



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton, P Tolson, S Guy, J Hirst, D Pinder, J Nottingham, M Bolt, K Taylor, S Benson

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: None
Press: None

MTC224/2017 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of the Deputy Mayor. Cllr Taylor **Proposed** Cllr Lees-Hamilton Chair the meeting Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour. Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed Councillors.

MTC225/2017 Election of New Chairman:

1. Election – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Cllr M Ibberson Cllr Guy
Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. To read & sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman – In the absence of Cllr Ibberson due to a family matter Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC allows Cllr Ibberson a dispensation to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office on or before the next council meeting in front of the Clerk (Proper Officer) Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC226/2017 Public Question Time:

None

MTC227/2017 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: M Ibberson, A Burton, M Burton, J Taylor, C Walker, K Sibbald, P Blakeley

MTC228/2017 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 MTC2 30(1) member of RBL.

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Licensing

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC231(3) Project Mirfield & pecuniary interest MTC231(3)

MTC229/2017 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 27th February 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4937.11**.

MTC219(3) after planning matters add; subject to this not duplicating consultants appointed & retained by other community/action groups Cllr Tolson **Proposed** once the amendment was made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC230/2017

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 Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – Clerk has no updates from Ramsdens or Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC sets up a working party for Remembrance events and involves local community groups & schools, possibly engaging Secondary Schools in art/technology projects. Included in this would be match funding with local groups to provide Remembrance benches in areas of Mirfield Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr Guy abstained.**
2. To discuss any update from the flood prevention meeting and agree any action necessary – No update

MTC231/2017

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council. 2018/90545 – **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 – 7.53pm Cllr Benson leaves the room. Cllr Bolt reports that he has contacted several planning consultants and reads out each email. Cllrs discuss the various options. Cllr Bolt states that it all adds weight to the objections and may help to overturn the decision. He reports at the Kirklees Local Plan hearing, Kirklees said that the current Bellway application “sits more comfortably than previous applications”. He reports that Save Mirfield mentioned the additional traffic of home deliveries impacting on highways and that Save Mirfield had submitted a Heritage Statement he also reports that there was no representation for other developments in Mirfield. Cllr Bolt has preferred consultants, 1 has given a cost but no information and the other plenty information but no cost. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** Cllr Bolt obtains both costs and information from the preferred consultants, circulate to Cllrs with a 48 hour respond time with their preferred choice and Clerk use delegated powers to appoint preferred consultant Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
8.27pm Cllr Benson returns
2017/94124 Land at Dunbottle Lane Outline application for erection of up to 60 dwellings and associated means of access – Cllrs discuss Cllr Benson’s email circulated prior to the meeting on drainage & coal workings. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC submit Cllr Benson’s report on drainage & coal workings and reiterate that MTC favoured choice of build is one with less impact as mentioned previously and in preference to dwellings Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder thanked Cllr Benson for his hard work.

MTC232/2017

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To discuss Kirklees Local Plan and agree any action necessary – Cllr Bolt

reports that he attended the Local Plan meeting and that there was only representation for the Bellway development. He reports that there are several more stages and that a report will be compiled following the latest meeting. Cllr Benson reports that Yvonne Parker and Richard Hollinson assured him MTC comments made about the Local Plan would be included in the paper trail for the Local Plan.

MTC233/2017 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC234/2017 **Correspondence:**

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

1. YLCA Planning Seminars – Noted
2. Planned Maintenance River Calder – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC enquires if the low hanging branches can be cut down at the same time and Japanese knotweed be pulled out along the way Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. YLCA GDPR Toolkit – Clerk to include on next agenda to discuss.
4. Kirklees GDPR Support – As above.

MTC235/2017 **Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Taylor reports that 2018 will be the 30th Anniversary of the Parish/Town Council which was reformed in 1988.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that both her and the Clerk will be removing items from the Council Offices on Tuesday 28th March.

Cllr Bolt to create a doodle scheduler for dates to meet with Nicola Triscott.

MTC236/2017 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

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

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