

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.

Present: Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor R Martindale, Councillor D Stapleton, Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers (Mayor), Councillor C Woodhead and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Mrs V Heaps (Mayor's Chaplain), three members of the public and Sue Coles (Town Clerk).

259/16 WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor A Lapish, Councillor R Taylor and Councillor C Tennant.

260/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was opened for members of the public to address the Council on matters relevant to its business. Mr W Field and Mr A Thompson of 182 and 184 Priory Road spoke to express their concern that the Beck to the rear of their property and Aldi's was full of rubbish. Flood water was also coming off the Aldi site which was resulting in their gardens being affected with a rise in water levels.

261/16 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood, Councillor M Tennant-King and Councillor K Hollis all declared an interest in item 17 and signed the book accordingly.

262/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

A resolution was made that under the terms of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from items 16 & 17 concerning Road Closure and Traffic Management and Community Centre Lease which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

263/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor has attended Normanton Rotary memorial to Mr I Dransfield. He thanked Members who had deputised for him as Mayor of the Occasion. He also advised that he could not attend Wakefield Mayor's Festival of Remembrance on the 11th November and the Deputy Mayor will attend instead.

The Mayor asked that the Mayors/Deputy Mayors Allowance be discussed at the next meeting to be held on the 7th December.

The Deputy Mayor Councillor M Isherwood has attended a Dr Jackson's event and a new shop has been opened in Station Lane. Both she and Councillor Tennant-King attended the Nostel Priory Remembrance Service held on the 6th November which had been a lovely service. The Mayor thanked them both for attending.

The Council's laying of wreath on 11th November at 11am at Mill Pond Meadows would be a quieter occasion this year but it was hoped that when the art project was completed in 2017 the Council will consider a permanent event on this date.

264/16 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT

No report was made.

265/16 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: to approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 207/16 to 225/16 held on the 12th October 2016.

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266/16 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

It was

RESOLVED :To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 12th October 2016 MIN numbers 192/16 to 206/16. It was

RESOLVED: To approved and sign the minutes of the Community Centre Management Committee dated 19th October 2016 MIN numbers 226/16 to 234/16.

267/16 STANDING ORDERS TERMS OF REFERENCE

MIN 164/16 and 216/16 refers. It has been agreed to formally set up a Community Centre Management Committee to advise the Council on all matters in relation to the running of the Community Centre.

- a. The Terms of Reference for this new committee was distributed to Members.
- b. There is an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Administration & Finance Committee in regards to the future handling of staffing matters by the appointment of a sub-committee as per standing orders.
- c. The first meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee (CCMC) was called on Wednesday 19th October at 6pm. (two minor amendments were highlighted – item 10 should read ‘room hire’ and item 24b should read his/her absence).

It was

RESOLVED: Due to unexpected prolonged negotiations for the lease of the Community Centre Members decided to defer the above item to the January meeting or when the lease had been agreed.

268/16 PASG WORKING GROUP MEETING WITH PLANNING OFFICERS

Councillor M Isherwood reported that the PASG working party meeting with Wakefield planning officers on-site 28th October 2016 had been very positive. There were no problems raised for the siting of the art work which would be at the crossroads very near the corner of the site. The hedges are classed as an ancient protected hedgerow, which is one that tends to be supported by the greatest diversity of plants and animals and therefore the attendees were pleased that the structure would encourage bats and insects. Mrs Williamson, Friends of Mill Pond Meadows was in attendance along with the WMDC officers for planning, streetscene, nature conservation

269/16 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

- a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions – noted.
- b) Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda.
 - i. Local Development Framework. The Planning Inspector’s Report with the appendices containing the Main Modifications can be viewed on Wakefield Council’s website and the Council will be asked to adopt them in January.
- c) Licensing matters:
 - i. Farmer Copley’s Ravensknowle Farm – noted.
 - ii. New Market Aro, 26 Station Lane – objections were raised concerning antisocial behaviour, too many outlets in the area, public safety and public nuisance. These comments are to be submitted to Licencing although it was noted the date for comments had passed.
 - iii. Aldi Stores Ltd, Unit 1 Quora Retail Park – noted.

270/16 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Featherstone Royal British Legion parade will be held on the 13th November at 10.30am . There is to be a wreath laid at Mill Pond Meadows WW1 memorial on the 11th November at 11am. Everyone is invited to attend.

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271/16 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group –Wednesday 2nd November.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant.

It was noted that both representatives have been on holiday and unable to attend any meetings.

2. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
26.10.2016	Wakefield Council – City Fields Masterplan Exhibitions are to be held on 11 th /12 th November	Noted.
09.11.2016	Copy letter received concerning the closure of a footpath at Parkfield Lane which the petitioners feel is a right of way. The District Council, local M.P. and the Ramblers Association have also received copies.	It is thought that the land shares an access for several farms and the footway has been recently blocked by a new building – noted.
Any other correspondence received		

272/16 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

Councillor M Isherwood asked that the office be closed all through the Christmas period especially the 28th and 29th December which are normal working days.

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273/16 ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Events & Markets Committee resolved to accept the Risk Assessments resolved that an officer of the Council does not need to be NEBOSH qualified and that the risk assessments provided in 256/16 were acceptable to the Council as a corporate body and were suitable for the Council's needs to comply with statutory law.

274/16 HEADS OF TERMS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

There were no updates available.

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm and the next meetings and Christmas Events will be:

Administration & Finance Wednesday 7th December at 6pm
Council Wednesday 7th December at 7pm
Civic Carol Service Wednesday 14th December 6 for 6.30pm. The service will include a presentation to Miss Jaycee McPhail winner of the Queen's Birthday Card Competition, by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.
Presentations to the winners of the Christmas Colouring Competition and the Best Christmas Window will be on 17th December.