

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM.

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

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

264/17 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor K Hollis, Councillor A Lapish and Councillor S Vickers

265/17 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

WMDC Councillors' G Isherwood, M Isherwood, Taylor, Tennant, Tennant-King.

266/16 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.

267/16 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 15 Community Centre Lease by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

268/17 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised that she was very pleased to have been invited to attend the Featherstone Weightlifting Club competition on Saturday 28th October. There were children attending who came from all over the country. It was a very well organised event and they event had an Olympic Champion attend.

The Mayor went onto advise that the Mayor's Carol Concert has unfortunately had to be cancelled. This is due to a clash of dates for the Featherstone Male Voice Choir.

The Mayor extended an invitation to all Members of the Town Council to attend Mill Pond Meadows on Saturday 11th November at 11.00am for a short Remembrance Service.

269/17 LEADERS REPORT

Councillor G Isherwood reported that he has chased WMDC with regards to the lease for the Community Centre. Councillor Isherwood has requested that when a copy of the lease is received, a representative comes along to discuss the content with the Town Council.

The Leader went onto advise Members that he and Councillor Vickers had attended North Featherstone to find a suitable place for a new "Welcome to North Featherstone" sign. There were 2 posts in situ already and Express Signs had been asked to provide a quote. The next project would be a "Welcome to Purston Jaglin" sign.

A meeting with Wakefield Highways is to be held to discuss the possibility of a crossing near Purston Park. There is however an issue over 'sight lines' and this is what will be considered at the meeting.

District Councillors are looking at the Capital Grants programme to obtain funding for fixing the fountain in Purston Park, placing 2 defibrillators, one in Streethouse and one in Charlston, new fencing around Purston Park play area, tarmac to be placed in the community centre car park opposite the weightlifting club, a new alarm for the community centre and roller door shutters. Councillor Isherwood will provide updates when available.

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Councillor Isherwood finished by advising that a new litter bin had been placed at Mill Pond Meadow.

Councillor C Tennant asked Councillor Isherwood that he raise the point at the highways meeting about the crossings at Iceland in Pontefract and near the swimming pool in Pontefract, as the sight lines for these were not too distant. Councillor Isherwood would mention this to the officers.

270/17 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor C Tennant noticed in the Minutes that the Mayor was to attend the Christmas Lights Switch on at Farmer Copley's. He requested that before next year's Pumpkin Festival the Town Council place an item on a Council Agenda to discuss the traffic issue. It was:

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council MIN 218/17 to 231/17 held on the 11th October 2017.

271/17 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- a) To receive and approve the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 11th October 2017 MIN numbers 201/17 to 217/17.
- b) To receive and approve the minutes of the Admin & Finance Committee dated 2nd November 2017 and any recommendations which may be contained within. These Minutes were available to Members at the meeting
- c) To receive and approve the minutes of the Events Committee dated 2nd November 2017 and any recommendations which may be contained within. These Minutes were available to Members at the meeting. It was:

RESOLVED: to approve the Minutes at a) to c) above with the recommendations contained within.

272/17 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions -

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
17/01421/OUT	Former Crystal Works Site, Priors Road	Residential Development (up to 14 units)	Approved
17/01921/FUL	9 Jardine Avenue	Part two storey and part single storey extension to rear	Approved
17/02438/FUL	Rockwood, Ackton Lane	Two storey extension to side with porch to front, alterations to existing single storey extension to rear.	Approved
17/02449/GPD	14 Alexander Crescent	Single storey extension to rear.	Prior approval not required.
17/02417/FUL	19 St Andrews Drive	Single storey extension to side.	
17/2210/FUL	1 Westlea, Ackworth	Erection of extension to detached garage.	
17/02369/TPO	5 Raven Close	T1 Sycamore fell, T2 Sycamore fell	
17/02538/FUL	46 Market Street	Two storey extension to rear including box dormer	
17/01866/FUL	18 Westwinds,	Erection of single storey	Approved

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	Ackworth	extension to rear elevation	
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- b) Any other planning matters received after the date of the Agenda – None
- c) Licensing Matters – None
- d) Wakefield District Local Plan 2036 Early Engagement Call for Sites will be available for you to view and comment between the following dates: Start date: 26/10/17 08:30 End date: 06/12/17 17:00. Please see attached details, the documents are in the office to view or visit 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.

273/17 WASTE TRANSFER

Due to WMDC cut backs the skip in the Town Hall yard will be taken away week commencing 20th November 2017. The Town Clerk has been liaising with Kevin Hickey, Trade Operations Officer from WMDC to agree on a new waste collection. The option to the council is to order a mixed waste container for the Town Council use only. There will be fortnightly collections on a Wednesday. The cost of this service to the Town Council is £133.50 per year. It was

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the cost for the new bin and collections.

274/17 REMEMBRANCE SERVICES'

Featherstone Royal British Legion parade will be held on the 12th 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.

275/17 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 – No meeting.
- c) Dementia Friends – Councillor M Tennant-King advised that the next meeting will be held on 4th December.

276/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
23.10.17	Wakefield Together – Normanton and Featherstone Newsletter	Noted
18.10.17	Police & Crime Commissioner – Monthly Newsletter	Noted
16.10.17	WMDC – Parking Consultation Posters	Noted
13.10.17	WMDC – Updated Town & Parish List	Noted
Any other correspondence received		

277/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

Councillor G Isherwood advised Members that there had been a Leaders Group meeting to discuss the Christmas Tree Lights from WMDC. There had been damage to lights on 3 of the trees last year and the cost to replace them was £1275.51 + vat. The Leaders Group had approved this cost.

Also at the Leaders Group it had been approved to order a extra tree for St Thomas' Church Grounds at a cost of £250.00. This is a memory tree where residents are able to place cards for loved ones who have sadly passed away.

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278/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

There were no further updates available.

Closure, next meetings and Christmas Events

Christmas Lights

Switch On	Wednesday 22 nd November
Santa Day	Saturday 2 nd December
Civic Carol Service	Wednesday 6 th December - CANCELLED
Christmas Tea Dance	Thursday 7 th December at 4.30pm
Admin & Finance	Wednesday 10 th January 2018 at 6.00pm
Council	Wednesday 10 th January 2018 at 7.00pm

Please note the following dates for the office opening times over the Christmas period.

Monday 25 th and Tuesday 26 th	Closed due to Bank Holidays
Wednesday 27 th December	(Closed).
Thursday 28 th December	(Closed).
Friday 29 th December	(closed).
Monday 1 st January 2018	Closed due to Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	Normal office opening times resume.

Closure. The meeting closed at 7.45pm.