



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7.30pm

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

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman) J Nottingham, A Burton, S Guy, K Sibbald, P Tolson, D Pinder,

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: J King, K Ashford, R Gruby
Press: None

MTC268/2015 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone, commenting on the beautiful day.

MTC269/2015 Public Question Time:

Julia King is present and asks Cllrs about the Orchard at Knowl Park. Cllr Pinder confirms that ornamental and fruit trees will be planted. She also mentions the loose coping stones at the entrance of the library. Cllr Pinder to liaise with Kirklees.

MTC270/2015 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: M Burton, C Walker, J Taylor, K Taylor, M Bolt, J Hirst, P Blakeley, M Ibberson, S Benson

MTC271/2015 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 S Guy – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Library

Cllr Pinder – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield

Community Partnership, West Yorkshire Crime Stoppers

Cllr Tolson – Team Parish

MTC272/2015 Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 5th April 2016 as a true and correct record including payments of **£6573.86**

MTC261 should read Cllrs Burton, Guy & Taylor as Cllr Sibbald was absent
Cllr Guy **Proposed** once the amendment was made the minutes were a true

and correct record Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: 5 in favour Cllrs Burton**

MTC273/2015

& Sibbald Abstained

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

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

1. To receive an update on defibrillators – Karl & Rob from Mirfield Round Table are present and present MTC with a cheque for £750 for a partnership with MTC to provide a further defibrillator. Cllrs thank Mirfield Rotary Club. Cllr Guy reports that at the My Mirfield Awards funds were raised via Auction & Raffle for the defibrillator situated outside Mirfield Business Centre. When funds are received from My Mirfield this will enable MTC to fund a further one.
Karl & Rob leave after presenting the cheque to the Mayor & Deputy.
2. To receive an update on Neighbourhood Plan – Defer Cllr Bolt absent
3. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey – Defer Cllr Bolt absent
4. To receive an update on Council Offices – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports that she met with the builder, who confirmed that the roof did not need replacing. Repairs were needed to ridge tiles and tiles on the old rent office, following theft of lead. Few enhancements with the central heating in some of the colder offices, but other than that no problems with the system and the boiler. She reports that the dry rot in the upstairs toilet and Safe will need specialist work. Quotation for rewiring, re-plumbing, re-plastering, windows, guttering & external doors approx. £150k-£200k including contingency for any problems arising working with an old building. She states that sash windows would not be a requirement as the surrounding buildings of the same age no longer have them. This work can all be staggered as required. Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that under an asset transfer the building would remain the property of Kirklees. She reads an email from Adrian Lythgo stating that a Cabinet Asset Committee is to be set up to deal with asset transfers. She reads the emails to Cllrs. Clerk reports she has sent numerous emails to Jonathan Quarmbly regarding the public toilets and council buildings asset transfers and has not had a response. Cllr Lees-Hamilton to chase him via telephone and also look into possible funding. Cllr Tolson commended Cllr Lees-Hamilton for the clarity of her report, in view of certain letters in the press.
5. To receive an update on Mirfield Public Toilets – Cllr Pinder reports that the toilets are significantly cleaner now they are being steamed cleaned. Clerk reports that individuals are still blocking the Gents toilet with household toilet tissue.
6. To receive an update on Historic England – Cllr Guy reports in Cllr Taylor's absence that the Cenotaph has been listed with Historic England, confirmation of this can take up to 6 months.
7. To receive an update on Birthday Beacons – Clerk reports that Zurich has covered the event free of charge and that the event commences 6.30pm.
8. To receive an update on Car Park Limits – Defer as Cllr Bolt absent

MTC274/2015

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. To note BT Direct Debit Final Payment £220.47 - **Noted**

April		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	March Salary	£ 710.23
HMRC	March PAYE	£ 193.51
St Marys	Room Hire (Meeting)	£ 20.00
My Mirfield	Sponsorship	£ 200.00
Clan Services	Monthly Maintenance	£ 425.00
CCL Computers	Microsoft Office	£ 169.98
Just Gardens	February Maintenance	£ 80.00
TOTAL		£ 1798.72

Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** items 2-8 payment en block Cllr Pinder **Seconded**
Vote: All in favour

9. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/03/16 – **Noted**

10. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**

MTC275/2015

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: Mirfield Tennis Club – Clerk & Cllr Lees-Hamilton update Cllrs on the situation regarding the fob system. This is pending confirmation from Kirklees as landlords, that the system can proceed.
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

MTC276/2015

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2016/90990 – Noted
2016/91003 – Noted
2016/91001 – Noted
2016/91041 – Noted
2016/91077 – Noted
2016/91151 – Noted
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial applications: **None**

MTC277/2015

Internal Matters

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

Cllr Lees- Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and take the item in private at the end of the meeting Cllr Burton Seconded Vote: All in favour.

1. To discuss Community Donation and agree a list of projects – Cllrs discuss the areas of Mirfield that would benefit a Community Donation or volunteers. Clerk also has a list from emails sent by absent Cllrs. Cllrs agree it should be a fresh area and not one already involving a volunteer group. After short discussion Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** planting around the Cenotaph & Ings Grove Park, Knowl Park & Memorial Park Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**
2. To discuss the possibility of a Youth Council – Cllr Lees-Hamilton reports on her visit to Saddleworth she spoke with Cllrs from an outlying parish

who have a Youth Council and Youth Mayor. She reports that she was very impressed with how it was set up and how the Youth Council draft and cost projects to discuss with main Council and that the Youth Mayor accompanies the Mayor on Civic events. Cllrs Nottingham & Pinder state they would be interested in assisting with looking at establishing one in Mirfield. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states MTC must look to the future and Cllrs for the future. Keep on agenda.

MTC278/2015 **Correspondence**

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

1. PROW Forum Minutes - **Noted**
2. Fields In Trust Focus on Funding – **Noted**

MTC279/2015 **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Burton reports that residents at Bankfield Court have complained that an allotment member is parking in a resident's space and when approached by the resident and witness, was abusive to them both. Clerk to inform Allotment Society. Cllr Guy reports that he will be hoisting the St George Day flag at the council offices. Cllr Pinder reports that Kirklees environment are looking at Tourism & Environment with a different approach, he will update at a later date.

8.35pm Julia King leaves

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders and take MTC277(1) Cllr Guy Seconded Vote: All in favour.

MTC280/2015 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Cllr Lees-Hamilton reminded Cllrs that the Annual meeting was 3rd May and thanked them for their input and support over the past 3 years and stated she hoped to see them all at the Civic Service.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 3rd May 2016**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.48pm**.....