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## **Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting**

**Held on:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm

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

### **Councillors Present:**

M Bolt (Deputy), P Tolson, M Burton, J Hirst, J Nottingham, S Benson, K Taylor, D Pinder, S Guy

### **In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Resident, Representatives from Battyeford SC, Member Save Mirfield & Member Allotment Society

Press: None

### **MTC178/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Bolt welcomed Cllrs & members of the public to the last meeting and gave Cllr Ibberson's apologies as he is attending D of E Awards ceremony. Cllr Bolt wished one of the Cllrs a happy birthday. He reported to Cllrs of a memorial 3/2/19 on Westbound side of Hartshead Moor Services to commemorate the IRA Coach Bomb 45 years ago. He also reported a Drop In Event 7/2/19 for Dewsbury Riverside development.

### **MTC179/2018 Public Question Time:**

None

### **MTC180/2018 Apologies For Absence**

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

**Cllrs:** C Walker, J Taylor, P Blakeley, K Sibbald, V Lees-Hamilton, M Ibberson, A Burton

**Absences were accepted**

### **MTC181/2018 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 Tolson declared a personal interest MTC184(5) member Mirfield Team Parish

Cllrs Taylor declared a pecuniary interest MTC186 member of Heavy Woollen Planning

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC186(3) member of Project

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Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC186(3ii)

**Cllr Bolt Proposed to suspend standing orders & bring forward MTC185 & MTC188(1) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC182/2018**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 7 in favour**  
**Cllrs Burton & Guy Abstained**

**MTC183/2018**

**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 Cllr Pinder on Ambassadors Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reported that the book was now ready and would be sent to St Mary's Community Centre. Clerk to check delivery with St Mary's. He also reports that a local builder has offered to source the making of the board.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet prior to the meeting on match funded defibrillators. Cllr Guy reported that he would check with the groups regarding the logos to be printed on the plaques.
3. To receive an update from the Clerk on Go Daddy website suitability – Clerk confirms that she is happy with the format of the Go Daddy website, previous issues of uploading have now been rectified and she recommends MTC remain with Go Daddy as the provider Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC accepts Clerk's recommendation to renew with Go Daddy and continue with them as website provider Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Community Right to Bid – Cllr Bolt asks the Clerk if she has contacted YLCA or NALC regarding this. Clerk reports that as she was absent from the last meeting and only received the minutes the previous week, that she has not had time to check. Clerk to check with YLCA & NALC and report back to MTC.

**MTC184/2018**

**Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	January Salary	£ 912.71
HMRC	January PAYE	£ 354.12
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
Clerk L Staggs	Nest Pension	£ 53.86
St Mary's	January Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	January Maintenance	£ 40.00
Ben Hardcastle	Christmas Lights Balance	£ 3660.00
Petty Cash	Petty Cash	£ 200.00
David Ogilvie	Benches	£ 1840.80
NALC	Spring Conference	£ 624.00
Clifton & Lightcliffe Band	Remembrance Parade	£ 400.00

Enzygo	Highways advice Slipper	£ 1080.00
Highways	Lane	
Go Daddy	Renewal website builder	£ 115.06
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 9340.55</b>

Cllr Nottingham **Proposed** items 1-13 payment en block Cllr Taylor **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**

14. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/12/18 – **Noted**

15. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget – **Noted**

**MTC185/2018**

**Grant Applications:**

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Battieford Sporting Club Football Tournament Hoodies & Backpacks** – Representatives from Battieford SC are present. They report that funds have been raised by the teams for the trip and that 2 of the teams already have hoodies & backpacks from previous MTC sponsorship but there are 2 further teams that are attending and the grant would be for them. Cllr Taylor asks if all the members are from Mirfield. Representatives confirm that the vast majority are from Mirfield and are made up of 3 Girl teams and 1 boy team. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC awards the full amount of £1096.00 as the teams have fundraised the rest of the money themselves Cllr Tolson **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**

