

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00PM.

Present: Councillor K Hollis, Councillor G Isherwood, Councillor M Isherwood (Mayor), Councillor R Martindale, Councillor R Taylor, Councillor C Tennant (7.15pm), Councillor M Tennant-King, Councillor S Vickers Councillor, C Woodhead and Councillor J Wright.

In Attendance: Reverend Andrew Longshaw and Vicky Symons (Town Clerk).

218/17 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Lapish and Councillor D Stapleton

219/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

WMDC Councillors' G Isherwood, M Isherwood, Taylor, Tennant, Tennant-King. Councillor K Hollis WMDC employee.

220/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

221/16 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 that the press and public be excluded from item 14 Community Centre Lease by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

222/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she was very pleased to have been invited to attend Clarence House with The Prince of Wales Hospice on 27th September. It was a great honour to have been invited and the Mayor thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The Mayor went onto advise that she had also attended Featherstone Library on Saturday 7th October to present certificates to children who had completed a reading competition throughout the 6 weeks school holidays. There were numerous events that the Mayor would be attending in the run up to Christmas such as Farmer Copley's Light Switch On this Saturday 14th October, where they Mayor would officially be opening the Craft Faye at All Saints Church at 10.00am.

On Thursday 5th October the Mayor had attended St Thomas' Junior & Infant School with Normanton Rotary Club to assist with the planting of purple crocuses, supporting their campaign to eradicate Polio.

The Mayor had also been invited to present the awards at the Featherstone Weightlifting Competition which was being held on Saturday 28th October.

Members were reminded that the Tea Dance was to be held on Thursday 19th October and advised that they should purchase their tickets as they were selling fast.

The Mayor finished her report by advising Members of the tragic passing of Susan Batty. Susan was the daughter of the Deputy Mayor of Normanton, Councillor Denton Jones and the mother of Normanton's Deputy Mayoress, Elisha. Details of the funeral arrangements will be emailed to Members. The Mayor requested that a card is purchased from the Town Council and sent to Councillor Denton Jones with our deepest condolences.

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223/17 LEADERS REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood advised all Members that the Christmas Cards have been purchased to send to all Junior and Infants School children. This year selection boxes would not be purchased for Santa's Day and instead the Council were buying sweet jars.

Councillor Isherwood is to hold a meeting with Roger Parkinson on Wednesday 19th October at Mill Pond Meadows. Roger has been at the site and found that 39 of the trees planted by school children had failed and poppies had fallen off the wooden stakes along with some of the names of the soldiers. Roger had advised that he will be down to replace all of these items free of charge. Councillor Isherwood asked Members if they would be willing to make a donation to Roger for £250.00 for all of the work that he carries down at the Commemorative Wood. Councillor Taylor advised that he fully supports the idea. Councillor Vickers advised that Roger carries out the work himself, not the group that he volunteers for and he shouldn't carry out work for the council for nothing. Councillor Vickers requested that this be an Agenda item for the next Admin & Finance meeting to arrange for a regular payment to Roger and his group for all of the work that they carry out. All Members were in agreement that an initial payment of £250.00 is made to Roger for the work already carried out and that this is also placed on the next Admin & Finance Agenda.

224/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

It was:

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 13th September 2017, Minute numbers.

225/17 CONTACT BETWEEN FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL AND COD STEAKS

The Contract between Featherstone Town Council and Cod Steaks was attached to the Agenda for Members to consider. Councillor M Isherwood asked Members if they had any questions with regards to the contract. The Clerk advised that the contract had been put together by BEAM as they had experience in creating the contracts for artists. No questions were raised and it was

RESOLVED: That the Commission Agreement for War Horse – A Place of Peace to be Together is approved and signed and issued to Cod Steaks.

226/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions –

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
17/02273/FUL	Lyndale, 60 Green Lane	Extension to rear for new lift.	
17/02368/FUL	Yorkshire Bank, 84Station Lane	Erection of boundary treatment, alterations to exterior, resurfacing of hard standing and installation of new signage.	
17/02438/FUL	Rockwood, Ackton Lane	Two storey extension to side with porch to front, alterations to existing single storey extension to rear.	
17/02449/GPD	14 Alexander Crescent	Single storey extension to rear.	
17/00996/FUL	Orchard Crest, New Road, Old Snydale	Residential development for 1no. detached dwelling.	Approved.

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17/01924/FUL	46 Market Street	Two storey extension to rear.	Application refused.
17/02142/GPD	4 The Green	Single storey rear extension.	Prior approval not required.
17/02061/ADV	100 Pontefract Road	Non illuminated signage	Application refused.

- b) Any other planning matters received after the date of the Agenda – None
c) Licensing Matters – None
d) Wakefield District Residential Design Part 1 Consultation from 14th September to 11th October. Please see attached details, the documents are in the office to view or www.wakefield.gov.uk comments should be made on the WMDC website <http://consult.wakefield.gov.uk/portal>.

RESOLVED: To note the planning and licencing matters as above.

227/17 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group – The next meeting will be held on 1st November.
b) National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant – No meeting.
c) Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King had attended an Area Alliance Meeting at Featherstone Library which Cllr Tennant-King found very informative. There had also been an event at Country Gates Centre organised by Roy Blacker for Dementia Friends, where they had different groups singing. The Hepworth Gallery had also held an event on Dementia.
Cllr Tennant-King informed Members that there is a new scheme starting called ‘The Red Box’ this is a red suitcase for people in care homes. The contents would include clothes, a care plan, container for false teeth, glasses, hearing aids etc. Each care home have been given 2 and this is a scheme which is hopefully being rolled out across the district.
The next meeting is to be held on Monday 4th December.

228/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
28.09.17	Helen Watkiss – Report on Urgent Care at Pontefract Hospital	Hard copies were available at the meeting for Members. Councillor Vickers had read through the report and brought to Members attention that there was no mention of the time it takes to get to Pinderfields. Councillor G Isherwood had raised this question at a meeting and the response was that Pontefract would stabilise patients and then they would be transferred to Pinderfields.
Any other correspondence received		

229/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

It was requested that an item for defibrillators is placed on the next Council Agenda.

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230/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

A final copy of the lease had been received and Members had all received a copy. Councillor G Isherwood reported to Members that in the original Heads of Terms there was a 3 month break clause. This embarked on a series of meetings and it was agreed that this would be taken out. However in the lease that has been received the 3 month break clause was included. Councillor G Isherwood had since had a meeting with WMDC and advised that this was unacceptable and requested that this is taken out. It was requested that no further action is taken until a new lease is issued to the Council.

231/17 APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITORS

The Council is to consider the appointment of a firm of solicitors to act on the Town Council's behalf in the negotiations of the lease from WMDC for the Community Centre. As the lease had a section in which the Town Council did not agree on, it was requested that no action be taken at this time.

Closure and next meetings.

Admin & Finance	Thursday	2 nd November	11.00am
Precept Working Party	Thursday	2 nd November	To follow Admin & Finance
Events	Thursday	2 nd November	To follow Precept Working Party
Council	Wednesday	8 th November	7.00pm

Closure. The meeting closed at 8.10pm.