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Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: Members Save Mirfield & Mirfield Round Table

Press: None

MTC57/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Ibberson welcomed Cllrs & members of the public.

MTC58/2018 Public Question Time:

None

MTC59/2018 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, P Blakeley, V Lees-Hamilton

Absences were accepted

MTC60/2018 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 Guy declared a personal interest MTC62(1) & MTC66(1) member RBL

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC65(3) iii. Land at Slipper Lane

Cllr Benson declared a personal Interest MTC65(3) i. Land off Woodward

Court member Project Mirfield

MTC61/2018 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 3rd July 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC62/2018 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 Clerk on Mirfield Memorial Park & decide and agree any action necessary – Clerk reports that she has still not had a response from Kirklees, despite reminders and writing to Chief Executive and other officers.
2. To receive an update regarding Fields In Trust and decide any action necessary – Cllr Bolt reports on a meeting he attended and that he approached Kirklees officers to ask why FIT had not been allocated to Mirfield as previously requested. Cllr Burton **Proposed** Clerk emails Kirklees: Why is Kirklees the only council within West Yorkshire that has not submitted an application to FIT when MTC has been requesting Mirfield Memorial Park be allocated Centenary Field In Trust for 2 years and notes its dismay at no decision from cabinet and insists that this item be put on the cabinet agenda to discuss urgently as we are fast approaching Armistice Day Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update from Cllr Benson on the mandate to prepare Flood Prevention Report & decide any action necessary – Defer
4. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassadors Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Pinder reports that he has ordered the book.
5. To receive an update from Cllr Blakeley on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – Cllr Guy to send a further reminder to Cllr Blakeley.
6. To receive an update on Allotments and decide any action necessary – Cllr Burton states that he is most unhappy he was not invited to the Nab Lane site visit as one of the two Cllrs appointed to the Allotment Society. Cllr Ibberson explains that a site visit did not take place, merely a visit to acquaint himself with the allotments. Clerk asks Member of Mirfield Round Table to leave whilst the item is taken in a closed meeting as per previous discussions. Clerk updates Cllrs on the present position regarding various requests for information.
Member Mirfield Round Table returns.

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Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

JULY		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	July Salary	£ 809.40
HMRC	July PAYE	£ 283.41
Clerk L Staggs	August Salary	£ 768.03
HMRC	August PAYE	£ 254.80
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 36.00
St Marys	July Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	July & August Maintenance	£ 160.00
James Fletcher	Marquee Mirfield Show	£ 7376.40
David Ogilvie	Remembrance Benches	£ 3349.20
TOTAL		£ 13,079.24

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** items 1-9 payment en block Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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7. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/07/18 – **Noted**
8. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **None Received**
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **Mirfield & District Round Table Beer Festival** – A member is present and updates that the Beer Festival was a success, numbers slightly down due to the World Cup but still raised £5000 for local charities.

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Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2018/92111 – Noted
2018/92184 – Noted
2018/92172 – Cllr Taylor **Proposed** MTC objects to the steel/metal cladding as unacceptable and not in keeping with the stone of surrounding buildings, Kirklees to refer to Mirfield Design Statement Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial applications:
 - i. 2017/93935 Erection 61 dwellings Land off Woodward Court –
8.09pm Cllr Benson leaves the room. Members of Save Mirfield are present. Save Mirfield update MTC following investigations from their highways and planning lawyers. Save Mirfield have been given the means to fight the application further with issues around D5 policy. More investigation is needed by Bellway regarding the mine shafts and Save Mirfield thank Cllr Benson for his work so far on the mine shaft investigations. Save Mirfield believe that if the application is refused by Kirklees, Bellway would go to appeal. At this stage Save Mirfield would fully back Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC reaffirms its commitment to support the refusal of the application as far as necessary. MTC to ask Kirklees to keep informed of any and all developments relating to this application Cllr Tolson **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Should the matter end in an appeal by Bellway, MTC would fully support Kirklees Cllr Guy
Seconded Vote: All in favour
8.50pm Cllr Benson returns.
 - ii. 2017/94124 Outline application for erection up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane – See MTC66(2)
 - iii. 2018/90801/9080291005 Land at Slipper Lane – Cllr Bolt reports that Caddick are applying for a variation. He states that a condition should be set banning HGV's on Church Lane/Greenside & Sunnybank. At the moment there is no data available showing the impact at Sunnybank junction. Cllrs Taylor & Bolt to approach Kirklees to install traffic & volume strips.
9.01pm Cllr Benson returns.
 - iv. 2018/91713 Land off Old Bank Road – Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC demand of the developer extensive core samples from numerous places around the site and that a full detailed investigation be carried out due to the previous use of the land Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour

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Community

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items

1. To receive an update on the marking of WW1 Armistice as discussed at budget and to make such decisions and allocations as needed (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt had circulated an email prior to the meeting. Commemorative benches in situ in front of the library and to be installed in front of the Cenotaph by Kirklees. Cllr Pinder reported Friends of Mirfield Library would like to match fund a further bench with MTC. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Remembrance Committee to discharge any functions to progress matters during recess, being mindful of planning applications Cllr Pinder **Seconded Cllr Guy Abstained Vote: 9 in favour** Cllrs discuss using the “There but not there” silhouette for the entrance to Memorial Park. 7.55pm Cllr Guy leaves the room having declared an interest. Cllr Taylor **Proposed** a £10,000 contingency for the Remembrance Events, to progress the matter through recess Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour 8.00pm Cllr Guy returns**. Cllr Ibberson reports that a resident/member RBL is to decorate the town with flags with the help of the Town Team. Cllr Guy reports that primary schools have written messages on the wreath to be laid at Ypres.
2. To discuss Kirklees land disposal and agree any action necessary (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt reports that the Kirklees Ward members were sent a pre-cabinet report of 4 plots within Mirfield to be disposed of by Kirklees (Flash Lane, Former Mirfield Depot, off Fox Royd Drive, Kitson Hill Crescent). Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC writes to Kirklees asking why they are not honouring the Parish Charter that was agreed between the town council and Kirklees in 2005/6, whilst Cllr James Taylor was Mayor as MTC has not been informed or consulted of the land disposal. Flash Lane: MTC urges Kirklees to utilise the land at Flash Lane for extended care, which would minimise traffic. MTC notes the increase from 60 dwellings in the original application to 80 on the disposal of land and is concerned at over intensification of site and highways. St Pauls Depot: MTC would like to see plans prior to an application as it is concerned how this would fit with the existing healthcare in Mirfield and is concerned for access for Emergency vehicles. Fox Royd: MTC expresses highways concerns with the development of 5 dwellings. Kitson Hill: Over intensification of sight. MTC are also concerned at the lack of paddock space in Mirfield for horses and removal of much needed grazing land at Kitson Hill and Flash Lane Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
9.30pm Member Mirfield & District Round Table leaves.

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Internal Matters

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

1. To receive an estimate for Christmas Lights and replacement lights and discuss & agree action necessary and costs involved (Cllr Ibberson) - Defer

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Correspondence

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

1. NALC Newsletter – **Noted**
2. NALC Chief Executive Bulletin – **Noted**
3. YLCA White Rose Update – **Noted**
4. YLCA 1 day conference –
5. Kirklees Leaders Question Time - **Noted**

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Matters for Report and Information

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

Clerk reports that there will be a light buffet on 19th July for Cllrs to attend at St Marys at 1.00pm following the judging of Mirfield In Bloom.

Cllr Ibberson thanked Cllr Pinder for his kind donation of Deputy Mayor & Consort Medals.

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The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 4th September 2018**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.35pm**.....