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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 7.30pm

Held at: Trinity Methodist Church, 4 Trinity Street, Mirfield, WF14 8AD

Councillors Present:

M Connell (Chairman), S Naisbett, J Roberts, M Sullivan, J Hirst, D Hirst, V Lees-Hamilton
B Harrison, P Tolson, I Ali, I Ali,

In Attendance:

Clerk: L Staggs
Public: 1 member RBL
Press: None

MTC88/2023

Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Connell welcomed Cllrs and members of the public. He thanked everyone that attended the Civic Service and stated that the catering was excellent. He stated the Resurrection was the perfect venue to host the first one in many years and hopefully get MTC back in the Civic circuit.

MTC89/2023

Apologies for Absence:

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

1. To receive apologies – Cllrs Guy, M Hamilton, M Bolt & M Brown sent apologies with reasons for absence. Cllr Sullivan **Proposed** to accept the apologies Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To approve reasons for absence – Cllr Sullivan **Proposed** to approve the reasons for absence Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded: Vote: All in favour**
Cllr Hinchliffe was absent but did not send apologies

MTC90/2023

Declaration of Interest:

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether or not they have been declared on the members register of pecuniary interests.

None

MTC91/2023

Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting of 18th October 2023 including payments of **£1490.00 plus Clerk Salary, pension & HMRC**. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record of the meeting Cllr Roberts **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllrs Connell, Sullivan & Lees-Hamilton Abstained**

MTC92/2023

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 Naisbett on Christmas Lights 2023, discuss and decide any action or costs necessary. Quotation provided by Bradford Festival Lighting circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Naisbett reports that there will be 8 stalls in the library, a kids disco in St Pauls and a singer before the switch on. Clerk to ask Choral Society if they will sing hymns after the switch on. He reports there will be 2 porta loos at the rear of the library. The quotations had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Naisbett confirms that he tried other local companies but did not receive a response. Bradford Festival Lighting do most of the local Christmas Lights and had stored the lights from last year and provided him with a quote for all MTC requirements. Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** the quotation of £5450.00 for installation/de-install as it is of similar value to the previous years and the contractor is local and known to MTC to deliver the exact requirements as they have extensive knowledge of the Switch On. £420 for tree lights, £2250 for new lamppost features, £2295 for power supply to 9 extra lampposts, £500 for hire of Angel, £345 for installation of Angel and £200 for porta loos, totalling £11,460 plus VAT Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** It was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Cllr Naisbett.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Connell on Lamppost Banners and decide any action necessary – Clerk updates on the banners.
3. To receive an update on Remembrance Parade and decide any action or costs necessary – Quotations circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Naisbett explains that the quotation for security has changed as extra Marshalls are required to keep people on the pavements during the march and keep the parade safe, the quote for the radios is so that everyone involved is on the same wavelength. Cllrs also discuss D-Day 80 and agree that for the parade next year and D-Day 80 a committee should be set up, before the budget is set, so that costs can be looked at for inclusion in the budget. Cllrs agree that if MTC are to continue organising the parade, MTC need to firm up the transition from T Wood and have a full plan in place. Cllrs discuss the order of placing the wreaths, an order of laying wreaths has been given to the Clerk by the Protocol Advisor, she has circulated to Cllrs. Cllrs Tolson and Roberts to meet at the cenotaph prior to the wreath laying and allocate each wreath layer with a cadet. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to agree the costs as follows: £1516 plus VAT Security, £217.50 plus VAT Radios & £220 PA System Cllr J Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC93/2023

Internal Matters:

To receive information on the following and decide any action necessary

1. To receive an update on Eastthorpe Gardens and receive a quotation for a replacement picnic bench and decide any action necessary – Quotations circulated prior to the meeting and a video from Able Gardens of the damage to the bench had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs discuss the arson attack that took place and resulted in the destruction of the picnic bench and scorching of surrounding trees, shrubs and paving stones. Quotations for various bench options were discussed and the Clerk reported that Able Gardens had suggested turning the area into a flower bed as an alternative option to the replacement bench. Due to the uncertainty with the future of St Paul's church Cllr Connell **Proposed** that the picnic bench be removed along with the paving slabs and the area be turned into a flower bed Cllr Naisbett **Seconded**, a second **proposal** was then made by Cllr Lees-Hamilton to contact the insurance company and replace the bench with one of the options in the quotations Cllr J Hirst **Seconded**. A vote was taken with 9 in favour of Cllr Connell's proposal and 2 in favour of Cllr Lees-Hamilton's proposal. It was resolved that the first proposal be moved. Clerk to inform Able Gardens

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Public Question Time:

MTC95/2023

NONE

The Date of The Next Town Council Meeting.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.30pm**.....