



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

P Blakeley (Deputy Chairman), P Tolson, D Pinder, M Burton, M Bolt, V Lees-Hamilton, K Sibbald, S Benson, M Ibberson, J Nottingham

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: R Gowan, C Gowan, D Kirkby, V Kirkby, H Overend, C Watson, K Kendall

Press: None

MTC257/2016 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Deputy Chairman Cllr Blakeley welcomed Councillors and members of the public to his first meeting as Chair.

Cllr Blakeley Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC264(2) Cllr Pinder Seconded Vote: All in favour

MTC258/2016 Public Question Time:

None

MTC259/2016 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: A Burton, K Taylor, J Taylor, C Walker, S Guy, J Hirst

MTC260/2016 Declaration of Interest:

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

Cllr Blakeley declared an interest in Mirfield Beer Festival.

MTC261/2016 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 21st March 2017 as a true and correct record including payments of **£1214.72**. MTC248(2) delete **Project Mirfield**, MTC248(3) Cllr Benson states that this should have been circulated prior to the meeting **and needs to be reviewed at the next meeting.**

Following a suggestion from Cllr Bolt Cllr Benson Proposed. Cllr Sibbald Proposed once the amendments were made the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC262/2016 Matters Arising From The Minutes:

To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

1. To receive an update on Car Park Limits – Cllrs report that the signage states Monday-Sunday. Clerk to contact Paul Hawkins & Peter Margrave to clarify Monday-Saturday inclusive. Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports positive comments from residents. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** Cllr Pinder looks at sourcing permit/display clocks for residents Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
2. To receive an update on Defibrillators – Cllr Blakeley reports he is still waiting for the electrician to confirm a date.
3. To receive an update on Hanging Baskets – Clerk updates Cllrs that First Impressions will do a survey prior to installing the hanging baskets.
4. To receive an update on Regeneration of footpaths – No update from Cllr Benson. Keep on agenda.
5. To receive an update on Community Wardens – No update from YLCA. Clerk to chase.
6. To receive an update on Woodland Trust – No update from Woodland Trust. Clerk to monitor.
7. To receive an update from Mirfield Tennis Club and agree requirements for a public meeting – Mirfield Tennis Club are not present. Cllrs discuss. Clerk to report back to Tennis Club that MTC suggest an online survey like the survey relating to public toilets and on social media platforms. Clerk to ask if Tennis Club will put asset transfer on hold until MTC has chance to find out who owns the courts.

MTC263/2016

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2017/90886 24a Jackroyd Lane – **Noted**
2017/90939 61 Jackroyd Lane – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Clerk contacts Paul Kemp at Kirklees to request MTC are a consultee on pre-planning discussions to enable them to meet developers at an early stage Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

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Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To discuss & decide a course of action on Community & MTC engagement Tour de Yorkshire – Cllrs confirm that they have not had notification that any community groups wish to be involved in an event.
2. To receive a presentation from Fields In Trust regarding Centenary Fields and agree a course of action for Mirfield Memorial Park – In the absence of FIT representative, the Clerk gives a brief background to FIT and current position with Kirklees regarding adopting the Memorial Park as a Centenary Field. Members from the Bowling Club inform Cllrs that the park was only transferred to Kirklees in 2006. Cllrs are concerned that the Town Council was in force then and was never consulted. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the Clerk approaches local property solicitors to obtain quotations to clarify this position Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour.** Cllrs inform the park user groups that it has been agreed to set up a working party for the Armistice Centenary and that MTC will mount a plaque/stone at the entrance to commemorate and organise a Centenary Beacon. The user groups report that the grass is not cut nearly short enough for the Petanque users and the Cricket Club reports that they are struggling for volunteers to cut the green. Cricket Club also reports that Kirklees want them to take on the lease of the Clubhouse but the roof is not watertight.

Clerk to contact Rob Dalby prior to him attending the next meeting and relay the user groups concerns of the grounds condition, with a view to Rob discussing in more detail at the meeting. Karen from Friends of Mirfield Playground is present and shows Cllrs plans to update & improve the play area. Cllr Pinder suggests that all the user groups meet at regular intervals to address issues. Clerk collects contact emails from the park user groups for future reference.

**Cllr Blakeley Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour. 8.00pm Public leave.**

3. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets, online survey, business survey and decide any action necessary – Clerk confirms the survey is now live and accessible on the public computers in the Library.

MTC265/2016 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)

To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None

MTC266/2016 **Internal Matters:**

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

1. To receive a recommendation from the Clerk on Zurich Insurance LTA renewal and decide a course of action – Clerk circulated a recommendation prior to the meeting. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to accept the Clerk's recommendation and renew with Zurich on a 5 year LTA Cllr Ibberson
Seconded Vote: All in favour
2. To discuss the use of Eastthorpe Gardens for the Mirfield Beer Festival and agree a course of action – Cllr Blakeley declared an interest as Chairman of the Beer Festival. Cllr Blakeley reports that last year people had purchased alcohol from the local shops and were drinking it in Eastthorpe Gardens. Unfortunately, Mirfield Round Table could not enforce restrictions as this was not covered by the insurance and licence. Cllr **Sibbald** Proposed MTC allows Mirfield Round Table the use of Eastthorpe Gardens & authority to include them in the licence and insurance for the event Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour
3. To discuss Draft Terms of Reference from Neighbourhood Plan steering group & uphold decision on approval from previous meeting – Cllrs were emailed the draft terms prior to the meeting. Cllr Tolson commented that Chris Sykes & Cheryl Tyler had done a lot of work on this and states he regards the terms of reference as a gateway to completing a neighbourhood plan. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** to uphold the decision of the previous meeting MTC248(3) and accept the Draft Terms of Reference Cllr Pinder
Seconded Vote: All in favour. 8.30pm Cllr Ibberson leaves.

MTC267/2016 **Correspondence:**

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

1. Kirklees Democracy Commission - **Noted**
2. Rural Action Yorkshire News - **Noted**
3. HTVF News - **Noted**
4. YLCA Latest funding & grants - **Noted**
5. YLCA Good Councillor Guides @ 50p - **Noted**

MTC268/2016 **Matters for Report and Information:**

Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the Chairman prior to the meeting. **Nothing to report**

MTC269/2016 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 25th April 2017**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.34pm**.....