



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), D Pinder, M Bolt, K Taylor, J Taylor, J Nottingham

In Attendance:

Administrator: Lisa Staggs
Public: Richard Auty
Press: Richard Dewsbury Reporter

MTC101/2014 **Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton welcomed everyone in attendance.

MTC102/2014 **Public Question Time:**

Richard Auty comments on the effort and work put in for the speed ramps on Hopton Lane. He mentions that neither Hopton Avenue nor Hopton Drive has had the streets cleaned and that the drains are blocked and overflowing. He also mentions the sloping steps on The Waste which are overgrown by the handrail and that some porous aggregate is required for the side of the steps. Cllr J Taylor checked Kirklees website to find the footpath number but none was allocated for this one. Cllrs to look into all the points raised and report back.

MTC103/2014 **Apologies For Absence:**

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

Cllrs: S Harding, J Fearn, A Burton, T Hirst, J Hirst, M Hamilton, E Armitage, A Mapplebeck, C Walker, A White

MTC104/2014 **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 M Bolt – Mirfield Moor

Cllr K Taylor – Heavy Woollen Planning

MTC105/2014 **Confirmation of Minutes:**

- i. To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 23rd September 2014 as a true and correct record including payments of

£971.52 Cllr Armitage asked via email that the sentence ' A new appointment system is to be installed.....' be deleted MTC92 ii Cllr J Taylor **Proposed** that once this amendment was made that these were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

- ii. To receive information on the following on going issues and decide further action where necessary.

No Comments

MTC106/2014

Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **NONE**

Cllr J Taylor states that Tim Wood on behalf of Royal British Legion will be completing an application form for Order of Service Booklets for 2014 parade. Cllr K Taylor believes there to be an £80 shortfall but hopes that the booklet will be laminated to be used in future years.

2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **NONE**

MTC107/2014

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council. 2014/92673 Westfield Assessment Centre – Cllr K Taylor states her objection for the application saying that there are massive child protection issues with the locality of the Children's respite Centre. She is also concerned for the access as if the original house has planning granted it will create more traffic and need another access. She wonders why Kirklees have put in the application and also believes that Sheltered Housing would have been better. Cllr Bolt agrees that possible retirement/care home with fewer vehicles and should have been a public consultation. Cllr J Taylor thinks that it is unethical Kirklees Application to Kirklees Planning to Kirklees administration. Cllr K Taylor **Proposed** MTC objects based on the above comments Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

2014/92972 31 Vicarage Meadows – **No Comments**

Street Naming Land at former Wasps Nest – Honey Bee Drive.

Cllrs Pinder & Bolt state that the street name should reflect the historic background of the site. The original site was a row of cottages with very rowdy residents whose bad behaviour was notorious and was given the name 'The Wasps Nest' It was also a known centre for luddites at the beginning of the 19th century and Cllrs believe the name should reflect this history. Cllr Bolt suggests 'Wasps Nest Close' to keep with the historic background Cllr Pinder **Proposed** MTC object to the name on the above grounds and put forward the name suggested by Cllr Bolt, Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**

3. Mirfield Moor Update – No update to report place on next agenda

4. Balderstone Hall Lane – No update to report place on next agenda

MTC108/2014

Mirfield Matters:

To receive information (if available) on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

1. Commemorative Benches – Carry forward to next meeting
2. Remembrance 2014 – Cllr Pinder confirms a meeting at The Old Colonial at 10.00am 30th October as the Police and Kirklees are

causing problems with the parade. He states that Kirklees have mentioned that more resources must go to the parade in Dewsbury. Cllr Bolt states that it is ridiculous to prioritise one area over another and that notices can be put up in advance for route diversion and that in the centenary year the parade should be fully supported. Cllr K Taylor states the Police main issue is the rolling block.

MTC109/2014 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)
To accept updates (if received) and decide any action where necessary.

None

MTC110/2014 **Internal Matters:**

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

1. Employment Committee - Administrator Annual Review & Contract of Employment – meeting not yet arranged despite Cllr Bolt sending his availability. Place on next agenda.
2. Devolution and how it affects Mirfield – Cllr J Taylor mentions the cost of the Litter Bin for Knowl Park quoted by Kirklees at £516 he gives his concern for the maintenance of the current grit bins and is concerned that if Kirklees cut the budget on Grit, it could affect the grit bins that MTC have paid a 5 year maintenance for. Cllr K Taylor asks what about the wards that do not have a Town/Parish Council in this event. Administrator to check with Kirklees on the current maintenance agreements of the grit bins.
3. Flagstones Eastthorpe Gardens – Administrator to contact Just Gardens for a price on laying flagstones.
4. CTR Grant Kirkburton Council – Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** that MTC supports Kirkburton Parish Council in asking Kirklees Council to pass over the whole of the Council Tax Support Grant Cllr Bolt **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC111/2014 **Correspondence:**

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

1. Locality Guide to Neighbourhood Plan - **Noted**
2. Creative Arts Hub Exhibition - **Noted**

MTC112/2014 **Matters for Report and Information:**

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

Cllr Lees-Hamilton confirms that the Internal Auditor will be making her first visit on Tuesday 22nd October. Cllr J Taylor states that he has been contacted by the manageress of the local Barnardo's shop with regard to a Charity Walk round Mirfield before the Christmas Light Switch on. Cllr Lees-Hamilton believes that a risk assessment should be carried out and that Barnardo's will need to check their insurance. Administrator refers a contact at Wakefield Hospice who does a similar thing to Cllr Taylor. Cllr Pinder mentions that there seems to be an increase in young adults riding bicycles on the High Street and being abusive with residents. He mentions seeing a PCSO witness such an incident but the PCSO made no comment to the youth. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states that the police are failing in their duty of care. Richard Beecham asks if MTC have spoken with St James Security regarding the Proposed Supermarket Development as he states he

has had no response from Oliver Quarmby by phone or email. Cllrs Taylor state they have spoken with Jonathan Ainley who states that the agent is still looking to progress.

MTC113/2014

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 28th October 2014**

Time Meeting Closed.....**8.45pm**.....