

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.**

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**Present:** Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor C Tennant, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers (Mayor), Councillor C Woodhead, Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Sue Coles (Town Clerk).

**45/16 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Councillor K Hollis, Councillor A Lapish, Councillor D Stapleton and Councillor R Taylor.

**46/16 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. No public present.

**47/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Vickers in the list of accounts.

**48/16 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.

**49/16 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

Councillor G Isherwood explained that Wakefield Council had altered its Council meetings to summer timings and it was necessary to adjust the Town Council meetings since there would be five members unable to attend therefore he requested that the meetings for July and September are held a week later than currently discussed.

Wakefield Council is currently receiving more complaints about dog fouling in the area and therefore a 'Dob in a Dog Fouler' Facebook page has been created to encourage people to report the offenders. The Mayor asked that the publicity be shared in newsletters, Facebook and website. Councillor Tennant thought that the street scene team should be thanked for their hard work and it was noted by the Mayor that there was one particular operative who went that bit further to keep the pavements clean.

**50/16 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

- a) **MIN** 10/16, an incorrect reference to Dob in a Dumper needed changing from Dob and Dumper.
- b) **MIN** 15/16 Dates and Times of Meetings be changed as follows:
  - i. Administration & Finance now Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11am
  - ii. Flowers & Lights now Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June after the meeting above.
  - iii. Administration & Finance now Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm
  - iv. Council now Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm
  - v. Administration & Finance now Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 11am
  - vi. Council now Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm

It was

**RESOLVED** : that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council MIN 01/16 to 17/16 held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May with the amendment a) and b) above be approved.

It was also

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council MIN17/16 to 27/16 held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May be approved.

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**51/16 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – The lists have been circulated and available at the meeting and no comments were made.
- b) Walton Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement which now forms part of the Development Plan for Wakefield Metropolitan District. Members noted.
- c) Crossing at Junction of A645 and B6133 Linpac Lights. WMDC acknowledge Town Council's letter written to support the Millennium Care Service's concern for their residents crossing at these traffic lights. WMDC will investigate and send a response to Millennium Care.
- d) A complaint had been received via Facebook that pedestrians crossing the A645 near a snicket to Priory Road could not be replaced with a formal crossing point since there was a designated crossing point for the school already in place. Any further crossing points would be detrimental for other highway users.

**52/16 FINANCE REPORTS**

- a) A List of Cheques was circulated at the meeting for £3417.91 it was

**RESOLVED:** That the payments be approved.

**53/16 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group. There was no report, the next meeting that the Town Clerk can attend will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
  - b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant had no report.
- (Members of these outside organisations have the opportunity to report on any relevant matters arising from meetings of such organisations).

**54/16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Wakefield Armed Forces Day	Event at Pontefract Park Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	noted
National Care Home Day	17 <sup>th</sup> June to include a number of care homes in the area including Vicarage Court Featherstone. Open day to create links between care home residents and their local communities.	noted
Police and Crime Commissioner	Your Priorities Your Plan, to finds out what matters to the public, police and partners across the country. See attachment on your agenda	noted
Alzheimer's Society Two letters one from Wakefield and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> from National society	To thank the Mayor for the fantastic fundraising carried out by Councillor M Tennant-King.	noted
Carers Week 6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Newsletter giving information about the group and what's on for events etc.	noted
Wakefield Together Partnership – White Ribbon Status (Violence against Women)	Wakefield Together Partnership have been awarded the White Ribbon Status. More information <a href="http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/">http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/</a>	noted
<b>Any other correspondence received</b>		

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**55/16 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.**

The Tea Dance for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday is to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, ticket sales were low at present. A bingo machine was still to be sourced and tickets.

The Presentation to the Deputy Lieutenant Mayor Stan Hardy of the winning HM the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Card created by Miss Jaycee McPhail of 4HL at St Thomas School will take place at the school at 11am on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Councillor M Isherwood advised that a photographer from the Pontefract & Castleford Express will be in attendance. All Members are invited to the event.

Closure and Next Meetings:

Grants Sub-Committee (If required).	Wednesday	20th	July	5.45pm
Administration & Finance	Wednesday	20th	July	6pm
Council	Wednesday	20th	July	7pm