

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 7PM**

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**Present:** Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor J Jackson, Councillor W Mulroe, Councillor J Power (Deputy Mayor), Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers, Councillor J Wright.

**In Attendance:** Sue Coles (Town Clerk)

One minutes silence was held for The Mayor of South Kirby and Moorthorpe Town Council Councillor E Tunstall.

**309/14 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor D Herrington and Councillor R Taylor (Mayor),

**310/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present

**311/14 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Power list of accounts. Councillor Tennant planning and licensing matters.

**312/14 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

There was no items of a confidential nature.

**313/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor Councillor J Power has represented the Mayor at South Emsall's fundraising performance of Happy Jack on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**314/14 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

The Leader attended Off the Shelf Theatre Company's latest theatre performance at the Library and commended Ms M Mosely and asked that a letter be sent from the Council to congratulate them on their excellent performance and encourage them to apply for a grant application.

He advised that the Wakefield Featherstone Regeneration Steering Group residents meeting will be held from 4pm to 7pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> April which means that the full Council meeting due on that date is to be moved to the 16<sup>th</sup> to allow the Annual Town Meeting to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup>, following the residents meeting, at 6.30pm.

Ref MIN314/14 Youth Ambassadors, he said that both schools have phoned to state it was an excellent idea.

**315/14 MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Minute numbers 293/14 to 308/14 be approved and signed.

**316/14 MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE & CULTURE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Heritage & Culture Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 6pm, Minute numbers 309/14 to 315/14 be approved and signed.

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**317/14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7pm, Minute numbers 316/14 to 330/14 be approved and signed.

**318/14 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

An email from Mr and Mrs P Barker was read to the Council concerning the disruption to the houses brought about by the road works at the Green Lane to open up the Highway to allow the B6421 to directly access the B6133. Complaints have been submitted by District Councillors' to Wakefield on Mr & Mrs Barker's behalf.

An email from Mr & Mrs P Dew was read to the Council concerning application 14/00499/FUL at 110 Pontefract Road for a car sales area and hand car wash and tyre fitting bay. The Town Council has submitted its objections on the grounds of access onto a busy main road, pedestrian crossing, and residential property plus traffic congestion and road safety issues. Councillors stated that the WMDC planning enforcement had already attended the site to cease the building until the application has been decided upon.

An email from the Parish Clerk to Nostell Parish Council concerning the odour emanating from a slurry lagoon at Horncastle Farm – Members had no complaints and noted the email.

Other WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions were considered by Members and no other applications were commented upon. The Town Clerk advised that a copy of the Local Development Framework Site Specific Policies Local Plan and the Local Development Framework Policies Map 2012 had been received from Wakefield Council.

(Councillor C Tennant left the room)

Licencing – objections were raised to the application by Mr Amjer Singh and Mrs Surinder Kaur of the above premises on the grounds that the last premises application had been objected to by the police due to reports that alcohol was been sold to under aged children.

**RESOLVED:** That the comments as above be submitted to Wakefield Council

**319/14 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES FOR 2014**

Councillor G Isherwood advised Members of his wish to review the current committees and Council meetings. He proposed that the Council meet every six weeks and the Admin & Finance Committee meet monthly, the Heritage & Culture Committee will become the Events Committee, the Markets Committee will become the Markets and Featherstone in Bloom Committee and the Grants committee will become a Sub Committee from the Admin & Finance Committee. He wished to strengthen the Leaders Group by including Councillor M Isherwood. Councillor Mulroe stated that the Council used to have a 6 week meeting cycle but it was returned to once per month to keep control over payments. Councillor G Isherwood said that the Clerk had a good working relationship with the Chairman of Admin & Finance. Councillor M Isherwood added that the Working Parties were open to all Councillors to attend to assist with the Event Management.

Councillor Vickers felt that the documents attached to the agenda had made a massive leap forward in the organisation of the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the lists of Committees be brought back to the April Council meeting to be discussed and approved by the Council.

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**320/14 TERMS OF REFERENCES**

Councillor G Isherwood presented Members with the new Terms of References to the Committees as proposed in MIN 319/14 above.

**RESOLVED:** That the terms of references be brought back to the April Council meeting to be discussed and approved by the Council.

**321/14 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2014/15**

The Dates and Times of Meetings based on the new Committee structure and 6 weekly Council meetings were considered by the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the dates and times of meetings be approved by the Council.

**322/14 FINANCE REPORTS**

- a) List of Accounts totalling £3,254.57 was circulated at the meeting. The listed payee of Staples is to be changed to Viking.
- b) Income received report from 17<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 totalling £4,211.34.

**RESOLVED:** The list of payments were approved and the income was noted.

**323/14 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

- a) Featherstone Regeneration Steering Group
- b) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014
- c) National Coal Mining Museum

Members Noted

**324/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

18.02.14	WMDC	Local Development Framework
19.02.14	WMDC	Mayor's Civic Parade
24.02.14	CAB	Funding and Report – to be submitted to the Admin & Finance Committee
26.02.14	AON	Insurance Quote - to be submitted to the Admin & Finance Committee

**325/14 FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS**

Councillor M Isherwood advised Members that the Wildlife Trust is making available small sapling trees to Parishes to plant to commemorate the First World War. She had ascertained from Wakefield Council, who were very supportive of the idea, that an acre of ground at 'The Stacks' could be used to plant a new woodland.

The Clerk suggested that ways of protecting the saplings whilst they are establishing themselves should be budgeted for and watering in extremely dry weather. Councillor Mulroe will seek the advice from the Arboretum and also thought that pathways should be planned. Councillor Tennant supported the idea and also suggested that at the 2016 Gala a suitable event is dedicated to the Battle of the Somme. Councillor G Isherwood thought that the trees should be individually dedicated to the war dead.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm