



Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.30pm

Held at: Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

Councillors Present:

V Lees-Hamilton (Chairman), S Guy, M Bolt, J Hirst, K Sibbald, M Burton, P Tolson, S Benson, J Nottingham, D Pinder.

In Attendance:

Clerk: Absent Cllr Guy minuted the meeting
Public: P Blakeley
Press: None

MTC148/2015 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton began by welcoming Cllrs & P Blakeley. As a member of the public was present, Cllr Lees-Hamilton reminded everyone there was no public question time due to purdah. Cllr Lees-Hamilton also thanked those present in light of the lack of heating and backlog of building repairs that had been reported to Kirklees to no avail.

MTC149/2015 Apologies For Absence:

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

Cllrs: K Taylor, A Burton, M Ibberson, J Taylor, C Walker

MTC150/2015 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 (other interests).

Cllr D Pinder - Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers, Mirfield Community Partnership (other interests).

Cllr Benson - Project Mirfield, Residents of McInerney, Kirklees Flood Management (other interests).

MTC151/2015 Confirmation of Minutes:

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 17th November 2015 as a true and correct record. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Hirst **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC152/2015 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 Mirfield Matters Survey – Cllr Bolt reports a 27.5% return on the survey, which is up from 26%. Keep on agenda
2. To receive an update on defibrillators – Cllr Guy reports that Mirfield Rotary have made further progress in their partnership with MTC to fund and site a defibrillator. Cooperative Supermarket at Old Bank Rd has agreed in principle to siting one there. Keep on agenda
3. To receive an update on Town Council Bedding Plants – Defer as Cllr Taylor absent
4. To receive a report on Christmas Lights – Cllrs Guy & Lees-Hamilton thanked everyone involved. Defer to next meeting for full report as Cllr Ibberson absent.
5. To receive an update on Local Plan – Cllr Pinder reported he had secured the use of St Paul's church. Cllr Bolt reported that the number of households within Mirfield is now 9065, up from 8500; as a result the approved budget of £3000 for postal notifications was insufficient to cover the extra houses, although another supplier may be able to do it for a lower price. Cllr Pinder to meet the public doing the display work for the day (Save Mirfield) and Mark Ward who created the online leaflet. Cllr Bolt to email Kirklees for additional packs of the Local Plan. Kirklees ward Cllrs to bring their Local Plan packs to the event and liaise prior to the meeting as to the content.

Cllr Bolt to contact those who had formally expressed an interest in being involved in the Neighbourhood Plan to highlight this on the day.

Cllrs suggested information stands and an evening Q&A session with a planning consultant. A record of the most frequently asked questions and answers to be collated to produce a fact sheet for social media sites. A register of names to be taken to collate a report.

Clerk to produce A4 sign in posters, notepads to sign in, stock of pens and post it notes

Cllr Pinder to source 6 display boards and contact St Paul's regarding tables and chairs, and whether they might sell beverages on the day which could go towards funds.

Cllr Lees-Hamilton to contact Robert Halstead to attend for as long as possible on the day. Due to the increase in households Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** an increase of money from £3000 to £3500 to ensure that all households within Mirfield received postal notification. Cllr Pinder

Seconded Vote: All in favour

Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** a budget of £500 to secure the services of Planning Consultant Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. In the first instance Robert Halstead would be contacted although an alternative could be sought should Robert not be available.

MTC153/2015

Planning:

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2015/93668 – **Noted**
2015/93621 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial planning applications. **None Received**

MTC154/2015

Mirfield Matters:

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

1. To receive an update from Friends of Mirfield Library – Cllr Bolt reports that good progress continues to be made. As a result of the recent meeting

Paula Sherriff had invited them to London. At the meeting, members of the public raised some interesting ideas of their own - including a number of ideas which had been raised and subsequently minuted by MTC over the previous 6 months.

Cllr Pinder briefed on The Mirfield Maltings Scheme

Cllr Bolt referred to the structure of the friends group and the fact that they needed to reform their structure from their original aim as a protest group to one as a delivery group.

MTC155/2015 **Outside Bodies:** (Updates via email from Cllrs)
To receive updates and decide any action where necessary.

None Received

MTC156/2015 **Internal Matters:**
To receive information on the following items and decide any action where necessary.

1. To consider displaying Notice of Eastthorpe By-Election on Mirfield Social Media Sites - 6 hard copies of the notice of by-election had been posted on the high street including one in the library by Cllr Pinder.
The 3 candidates are to be notified that following the result, the elected member must attend the meeting 15th December to sign the Declaration of Acceptance. Proof of postage will be obtained for all 3 letters to ensure there can be no blame/ shenanigans as occurred previously.

MTC157/2015 **Correspondence:**
To receive the following new items of correspondence and decide any action where necessary.

1. White Rose Update - **Noted**
2. Rural Action Yorkshire Newsletter - **Noted**
3. NALC Bulletin – **Noted**
Cllr Bolt **Proposed** to note all correspondence Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC158/2015 **Matters for Report and Information:**
Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the Chairman prior to the meeting
Cllr Pinder reported that the toilets had been initially steam cleaned and plaster had been repaired - although this had to be redone as it had been vandalised soon afterwards

MTC159/2015 **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**
Date of next meeting **Tuesday 15th December 2015**
Time Meeting Closed.....**8.23pm**.....