



## Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

**Held on:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm

**Held at:** Council Offices, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield

### Councillors Present:

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

### In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs

Public: P Blakeley, J Tomlinson Walsh, C Tyler, K Andrews, B Fox & Mirfield Tennis Club, B Thornton, C Sykes

Press: None

### **MTC135/2015** Chairman's Welcome and Remarks

The Chairman Cllr Lees-Hamilton began by welcoming everyone including members of the public. She asked Councillors and public to observe a minute's silence in honour of those who died in the Paris terror attacks. As members of the public were present, Cllr Lees-Hamilton reminded everyone there was no public question time due to purdah.

### **MTC136/2015** Apologies For Absence

Councillors to send apologies and reasons for absence to the Clerk or Chairman for approval

M Burton, C Walker, J Taylor, K Taylor

### **MTC137/2015** 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 Library & Mirfield Rifle Volunteers (other interests)

Cllr Pinder – Royal British Legion, Mirfield Rifle Volunteers & Mirfield Community Partnership (other interests)

Cllr Benson – Project Mirfield, Residents of McInerney & Kirklees Flood Management (other interests)

**Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to suspend standing orders and bring forward MTC139(1) & MTC142(5) and allow an update from J Tomlinson Walsh & Mirfield & District Round Table under MTC146 Cllr Pinder**  
**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

### **MTC138/2015** Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 as a

true and correct record including payments of **£12,014.55**

Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the minutes were a true and correct record Cllr Pinder

**Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC139/2015**

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

1. To receive an update regarding Mirfield Tennis Courts (Cllr Bolt) – Members from Mirfield Tennis Club and Gavin from Lawn Tennis Association are in attendance. Cllr Bolt reports that he has possession of the lease after 6 months of requests to Kirklees. He confirms that the lease commenced 01/4/2012 for a period of 25 years for the Clubhouse, clay & all weather courts but not including the public courts. Gavin from Lawn Tennis Association confirms that he is looking into online Pay & Play with the club. He confirms that there are models & systems to cover the requirements of Mirfield residents. Members of the club, Gavin and Cllrs all agree that it is not viable or cost effective to employ an attendant at a cost of £4k for 6 months. Gavin confirms that once funding for an online system is in place, the turnaround is immediate and signage can be in place for April 2016. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** that this be included on the agenda for the second meeting in January when Mirfield Tennis Club has costings and an update Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To receive an update regarding defibrillators (Cllr Guy & Clerk) – Clerk confirms the defibrillators have been delivered but not the cabinets. Cllr Guy reports that Liz Higgins has mentioned Greenside Post Office for an external defibrillator.
3. To receive an update regarding Neighbourhood Plan (Cllr Bolt) – No update. Primary concern Local Plan.
4. To receive an update regarding Mirfield Matters Survey (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt reports Spirul are sending out the reminder and that 26% have been returned so far.
5. To receive an update Town Council Bedding Plants - Defer
6. To receive an update on Public Toilets (Cllr Pinder & Clerk) – Clerk reports that Clan Services are starting work on the toilets.
7. To receive an update of Car Park Limits (Cllr Bolt) – Cllr Bolt reports that a number of objections have been sent to Kirklees, some objecting to parking charges. He confirms that there will be no charge for parking just 3 hour no return limit. The request will go before the cabinet committee.
8. To receive an update on Christmas Lights (Cllr Ibberson) – Cllr Ibberson reports that the balloons have been ordered, the banners have been put up and that the marquees will arrive Wednesday. Cllr Guy reports the cost of the sleigh is £150 and Cllr Ibberson reports Richard Hartley has been very proactive with the Christmas Festival.

**MTC140/2015**

**Finance**

To approve the following accounts for payment

1. Extra Mile Standing Order £287.50 – **NOTED**
2. BT Phone & Broadband Direct Debit £54.46 - **NOTED**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	November Salary	£ 643.27
HMRC	November PAYE	£ 175.68
Just Gardens	October Maintenance	£ 80.00
Litemania	Bulbs Xmas Lights	£ 609.60

My Mirfield	Banners etc	£ 216.94
L Staggs	Printer Repay	£ 39.99
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 1765.48</b>

9. To receive bank reconciliation to 31/10/15 – **Noted**
  10. To receive spend/income comparison with the adopted budget - **Noted**
- Cllr Bolt **Proposed** payment en block Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

#### MTC141/2015

#### Grant Applications

1. To consider grant applications – **None Received**
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

#### MTC142/2015

#### Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
  - 2015/93498 – **Noted**
  - 2015/93416 – **Noted**
  - 2015/93581 – **Noted**
  - 2015/93542 – **Noted**
  - 2015/93535 – **Noted**
  - 2015/93160 3 Nuns Petrol Station – Cllrs read the amended plans. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** MTC objects on the basis of over intensification of the site, highway concerns regarding the amount of businesses on the busy corner and urban creep Cllr Benson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
  - 2013/91060 The Wasps Nest - Following concerns from local residents regarding the name of the street Cllr Bolt states that developers market sites under different names to the proposed street name.
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council – **No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial applications – **None Received**
4. To receive an update on Mirfield Moor – Cllr Benson has a report regarding historical coal workings. Defer to next meeting when Cllrs all have a copy.
5. To consider a response to Kirklees Local Plan – Cheryl & Keith confirm Save Mirfield are looking at what affects Mirfield directly & indirectly considering only 6 weeks to send a response. Keith states the booklet supplied by Kirklees is misleading. **8.30pm Friends of Mirfield Library Leave.** Cllrs & public all agree that the infrastructure should be put in place before developments are allowed. Developments should be sustainable under NPPF. Cheryl reports that Oxford University are compiling a report on how councils calculate how many houses are required and evidence for these houses. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states MTC should formulate a response and then forward to Robert Halstead for finalisation before sending to Kirklees. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC sets aside £3k contingency to send out a post card to all residents informing them of a public meeting to discuss Local Plan Cllr Pinder **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Member of the public agrees to help Cllr Bolt with design of post card. Cllr Bolt & Clerk to liaise with Spirul on costs to send out using open register. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC covers the cost of a venue for a public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Pinder to find and book a large venue. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** the venue be open for the public as drop in sessions from 3pm – 8pm Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Burton to contact MP Brandon Lewis (Minister for Housing & Planning).

9.15pm Members of the public leave

Cllr Lees-Hamilton Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy

Seconded Vote: All in favour

**MTC143/2015** **Community**

1. To agree a Calendar of Events for the town - Defer

**MTC144/2015** **Internal Matters**

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

1. To appoint new members of the Public Toilet's Working Party - Defer

**MTC145/2015** **Correspondence**

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

1. Fields In Trust – **Noted**
2. HTF Newsletter – **Noted**
3. PCC Newsletter – **Noted**
4. YLCA Newsletter – **Noted**
5. YLCA Direct Access Legal Advice - **Noted**

**MTC146/2015** **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Jenny Tomlinson Walsh updated MTC that Mirfield Library now had Town Library status. Members from the Mirfield & District Round Table reported the bonfire was a success and thanked MTC for the sponsorship. Cllr Bolt suggested a report could be sent in future. Cllr Pinder reported on a dual robbery in Mirfield. Cllr Bolt reported that Kirklees are to review their grass cutting policy due to a shortage of playing fields. Cllr Guy reported the remembrance parade was well organised and attended.

**MTC147/2015** **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting**

Cllr Bolt Proposed a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December in addition to the Schedule of Meetings Cllr Lees-Hamilton Seconded Vote: All in favour

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Time Meeting Closed.....**10.10pm**.....