

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE, ON  
WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2017 AT 7.00PM**

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

**In Attendance:** Vicky Symons (Town Clerk).

**151/17 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Lapish, Councillor R Martindale and Councillor C Woodhead.

**152/17 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.

**153/17 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**154/17 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 Staffing Matters which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

**155/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that she had received an invitation from The Prince of Wales Hospice to attend Clarence House which she had accepted as a supporter of the Hospice. The Mayor requested permission from Council Members to take the Town Clerk with her as her guest. Members supported this decision and agreed that the Town Clerk could attend with the Mayor.

The Mayor also wished to thank Malcolm Kendall who ran the York 10K in aid of the Mayors Charity. Over £200 was raised and the Mayor requested that a thank you letter was sent on her behalf.

**156/17 LEADER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S REPORT**

The Leader of the Council wanted to provide an update from the last minutes which showed that the head shave had risen over £800.00, the total in fact stood at £1011.00. Councillor Isherwood wanted to thank everyone who contributed.

Councillor Tennant asked if there was any update on Purston Park Lake and that the area around the playground was generally looking untidy. Councillor Tennant added that he feels this is a reflection on the Council. Councillor Isherwood advised that testing is still ongoing with regards to the lake. He had also been already informed of the litter situation and had contacted WMDC to request that the bins are emptied and that a general tidy up of the area was carried out. Councillor Tennant asked if the Town Council could pay for an extra clean during the school holidays. The Town Clerk is to obtain a quote from WMDC with costs for extra clearing and report back to the Council. This matter is to be placed on the Agenda for September.

**157/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

It was

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm, Minute numbers 136/17 to 149/17, be approved.

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**158/17 MINUTES OF THE LEADERS MEETING**

It was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Leaders Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, Minute number 150/17 and the resolutions contained within them be received and signed by the Council

**159/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**

It was:

**RESOLVED:** To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 MIN numbers 124/17 to 135/17.

**160/17 MILL POND MEADOWS COMMEMORATIVE WOOD GRASS CUTTING**

Roger Parkinson (Wakefield Tree Wardens) had contacted Hazelwood Conservation to provide the Council with a quotation for grass cutting around the WW1 Commemorative Wood area at Millpond Meadows. The quotation and information on the company was attached to the Agenda. Councillor M Isherwood advised that this was good value for money and if Members approved that the Town Clerk should request a quote for 2 cuts per year. Councillor M Tennant-King seconded this proposal. It was

**RESOLVED:** That the Council accept the quote for the value of £335.00 for a cut during September 2017.

**161/17 WREN CONTRACT**

The application for funding from WREN has been approved. WREN have now also received ENTRUST approval with was required prior to the Contract being completed. The Town Council had now received the Contract from WREN and was available at the meeting for Members to view. It was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Contract be signed by the Mayor Councillor Margaret Isherwood.

**162/17 CONTRACT FOR BEAM'S SERVICES**

Beam's contract for services for the next stage of the project was attached to the Agenda. Members discussed Beam's performance since the beginning of the project. Councillor M Isherwood felt that Beam's services over the last couple of months had contributed significantly to the Council obtaining funding from WREN. Councillor Vickers seconded the thoughts of Councillor Isherwood and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Council agree and sign the Letter of Agreement for Services for Beam to the value of £3,150.

**163/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE**

Councillor G Isherwood advised Members that he had chased the lease with WMDC. Since that time the lease had been sent to all Members of WMDC for any comments or opinions. The Town Council are now awaiting the formal offer to be received. Councillor Tennant-King added that she had received enquiries to rent the Community Centre as had other Members of the Council. Councillor G Isherwood advised that he would chase up the matter again.

**164/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS**

**a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions**

<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
17/01630/CPL	84A Station Lane	Use of First Floor above shop as 2 flats	

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17/01717/FUL	Unit 1, Wakefield Rd	Variation of condition 17 (delivery hours)	
17/01804/GPD	115 Wentworth Rd	Proposed conservatory to rear.	
17/00898/FUL	The Beeches, Ackton Lane	Single storey extension to rear.	Approved
17/01264/FUL	1 Friars Close	Single storey extension.	Approved
17/01321/FUL	28 Wakefield Rd	Single storey extension.	Approved
17/01564/FUL	54a Nunns Lane	Erection of 2no. outbuildings	
17/01853/FUL	Featherstone Hall	Restore and refurbish Featherstone Hall into 3 dwellings and erection of 11 dwellings in the grounds.	
17/01308/FUL	70-72 Station Lane	Change of use	Approved
17/01458/FUL	St Wilfrids Catholic High School	Stand-alone playground pavilion building within the existing playground.	Approved
17/01866/FUL	18 Westwinds	Single storey extension	
17/02061/ADV	100 Pontefract Rd	Non illuminated signage	
17/00581/FUL	1 Westlea	Retention of side extension	Approved
17/01804/GPD	115 Wentworth Rd	Proposed conservatory to rear.	Prior approval required and refused.

- b)** Any other planning matters received after the date of this agenda. No further applications were received.

A general concern by all Members was made in relation to the application for Featherstone Hall regarding traffic, however Members were aware that this would be looked into by the Planning Committee at WMDC.

**165/17 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:**

Town & Parish Council Liaison Group - none

National Coal Mining Museum – Councillor C Tennant – none

Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King – none, although Councillor Tennant-King advised that she had not heard anything with regards to a meeting she would be attending Pinderfields Hospital to hand over some twiddle muffs for some of the patients.

**166/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
18.07.17	Amy Hardman from Featherstone Rovers Foundation thanking the Council for a fantastic Gala.	
15.07.17	Yorkshire Air Ambulance to thank the council for the Gala where they raised £117.41	
01.08.17	Wakefield Together Newsletter	
14.08.17	PCC August Newsletter	
Any other correspondence received – No further correspondence received.		

**167/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made**

No matters were raised.

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**168/17 STAFFING MATTERS**

Further to Minute 67/17 for the Employment of Administration Staff the interviews have now taken place and Miss Emma Smith, has accepted the position subject to Council approval. It was:

**RESOLVED:** That Miss Emma Smith be appointed for a period of 6 months, initially, to the post of Administration Assistant

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.