delete & transfer files from the desktop computer to a hard drive and donate that and the photocopier to a local group and transfer the wardrobe cabinet and documents to the Clerk's home Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss the Ambassador Nominees role at the My Mirfield Business Awards and agree any action necessary (Cllr Ibberson) – Cllr Ibberson discusses the suggestion to present the Ambassadors to the audience at the My Mirfield Awards to raise the profile of the scheme and let them know who has been honoured by MTC. My Mirfield would like to invite the 2017 Ambassadors and Tim Grace (Chair Independent Panel) to the awards FOC. The idea is to showcase the scheme to increase public interest & knowledge of it, elevate the award. Cllrs agree this is a great idea as long as the awards are presented at the Civic Service first. Clerk confirms the Mayor sets the date of the Civic Service and can be set at any time.
3. To discuss obtaining Mine Workings and agree any action necessary (Cllr Benson) - Cllr Benson states it would be prudent for MTC to have access to mine workings for planning applications. Cllr Bolt reports that the information is available from the Coal Authority and he will email the link to Cllrs.

MTC168/2017 **Correspondence**

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

1. YLCA Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
2. Friends of Mirfield Library Minutes – **Noted**

MTC169/2017 **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Pinder reported an auction fundraiser by Mirfield Rifle Volunteers held in the Coop, raised over £500. He also reported that MCP were objecting to the possible development in the Ladywood area. Cllr Blakeley reported he would be judging the Annual Window Display on 19th December at noon if Cllrs wished to join him.

MTC170/2017 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Cllr Blakeley wished everyone a Happy Christmas

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 2nd January 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.44pm**.....