

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 AT 7PM.**

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**Present:** Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor W Mulroe, Councillor J Power (Mayor), Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers and Councillor J Wright.

**In attendance:** Sue Coles (Town Clerk), WMDC J Cliffe MBE, Youth Ambassadors: Josh Haller and Siobhan Thomas, Mr & Mrs J Sharp and PCSO P McKimm.

**64/14 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor J Jackson, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor C Tennant.

**65/14 CIVIC AWARD PRESENTATION**

Mr & Mrs Jon Sharp of 'Sevendales' 204A Featherstone Lane attended the meeting to receive an award from the Mayor for the exceptional Christmas lights display which they have put on each year in order to raise money for the Prince of Wales, Pontefract Hospice. Over the years they have raised a tremendous amount of money and have attracted many visitors into the town as a result of the display. Councillor G Isherwood requested that a donation of £100 be given to assist with the electric lighting of the displays. Mr and Mrs Sharp thanked the Council and said that they would give this directly to the charity.

**66/14 GRANT AWARD**

PCSO Paul McKimm of Normanton Police was in attendance to receive a cheque from the Mayor for £200 for assistance with children's play activities during the summer holiday.

**67/14 YOUTH AMBASSADORS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

The meeting was opened for the Youth Ambassadors' and members of the public to address the Council on matters relevant to its business. No matters were raised.

**68/14 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

**69/14 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

**RESOLVED:** that under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from any item which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

**70/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Since being elected as Mayor to the Council Councillor J Power has been to Ypres with Featherstone Male Voice Choir to attend a service at St Georges Memorial Church and laid a wreath at Menin Gate Memorial. She has also attended twelve further events including Civic Sunday at South Kirkby, Mayor Making at Normanton Town Council, and her own Bring and Buy sale at St Thomas Church Hall. She reminded Members that the Tea Dance will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and asked for donations for her Gala book stall and tombola. The Mayor also congratulated WMDC J Cliffe MBE on her election as Deputy Mayor at Wakefield Council. She also added that Zara's Foundation had today donated a cheque of £100 towards the Balloon Race at the Gala.

**71/14 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

Councillor G Isherwood advised Members concerning the non-approval of 24 streetlight columns which needed testing by AMEY before they are suitable for the hanging baskets this year.

The booklet produced by the Featherstone Historical Society was now ready for printing, Councillor G Isherwood was very pleased with the result and a copy was available for Members to view. WMDC have granted £1,000 and the Town Council £500 he estimated that the final cost would not exceed £1,800. The booklet would then be distributed to all the children in Featherstone.

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WMDC have granted money to the Friends of Purston Park for the repair or replacement of seats. The tree to the entrance of the Park and the gate and wall surrounding the area are all being repaired.

He then went on to advise that Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor R Taylor and Councillor C Tennant have all been allocated positions for this WMDC Council year.

There had been a series of meetings between WMDC, Woodland Trust and Councillor M Isherwood who confirmed that there would be a tree for every soldier killed in WW1 planted at Woodland Meadows which will be donated by the Woodland Trust. WMDC have given final permissions for the site.

Councillor G Isherwood also advised that Purston E-Act is in the process of being taken over by The Rodillian Academy Trust and he has written to ask for a meeting with all parties.

**72/14 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

- a) amendment to MIN 10/14, Councillor G Isherwood has resigned from the Administration & Finance Committee it is proposed that Councillor Wright should be nominated.

It was

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7pm. Minute numbers 1/14 to 16/14 with the amendment at a) above be approved and signed by the Council

**73/14 QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

There were no questions.

**74/14 APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:**

The Council received the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

**75/14 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR ONTO THE NORTH WEST WARD**

Notices have been placed in the newspaper, noticeboards and website to advertise the vacancy on the North West Ward of the Council. There has only been one application received from Mr R C Martindale.

It was:

**RESOLVED:** That Mr R C Martindale be co-opted onto the Council

Councillor Martindale signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will be appointed to the Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee. A copy of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Good Councillor Guide will be forwarded to him.

