

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2015 AT 7PM.**

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**Present:** Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor A Lapish, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King (Mayor), Councillor S Vickers and Councillor J Wright.

**In attendance:** Sue Coles (Town Clerk), Mr J Townend and family, PCSO M Dennison and colleagues, Mr C Jarvis of Featherstone Bowling Club and Mr A Barnes-White from Wakefield Dementia Action Alliance.

**277/15 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor K Hollis.

**278/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was 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.

**279/15 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

**280/15 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 items which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

**281/15 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

It was

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm, Minute numbers 228/15 to 241/15 be approved.

**282/15 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr Jack Townend received his Civic Award for Sporting Achievement. The Mayor awarded funding to Yorkshire Police Community Support Officer M Dennison for £200 and Featherstone Bowling Club received a cheque for £400. An email to thank the Council from the St Nicolas Fund, which had received a donation of £200, was read to the Council.

The Mayor had attended the Cricket Club's Annual Dinner and Awards Evening, South Elmsall Town Council's Christmas Light Switch On with Pea and Pie Supper, SW Tara Group coffee morning and the opening of the NCMM memorial for which Featherstone was the only Town Council to purchase a memorial disk.

The Mayor asked everyone to join her for the Tea Dance on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the Civic Carol Service on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the Colouring Competition, Best Dressed Window presentations on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**283/15 DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE**

Mr Adrian Barnes-White from Wakefield Dementia Action Alliance attended the meeting to raise the awareness of the group. Information was circulated to members and questions were raised and discussed. It was agreed that the Town Council would join the Alliance, draw up an action plan, and allow training groups to use the Council Chamber and facilities. The Council would also be willing to promote the Alliance through its social media. Mr Adrian Barnes-White was thanked by the Mayor and he will contact the Town Clerk to move things forward.

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**284/15 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

The Leader Councillor G Isherwood thanked all those who had helped with Santa's Day. The remaining chocolates had been donated to Star House, Millennium House and the Faithnet food bank. Councillor G Isherwood and Councillor R Taylor put a funding bid into the union Unite for Faithnet foodbank and this has been given to them. Councillor A Laphin thanked the Leader and advised that this money has allowed families to come once a fortnight for food rather than once a month which will be a great help in the future.

He asked the office to send a letter of thanks to the Library staff with a gift for Christmas to thank them for all their support.

Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor R Taylor and the Mayor attended Mission 2015 at the Featherstone Academy to see the youngsters' presentations on recycling and the elderly. The Academy came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a national challenge. The Academy also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a national debating challenge. The office was asked to write a letter of congratulations on this success which comes on the back of the outstanding examination successes which featured on local t.v.news. Councillor G Isherwood also asked that the newsletter congratulate the school.

**285/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a) To receive the minutes of the Events Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- b) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- c) To receive the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

It was

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes a) to c) above and the resolutions contained within them be received by the Council.

**286/15 QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT TO THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE/S**

None were raised.

**287/15 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – were noted.
- b) Application at Park Lodge Farm, Park Lane, Pontefract. 15/01875/FUL for emergency standby electricity generation facility comprising: modern modular diesel generator units (up to 50 in total) – Application withdrawn.
- c) Application at New Road, Featherstone, Pontefract. 15/02078/FUL for the construction and operation of a 20MW embedded Short Term Operating Reserve and Peak Power (STOR) generating plant and auxiliary equipment and access. Application withdrawn.
- d) SELRAG – meeting notes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> November are attached for information. Councillor M Isherwood had some concerns about the proposed route of SELRAG which should be amended in order that it does not conflict with the Mill Pond Meadows Commemorative Site.
- e) Wakefield Council Speeding Traffic at Green Lane. A letter of reply has been received to the Town Council's request that the area is looked at with view to make residents parking bays and a chicane. WMDC said that a consultation was held with residents and there had been no objections, it was now too late to take any further action because the enforcement is now in place. Wakefield Council have no proposal to introduce a chicane since there are no accident records to support the need for casualty reduction measures and Wakefield Council are now in a position to provide any further.
- f) Licensing application for Your Local, 46 Green Lane, from 8am to 9pm. Member's had no objections.

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**288/15 NATURALISATION OF GREENSPACE PROJECT**

A letter from Wakefield Council concerning the Naturalisation of Green Spaces in Featherstone was attached to the agenda. The Town Clerk has raised a request for costings to be received so that the Town Council has the full information and this will be brought to another meeting of the council when received.

**289/15 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - none
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant had no further information.

**290/15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
27.11.15	Helping Handbags	Donation of items for women in need
24.11.15	Prince of Wales Hospice	Light up a Life service
November	Healthwatch News	newsletter

**291/15 Urgent matters for information only**

Members noted that a small Christmas Tree had gone missing and that Plantscape has been informed. It was also noted that one tree in Station Lane was not working.

It was also noted that there was a lot of new football kit in a lock up at Purston Park.

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm**