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town council

Minutes of Mirfield Town Council Meeting

Held on: Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 8.00pm

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

Councillors Present:

M Bolt (Chairman), P Tolson, J Hirst, J Nottingham, S Guy, S Naisbett, K Taylor, J Hinchliffe, M Brown, J Roberts, M Connell, V Lees-Hamilton

In Attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Staggs
Public: Residents for item MTC91(3)
Press: None

MTC81/2019 Chairman's Welcome and Remarks:

The Chairman Cllr Bolt welcomed Cllrs & members of the public. Cllr Bolt congratulated Mirfield In Bloom on their numerous wins in Village In Bloom and reported that MIB had been asked to represent Yorkshire for Britain In Bloom. Cllr Bolt also reported that one of the silhouettes at the Memorial Park had been damaged but Cllr Guy had organised the repair. Cllrs and public confirmed that there was no intention to record the meeting.

MTC82/2019 Public Question Time:

None

MTC83/2019 Apologies For Absence

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

Cllrs: S Benson

**Cllr Benson sent apologies & it was resolved the absence was accepted
Cllrs Ibberson, Burton & Keith Taylor were absent but no apologies were sent**

MTC84/2019 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.

Cllrs Bolt declared an other interest MTC91(3ii) property close by but not an adjoining property

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

Cllr Tolson declared an other interest MTC87(5) member of Mirfield Team Parish

Cllr Brown declared an other interest in Mirfield Allotments

Cllr Hinchliffe declared a pecuniary interest MTC91 2019/92837

MTC85/2019

Confirmation of Minutes

To approve minutes of the ordinary meeting of 3rd September 2019 as a true and correct record including payments of **Nil**. Cllr Guy **Proposed** the minutes were a true & correct record Cllr Brown **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC86/2019

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 Ibberson on Ambassadors Board and agree any action or costs necessary – Defer as Cllr Ibberson absent.
2. To receive an update from Cllr Guy on Defibrillator Plaques & agree any action or costs – Defer
3. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Mirfield Water Safety Initiative and agree any action or costs necessary – No update but progressing
4. To receive an update from Cllr Bolt on Community Warden & agree any action or costs necessary – No update.
5. To receive an update on Community Right to Bid & agree any action or costs necessary – Meeting to be arranged with Kirklees to discuss options.
6. To receive an update on Mirfield Riverside Project from Cllrs Roberts & Nottingham – Cllr Roberts reports that the river is threatened by climate change and the destruction of natural habitats from this, MTC are taking action. This will take several years and much volunteering to deliver. The river is to be mapped in detail and Cllrs Roberts & Nottingham are looking into offsetting the costs by grants and monetary support from landowners and support from groups, clubs & societies. 6 sections of the river in Phase 1 from Shepley Bridge to Hopton New Road. MTC have agreed to underwrite costs subject to bi-monthly reports, volunteers support, grant funding and donations/sponsorship from landowners. £30K is required in first 6 months. Cllrs to see milestones & outcomes to judge future release of capital. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** as per the resolution made 16th July to underwrite the first-year cost of £50,690, to ring fence the full 3 year costing of £96,840 from reserves and to allocate to regen column in budget headings Cllr Guy **Seconded Vote: All in favour**. Cllrs Roberts & Nottingham to call an Environment meeting to discuss recommendations and these to be approved at council meeting. Cllr Roberts **Proposed** to allocate £6500 to progress Cllr Nottingham **Seconded Vote: All in favour**.
7. To receive an update from Cllr Naisbett on Christmas Light Switch On and agree and action or costs necessary – Cllr Naisbett reports the Sunday 1st December is the preferred day and that he has been on touch with an events company with an estimate of £3400 to market the event. Cllr Lees-Hamilton states this is a large amount for a self-promoting event and asks for a full breakdown of costs from the events company. Councillors were not minded to support the expenditure and the matter was not put to Council Cllr Naisbett **Proposed** to hold the Switch On Sunday 1st December Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**.

MTC87/2019

Finance:

To approve the following accounts for payment:

SEPTEMBER		
Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk L Staggs	September salary	£ 790.17
HMRC	September PAYE	£ 280.35
Clerk L Staggs	Nest Pension September	£ 74.57
Clerk L Staggs	Home Working Allowance	£ 18.00
St Mary's	September Room Hire	£ 42.00
Just Gardens	August Maintenance	£ 80.00
Just Gardens	Sept Maintenance	£ 80.00
Enzygo	Fees TRO Investigation	£ 1800.00
	Slipper Lane	
TOTAL		£ 3165.09

Cllr Tolson **Proposed** items 1-8 payment en block Cllr Lees-Hamilton

Seconded Vote: All in favour

9. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/07/19 – Noted

10. To receive a bank reconciliation to 31/08/19 – Noted

11. To receive a spend/income comparison with the adopted budget – Cllrs discuss the monthly budget comparison. Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Proposed** to transfer £20K from reserves into Column 6 (Remembrance Events) Cllr Naisbett **Seconded 11 in favour Cllr Guy abstained and declared a pecuniary interest.**

MTC88/2019

Internal Matters:

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

1. To receive the policy of The Role of a Town Councillor, discuss & decide any action necessary – A copy of the current policy was circulated prior to the meeting and is available to view on the website. Cllr Connell **Proposed** to retain the current policy with no amendments Cllr Naisbett **Seconded Vote: All in favour**
2. To consider the information received during planning training and agree any action necessary – Defer and discuss at a later meeting.

MTC89/2019

Community:

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

1. To receive an update on Mirfield Matters Survey Portfolio areas and agree any action or costs necessary – Cllr Connell had circulated the health portfolio prior to the meeting. Reports from Portfolio Leads to be sent to the Clerk by 27th September to be circulated for the next meeting.

MTC90/2019

Correspondence

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

1. NALC Chief Exec Bulletin (For Information) – **Noted**
2. NALC HRH Princess Anne to attend Annual Conference (For Information) – **Noted**
3. Network Rail Information Consultation Pack (For Discussion) – Cllr Bolt asks Cllrs & members of the public to attend.
4. YLCA Legal Topic 22 (For Information) – **Noted**
5. YLCA Consultation on proposed reforms to permitted development rights, to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile (For Information) – **Noted**
6. YLCA Policy Consultation E-Briefing 09-19 Independent Review in to Local

Government Audit (For Information) – **Noted**

7. NALC Newsletter (For Information) - **Noted**

MTC91/2019

Planning

1. To consider planning applications received from Kirklees Council.
2019/92723 – **Noted**
2019/92753 – **Noted**
2019/92841 – **Noted**
2019/92571 – **Noted**
2019/92837 – **Noted Cllr Hinchliffe declared a pecuniary interest**
2. To consider planning decision notifications from Kirklees Council:
No Comments/Noted
3. To consider potential controversial applications:
 - i. **2019/92378 East of 28 Northorpe Lane** – Residents local to the development are present. Cllr Bolt confirms to residents that MTC is not a decision maker, can submit comments and objections to applications as a consultancy body. Residents and Cllrs discuss at length. Cllr Bolt outlined to residents what is taken into account by planning to consider an application. Cllr Guy **Proposed** MTC send the following comments & objections to Kirklees. MTC is concerned that a member of the Chartered Institute of Town Planners has completed a form on behalf of the applicant with lack of integrity and honesty by stating that there are no trees or hedgerows on the land, when this is a complete falsehood and can be backed up by photographs from local residents. MTC believes that if there are lies and misleading comments on an application, this should be invalidated. MTC have also been informed that the traffic counters have been placed in an area with low traffic and does not give an accurate view of the amount of traffic on the highways surrounding the application. MTC has concerns that the highway network is not suitable for the capacity of traffic the development would bring. MTC would like to see more proof of mitigation of water run-off and this should be tested & proven prior to approval. MTC also has concerns for the impact on the local schools, nature conservation & the effect on the nearby listed building. MTC also has grave concerns regarding the school pedestrian access, and the lack of footpath along the majority of the route is a health & safety concern and the width of the road is not suitable for 2 cars to safely pass by. **Cllr Taylor Seconded Vote: All in favour**
 - ii. **2019/90756** Land at Slipper Lane – No update
 - iii. Dewsbury Riverside Development – Cllrs are concerned on the impact the development will have on Mirfield. Cllrs agree that Kirklees need to make sure that infrastructure is in place prior to approval of applications. Cllr Brown reports that the land offered for allotments is contaminated and no other land offered as yet. Cllrs agree Kirklees need to provide decent allotment plots not sub-standard. Cllrs discuss the allocation of school places to children out of area and precedent given to siblings. Cllr Bolt **Proposed** Kirklees need to discuss with MTC & Mirfield Residents the impact of Dewsbury Riverside on Mirfield Cllr Lees-Hamilton **Seconded Vote: All in favour**

MTC92/2019

Matters for Report and Information

Members wishing to raise items under this heading should consult the

Chairman prior to the meeting.

None.

MTC93/2019

The Date Of The Next Town Council Meeting:

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 1st October 2019**

Time Meeting Closed.....**9.17pm**.....