**7.40pm Representatives Battieford SC leave.**

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

**MTC186/2018**

**Planning**

An emergency item was added by Cllr Bolt due to the timescales and urgency of the matter. A62/A644 Link road Proposed Major Highway Scheme – A member from Save Mirfield is present and has plans of 3 options for the proposed highway scheme. Cllrs look through the plans and discuss at great length. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC welcomes the concept of improvement of traffic flow, but has the following objections/reservations: No traffic planning/journey times supplied, no cost/benefit analysis supplied, not enough information regarding flood prevention. Proposal in flood zone 1, which directly interferes with flood defences. Bradley Golf Course being one of the main flood barriers for Mirfield, where would the water go if a big flood as per Boxing day 2015. Flood zones 2 & 3 are where the proposed road is to be built. Installation of hard standing and removal of heritage trees, so no soak away for floods. No Environmental Impact Report supplied and heritage trees uprooted from heritage woodland. No evaluation on the impact of construction vehicles whilst build takes place. How does the loss of Cooper Bridge from the Local Plan impact ie cost/benefit analysis? Concerns of standing traffic during the build of the highway and extra omissions in the area from this. Where will the Dumb Steeple be located and what if any effects on the building. No consideration given for priority bus lanes or horses. No traffic management plans for existing road. In summary MTC does not feel that they have been given relevant detailed information to make full comment and are concerned at the adverse effect this will have on Mirfield, it's roads and residents Cllr Guy **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour.** Cllr Bolt thanked Save Mirfield and noted his concern that Mirfield was not given a formal consultation on this.

**8.15pm Save Mirfield member leaves.**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.

2019/90013 – The Thirsty Man Cllr Taylor **Proposed** MTC submits the following comments: MTC welcomes the use & potential, but has concerns of the potential impact on surrounding properties privacy in relation to the balcony/roof terrace Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2019/90052 – **Noted**

2018/93806 – **Noted**

2018/94132 – **Noted**

2018/94127 – Cllr Benson had circulated a report and supporting documents prior to the meeting. Cllrs discuss the report and application. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC accepts Cllr Benson's report and submits this to Kirklees on behalf of MTC Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2018/94153 – **Noted**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:

**No Comments/Noted**

3. To consider potential controversial applications:

i. 2017/94124 Outline application for erection up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane – No update

ii. 2018/90801/90802/91005/93622 Land at Slipper Lane – **8.34pm**

**Cllr Benson leaves the room.** Cllr Bolt reports that following surveys & traffic management, Kirklees have broken it down at different junctions. He also reports that the consultation period was closed on Monday, but Kirklees stated on Monday that a report had been prepared. **8.36pm Cllr Benson returns.**

## MTC188/2018

### Internal Matters

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

1. To receive an update from Mirfield Allotment Society – Member of the new committee is in attendance to give an update. The new Chair introduces herself and reports that there are lots of positives at the Allotments. She reports that MAGS are a Friendship Group with 250 plot holders over the 3 sites, majority of which are Mirfield residents. She reports that there are 10 volunteer committee members and a new site manager at Nab Lane who is dealing with the drainage issues. There will be a newsletter sent out to plot holders to keep them informed (January Newsletter received by MTC) and a show in August. She states that she is happy to show any Cllrs around the 3 sites. Cllr Bolt thanked her for the update and Newsletter.

**7.55pm Committee member leaves.**

2. To receive an update on the Outstanding Decisions Summary 2017/2018 and discuss and agree any action necessary – Cllrs discuss the outstanding motions and delete and pursue where necessary. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** 4 items to be deleted as completed. Clerk to pursue Kirklees on any outstanding responses, Cllrs to follow up on any outstanding issues they are nominees for & Clerk to ask Friends of Mirfield Library to attend a meeting to give MTC an update Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

3. To note the minutes of the Armistice Committee – **Noted**

4. To receive a quotation from First Impressions for Hanging Baskets of £1716 and agree a course of action – **Noted**

5. To note Provisional Taxbase & Grant Allocation – Still awaiting an update from Kirklees on CTR Grant

6. To discuss & approve 2019/20 Budget – Cllr Guy **Proposed** to defer the setting of the budget and precept until the 19<sup>th</sup> February for Clerk & Mayor to manage as appropriate Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

7. To discuss & approve 2019/20 Precept – Defer see above

**MTC189/2018**

**Correspondence**

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

1. NALC Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
2. MAGS Newsletter – **Noted**
3. NALC Legal Briefing Document – **Noted**

**MTC190/2018**

**Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Pinder reported that Mirfield Community Partnership were installing information boards on Battyeford Island next week. Cllr Burton thanked MTC on behalf of Hopton Primary School for the Grant for the Ice Rink.

**MTC191/2018**

**The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.50pm**.....