



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

**Councillors Present:**

D Pinder, J Hirst, V Lees-Hamilton, S Guy, M Hamilton, S Benson, E Armitage, A Mapplebeck, J Nottingham

**In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Robert Halstead, Cheryl Tyler, Brian Thornton

Press: None

**MTC258/2014 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone

**MTC259/2014 Apologies For Absence**

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

J Taylor, T Hirst, A Burton, A White, K Taylor, C Walker, M Bolt

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC263 Item 4 and MTC263 Item 3 respectively Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC260/2014 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 S Guy – Royal British Legion & Mirfield Library

Cllr S Benson – Project Mirfield

**MTC261/2014 Confirmation of Minutes**

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 as a true and correct record including payments of **£4532.62**  
Cllr Pinder states MTC247 should read 'Locality' not 'locality' and MTC248 David Eastman has been awarded 'Rank' of Brigadier not 'post'. Cllr Hirst **Proposed** that once these amendments were made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: 8 in favour Cllr Mapplebeck Abstained**
- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.  
Cllr Pinder asks if there has been any acknowledgment of the Motion passed at the last meeting regarding Mirfield Library. Clerk

states that she has not received any acknowledgment. Cllr Pinder confirms that a copy of the agenda was placed in the Community Notice Board.

## MTC262/2014

### **Finance**

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

1. Extra Mile Standing Order - £287.50 - **NOTED**

<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	April Salary	£ 675.56
HMRC	April PAYE	£ 197.31
Extra Mile	Office Cleaning	£ 24.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 896.87</b>

Cllr Pinder **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Benson **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour.**

## MTC263/2014

### **Planning**

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2015/91065 The Co Operative Food – **Noted**  
2015/91020 38 Hopton Lane – **Noted**  
2015/91061 316 Hopton Lane – **Noted**  
2015/91068 Hopton Primary School – **Noted**  
2015/91125 51 The Maltings – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council –  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. Balderstone Hall Lane – Robert states that there will be an independent assessment of traffic at school times as the issue was glossed over in the revised report. Cllr Benson mentions the drainage problem with the planning application and confirms he is continuing to investigate this. Robert states that hitherto drainage has not been sufficient to stop a development and believes MTC should focus on the highways. He states that the application mentions speed bumps, 20mph restrictions, double yellow lines, but states that a regulation order has to take into account free flow of traffic and that Kirklees are using powers to facilitate this to accommodate the development and this is inappropriate use of powers, he states it undermines the mitigation that makes the development acceptable. Cllr Lees-Hamilton and Cheryl both agree that if the parking restrictions are put in place, this will speed up traffic and cause more accidents. Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanks Robert Halstead for attending.  
**8.15pm Cheryl, Robert & Brian leave**  
**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour**
4. Mirfield Moor – Robert Halstead explains to MTC a decision that was reversed by the Information Commissioner in January. The financial impact report for Mirfield Moor has been denied 3 times and Robert states that it could be worth an appeal to the

Information Commissioner for this to be in the public domain, even though it could be retrospective as it could take up to 6 months. He states that morally he can see justification in an appeal but he is conscious of the cost to Mirfield residents. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that the residents shouldn't be kept in the dark and that it could help with future developments. Robert states that it would cost less than £1000 to appeal and he believes the appeal should be focused on the exemptions. He believes it could take 6 months as the builder and Kirklees could resist the appeal. Cheryl Tyler and Cllr Pinder believe it would be a good idea to put a marker down that may make Kirklees think in the future. Cllr Armitage believes it would be tragic if MTC didn't pursue to the end. Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC instruct Robert Halstead to go ahead with the appeal to the Information Commissioner Cllr Armitage

**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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**Community**

To receive an update/discuss/note:

1. Purchase of new union flag – Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs Cllrs that the matter of the damaged flag was raised on Monday via Facebook and that the Clerk contacted Craig Nixon at Kirklees who immediately dealt with the matter and ATS were sent out on Tuesday to replace the torn Union flag with the St George's flag. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** the Clerk writes to the head of Section and Adrian Lythgo to praise Craig Nixon and for Kirklees to include the letter in Craig's work record Cllr Pinder **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour** After a discussion on the 2 estimates Cllr Mapplebeck **Proposed** MTC accept the estimate from Northern Flags and place the order Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour** Cllr Benson said he would collect to save delivery costs.
2. Public Toilets Update – Cllr Pinder confirms that he is awaiting quotations for the repairs to the door and that Clan Services have unblocked the disabled toilet, which was again blocked with nappies.

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**Correspondence**

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

1. Locality - **Noted**
2. Creative Arts Hub- **Noted**
3. Consultation Holme Valley Neighbourhood Plan - **Noted**

**MTC266/2014**

**Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton informs everyone that the Civic Service will be held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at St Johns, Upper Hopton at 4.00pm followed by light refreshments at Croft House. She states this is a chance to thank the Cllrs who are leaving, thank and congratulate the re-elected Cllrs and welcome the new ones. She confirms that all the nominated ambassadors have accepted and that the awards will be presented at the service. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states she would like to thank Cllr Armitage & Cllr Hamilton and states it is a great loss that they will not be standing again but states she has appreciated their input. Cllr Pinder states he would like to give a vote of thanks to all the Cllrs and

hopes to see the same faces on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Armitage wished all Cllrs good luck and thanked the Clerk.

**MTC267/2014**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton thanked Cllrs for their attendance, support and input.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

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