



Featherstone Town Council

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Regenerating Supporting & Caring for our Community

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Dear Councillor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to an ORDINARY MEETING of FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE on **WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015** commencing at **7.00 pm**.

Sue Coles
TOWN CLERK

Moment of Reflection by Rev J Grosu

AGENDA

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting is to be opened for members of the public to address the Council on matters relevant to its business. However residents cannot take part in the main proceedings of the meeting, this is strictly limited to Councillors.

3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

To consider, if thought fit, a resolution under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from Staff appointments and other items which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of Sporting Achievement awards to Mr Jack Townend.

6. LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

7. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

To receive the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8th July at 7.00 pm. Minute numbers 110/15 to 125/15.

8. MINUTES OF THE LEADER'S GROUP MEETING

To receive the minutes of the Leaders Group meeting held on the 18th June at 12.35pm. Minute numbers 78/15(LG) to 79/15(LG).

Town Clerk Ms Sue Coles MILCM



9. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

- a) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 8th July.

10. QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

11. WAKEFIELD PLAY FORUM REFERENCE TO MIN 40/15

Members had expressed concerned that the Wakefield Play Forum had been disbanded and the Town Clerk had been asked to contact Ms Horobin. In a telephone conversation she advised that the Play Days for Featherstone Parish at Ackton and Streethouse were running through the school holidays from Monday to Wednesday alternating. No sessions were being held in Purston Park due to very poor attendance. The sessions will continue into September if funding allows and the group will disband at the end of September when the insurance finishes.

12. MIN125/15 SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLANNING TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS

Mr N Rodgers declined the Council's invitation to attend this Council meeting. He advised that he is aware of the concerns of residents' regarding the use of Ackworth Road and Hall Street by HGV vehicles. Officers have reviewed the location and no alternative route exists which is suitable to divert traffic around the aforementioned streets. Pressure for the Highway Authority to serve a Traffic Regulation Order preventing HGV's using the roads is simply not an option. Current data concludes that the majority of drivers are driving within the speed limit and that accidents are low. Mr Rodgers will ask that a further survey is completed within the next financial year and that a report is offered to the Town Council for information.

13. FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME

On the 1st January 2016 the deposit protection limit is reducing from £85,000 to £75,000. This will affect the security of bank deposit balances of both the Yorkshire Bank and Co-operative Bank. A further report will be given at the meeting.

14. CHRISTMAS TREE PROVISION FOR WARD 6

A quotation has been received from WMDC Building Services for a total of five Christmas trees for: Streethouse, Snydale, Ackton, North Featherstone and Purston. A tree to be funded by WMDC will also be installed at the bottom of Station Lane.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. To approve the provision of five x 22 foot trees dressed with white LED lighting strings at a total cost of £7,500.
2. To approve the energy costs which are to be calculated from the official switch on date to 6th January for the load, usage and costs of energy.
3. To approve the timers set for 3.30pm to 2.00am
4. To approve switch on date as Wednesday 25th November 2015.

15. PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – Please see file for details
- b) West Yorkshire Combined Authority Single Transport Plan.
- c) Wakefield Community Infrastructure Levy Modification and Submission.
(Members have been forwarded via email the consultation details for online comments).
- d) WMDC Wind Turbine Practice Guidance is now on the Wakefield Council's website for information. This will be used when determining applications for wind turbines in the district.
- e) Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda.



16. MILL POND MEADOWS COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT PUBLIC ART STAKEHOLDER GROUP is to make the following **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**. That Codsteaks be appointed to consult residents and design an item of public art for the Town Council, subject to confirmation from Beam that suitable references have been received.

17. ORGREAVE INVESTIGATION

The Leader of the Council Cllr G Isherwood has written to Rt Hon Theresa May MP concerning the Orgreave Investigation, a copy of which is attached for Members approval.

18. REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group-Meeting – no meeting
 - b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant
- (Members of these outside organisations have the opportunity to report on any relevant matters arising from meetings of such organisations).

19. JUDICIARY OF ENGLAND AND WALES

A letter has been received from Lorraine Jeffrey JP concerning the proposed closure of Wakefield and Pontefract Magistrates' Courts. Please see copy attached.

20. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
August & September	Newsletters' from Mark Burns-Williamson West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner	
July	NCMM – Rugby League Heritage on Tour	
7 th July	Yorkshire Air Ambulance letter to thank the Town Council for the table to raise funds £148.15 at the Gala.	
9 th July	Embrace the Middle East newsletter	
15 th September	NHS Wakefield CCG. Annual General Meeting at Pontefract Town Hall at 5.30pm	
Any other correspondence received		

21. GALA 2015 BALLOON RACE.

The closure date of the Balloon Race was 1st September, Members will be informed of any returned tickets.

22. Urgent matters for information only

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

23. TO REPORT ON ANY RECOMMENDATION/S FROM THE ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6PM CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND ANY OTHER STAFFING MATTERS.

Closure and date of the next meetings of the Council.

Markets & Featherstone in Bloom Committee will be held on Thursday 10th September at 11am. Admin & Finance Committee Wednesday 14th October at 6pm followed by the full Council meeting at 7pm.