**76/14 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions. Details of all the applications received up to the meeting date were presented to the meeting.
- b) The Planning Inspectorate –
  - i. Application by Knottingley Power Limited for an order granting Development Consent for the Knottingley Power project.
  - ii. Changes to the original application and the proposed closure of Kellingley Colliery.
- c) The Coal Authority – a letter of reply concerning the land to the rear of Brooksbank Garage, North Featherstone was attached to the agenda.
- d) Resolve Public Affairs –Five Towns Park Leaflet.
- e) Wakefield Consultation for Community Infrastructure Levey (CIL)

**RESOLVED:** Members noted items a) to e) above.

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**77/14 ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

- a) Section 1 to be signed by the Mayor Cllr J Power
- b) Section 2 to agree statement items 1 to 8
- c) Section 2 to be signed by the Mayor Cllr J Power
- d) Section 4 to note the Annual internal audit report 2013/14.

It was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agrees: The statements in Section 2 of the return. That the Mayor should sign Section 1 and 2 of the Annual return. That it notes that the internal auditor raised no matters of concern.

**78/14 PLANTSCAPE CONTRACT**

Wakefield Council has listed 24 lampposts for this year's Plantscape Contract which do not have permission to hang hanging baskets on the structure. This can be due to the fact there is a statutory sign on the post or it could be that the post is past the date that they are considered structurally sound to take the weight.

The Town Council can apply to AMEY at a cost of £800 per day to certify the post. No other company can be accepted since it is AMEY which has the risk against its public liability insurance. AMEY were granted the PFI contract for 25 years. This year both Horbury Town Council and Castleford Precinct applications for consent has also been knocked back.

WMDC Street Lighting officer has updated the Council via email report and AMEY has offered to undertake the testing works and the Council has been invoiced accordingly.

**RESOLVED:** That payment be made to AMEY LG Limited for £1,616.83

**79/14 FINANCE REPORTS**

- a) List of Accounts totalling £451.78 was presented to the meeting. Cheque no. 203070 payable to AMEY LG Limited for £1,616.83 see MIN 78/14 above was approved. At Councillor Mulroe's request cheque number 203067 for £19.82 was cancelled.
- b) Income received report totalling £134.50.

**RESOLVED:** To approve payments totalling £2068.61.

**80/14 B.T. INTERNET CONNECTION**

Approval is sought for an investigation by B.T. into the intermittent broadband service. New router and new filters have been introduced and presently the service is operating satisfactorily however the Event Working Party has requested that this is looked into further. The new router resulted in the laptop failing to connect to the printer however I.T. support has now corrected this. It was

**RESOLVED:** That should further investigations be required the officers are authorised to instruct B.T. to attend the site at a cost of £225.00.

**81/14 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – a meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April included a presentation on the Air Ambulance which is now based at Nostel Priory.
  - i. The fundraisers for the Air Ambulance will be in attendance at the Gala
  - ii. A request for a site for recycle bins 'Bag it Up' which has 24 hour access for the lorries. Member's suggested the Lidl site.
  - iii. Parish Council Charter 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 is now fully signed and agreed and a copy is available in the office.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor Tennant was not present at the meeting

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**82/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sender</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Decision</b>
22.04.14	The Prince of Wales Hospice	Posters for Hospice Memory Walk	Noted
24.04.14	The Conservation Volunteers	Requesting work projects in the community	Noted
01.05.14	Mr P D Roper	Recycling	Cllr G Isherwood has taken this up with WMDC the Clerk to write to Mr Roper to explain
08.05.14	Post Office	Details of new-look Post Office at North Featherstone	Noted
08.05.14	Police & Crime Plan Refreshed	Email as circulated to Members	Noted
14.05.14	CAB	75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party as circulated	Noted – the Mayor attended
13.05.14	The Prince of Wales Hospice	To thank the Mayor for his fundraising in 2013/14	Noted
14.05.14	Mrs M Newnham	Letter of nomination which has been given to Mayor.	Clerk to write to acknowledge Mrs Newnham's letter
13.05.14	Department of Energy & Climate Change	Reply to the Leader's letter concerning the proposed Knottingley Colliery closure.	Clerk to write to UK Coal to appeal to work together in the interest of the surviving coal industry. A copy is to be sent to Mr Fallon in reply. Write to NUM to offer our support.
27.05.14	Carers Week	Events from 9 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Mayor explained that there were 178,000 young carers in the UK.
12.06.14	WMDC	Meeting to be held on the 15 <sup>th</sup> July at 10am to discuss how WMDC and Town Council can work together	Cllr's Mulroe and Power to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm