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## **Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting**

**Held on:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm

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

### **Councillors Present:**

M Ibberson, K Taylor, P Tolson, S Guy, A Burton, J Hirst, S Benson, M Bolt, K Sibbald

### **In Attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Staggs  
Public: Members Mirfield Allotment Society  
Press: None

### **MTC138/2018 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:**

The Chairman Cllr Ibberson welcomed Cllrs & members of the public.

### **MTC139/2018 Public Question Time:**

None

### **MTC140/2018 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, P Blakeley, D Pinder, J Nottingham, V Lees-Hamilton

**Absences were accepted**

### **MTC141/2018 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors to declare an interest, if applicable to any item on the agenda including any pecuniary interests whether they have been declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest Heavy Woollen Planning & Kirklees Licensing

Cllr Benson declared a personal interest MTC146 member of Project Mirfield

Cllr Ibberson declared a personal interest MTC143(3) member My Mirfield

Cllr Bolt declared an other interest MTC146(3ii)

### **MTC142/2018 Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to suspend standing orders & bring forward MTC145(1) & MTC148(1) Cllr Sibbald Seconded Vote: All in favour**

**MTC143/2018** **Matters Arising From The Minutes:**

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

1. To receive an update from Cllr Pinder on Ambassadors Book & Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Defer as Cllr Pinder absent
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – Cllr Guy reports that he has chased this and sent wording & a mock up and asked for costs.
3. To receive an update from Cllr Ibberson on Christmas Lights and replacement lights and agree any actions or costs – Cllr Ibberson reports the banners are on the railings and posters in shop windows. He reports the licenses are in place and that it is Small Business Saturday the same day and that the shop windows will be ready for judging.

**MTC144/2018** **Finance:**

To approve the following accounts for payment:

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk L Staggs	November Salary inc back pay	£ 944.94
HMRC	November PAYE	£ 376.58
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
Clerk L Staggs	Nest Pension	£ 56.02
St Mary's	November Room Hire	£ 42.00
R Edwards	Buffet costs Civic Service	£ 175.00
Just Gardens	November Maintenance	£ 40.00
Wild About Gardens	Bankfield Hedges 2 <sup>nd</sup> cut	£ 180.00
Zurich Insurance	To add Benches & "Tommy's"	£ 67.30
Trinity Methodist	Tree Festival	£ 18.00
RBI Mirfield	Wreath	£ 25.00
Ben Hardcastle	Festoon Lighting	£ 550.00
Ben Hardcastle	Christmas Light Switch on	£ 3000.00
R Hartley	Banner Christmas Lights	£ 159.69
R Hartley	Flyers & Leaflets	£ 70.66
M Bolt	Travel costs NALC conference	£ 140.40
M Bolt	Taxi fares NALC conference	£ 12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 5875.59</b>

Cllr Sibbald **Proposed** items 1-17 payment en block Cllr Tolson **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**

18. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/10/18 – **Noted**

19. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget – **Noted**  
Cllrs discuss the budget and reserves. Cllr Burton **Proposed** Cllrs send submissions for the budget with costings to the Clerk prior to the preparation of the 2019/2020 budget Cllr Guy **Seconded**  
**Vote: All in favour**

## MTC145/2018

### Grant Applications:

1. To consider grant applications submitted: **Upper Hopton CC Boundary Fence** – A representative of the club is at the meeting to make a presentation. He reports that much of the Club's funds have been used for drainage on the cricket field, which has delayed the erection of the fence. Grant application and supporting documents were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC match fund with the club to the amount of £3250.00 Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cheque is handed over and 7.49pm representative leaves.
2. To receive updates from previously approved grants: **None**

## MTC146/2018

### Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.  
2018/92061 – **Noted**  
2018/93588 – **Noted**  
2018/93685 – **Noted**  
2018/93679 – **Noted**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:  
**No Comments/Noted**
3. To consider potential controversial applications: .
  - i. 2017/94124 Outline application for erection up to 60 dwellings Land at Dunbottle Lane – No update
  - ii. 2018/90801/90802/91005/93622 Land at Slipper Lane – 8.20pm Cllr Benson after declaring an interest leaves the room. Cllrs discuss the various applications and implications. Cllrs discuss at length. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** MTC demand of Kirklees prior to commencement that the developer facilitate off site works and all modifications to junctions are completed. Cllrs are concerned about drainage at Leeds Road/Stocks Bank & Cooper Bridge and want clarification that this has been addressed. MTC would like sight of the water run off retained at site at Greenfield Levels & request that the site have renewable energy Cllr Ibberson **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
8.39pm Cllr Benson returns.

## MTC147/2018

### Mirfield Matters

To receive an update/discuss/note on the following items

1. To review the Mirfield Matters survey findings and agree how to translate into project headings and thus formulate action plans to address issues highlighted by residents – Cllr Ibberson states that MTC should be reactive not proactive with the results of the survey, he believes that MTC should search out groups in need of funding from MTC rather than waiting for them to approach us. Cllr Benson asks the full cost of the survey as he believes it is out of date as many younger residents did not take part, Clerk provides this. Cllr Ibberson states that MTC should work on the relevant topics highlighted in the survey. Cllr Burton states that since the survey was done there are a further 4000 houses planned and residents are worried of the effect on the infrastructure. Cllr Benson states that MTC should improve things from the survey to retain residents and continue pursuing the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Guy suggests inviting groups to MTC meetings for them to give presentations. Cllr Bolt states that the past 2 surveys mirrored each other & this enabled MTC to track trends. This needs to be revisited as it has been accepted by Kirklees as the basis for the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Benson states he is against this and leaves the meeting at 9.15pm. Cllrs discuss further. Cllr Ibberson **Proposed** MTC

take the findings of the survey further & progress to action points raised in the survey Cllr Tolson **Seconded Vote: All in favour.**

**MTC148/2018** **Internal Matters**

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

1. To discuss the drainage & water supply and laying of pipework at Nab Lane Allotments and decide any action necessary (Allotment Society) – Clerk reports that the new Allotment Society committee will be attending in January to update MTC. Member of Allotment Society is present to seek advice regarding drainage at the Nab Lane plots. Cllrs discuss and are concerned that the issue may be coming from houses higher up than the allotments. Cllr Benson recommends a percolation test. Cllr Benson **Proposed** he contact an officer at Kirklees to identify what drainage and soakaways the private dwellings have in the area of the Allotments Cllr Taylor **Seconded Vote: All in favour** Cllr Guy **Proposed** the Allotment Society look at costs to fulfil their requirements and bring back to MTC with a report Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**  
8.16pm Allotment Society member leaves  
**Cllr Ibberson Proposed to reinstate standing orders Cllr Guy  
Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To discuss membership of NSALG at a cost of £55 + VAT per annum and decide any action necessary (Cllr Lees-Hamilton) – Cllr Lees-Hamilton is absent. Cllrs discuss the membership. Cllr Tolson **Proposed** MTC do not join NSALG and continue to take advice from YLCA Cllr Sibbald  
**Seconded Vote: All in favour**
3. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on NALC Conference – Cllr Bolt gives a report to Cllrs on the NALC conference.

**MTC149/2018** **Correspondence**

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

1. NALC Spring Conference – Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC allocate 2 delegates to attend with full reimbursement of expenses Cllr Burton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. NALC Newsletter – **Noted**
3. YLCA Chief Exec Bulletin – **Noted**
4. Mirfield In Bloom AGM – **Noted**
5. Fields In Trust Centenary Fields Legacy – **Noted**

**MTC150/2018** **Matters for Report and Information**

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

Cllr Burton reported the “Tommy’s” were installed with the help of a local resident and were erected in good time. Cllr Guy reported the Remembrance Parade was the largest in memory.

**MTC151/2018** **The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:**

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
Time Meeting Closed.....**9.29pm**.....