

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FEATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD TOWN HALL, FEATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM.

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

In Attendance: Vicky Symons (Town Clerk)

114/18 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor D Stapleton

115/18 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.

116/18 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None we declared.

117/18 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 any items which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

118/18 PRESENTATION BY ANDREW ROSE

Mr Andrew Rose and Mr Adrian Spawforth were in attendance to present to Featherstone Town Council proposals for South Featherstone. Once the presentation had finished there were numerous questions and comments by Members.

Councillor G Isherwood felt that 2000 houses was too many and that the bypass must be put in place first before any houses are built, as the roads in Featherstone cannot take any more traffic. Councillor G Isherwood added that there is to be a feasibility study carried out before work begins. Councillor Tennant agreed with these comments and Councillor Taylor added that the bypass needs to be done ASAP. Mr Spawforth added that Key Land who is a partner in the developments would be able to fund the road that needs to be created. They have planned for larger developments so that the funds are available.

Councillor M Isherwood advised that the current Primary Schools are not at capacity at the moment so why is there a need for another to be created? Mr Spawforth advised that the school would only be built once there is the need for this to be, they would build on existing facilities before adding anything new.

Councillor Tennant had looked at the plans and advised that there needs to be some footpaths that remain, such as the one from Purston Park that takes you to West Hardwick. Mr Spawforth advised that there would be nothing built stopping existing footpaths being used.

Councillor Vickers added that it is immaterial what work is carried out on the A645 as traffic would not allow for another 2000 homes to be built. He added that this need series consideration as a roundabout, new traffic light system would not be enough. Councillor Vickers also advised that from the plans that he had just viewed there was a lot of open space where water was present. Councillor Vickers was against this and advised that he would stop the development as he does not wish for any loss of life due to the open waters that were in the plans. Councillor G Isherwood fully supported these comments.

Councillor Lapish asked what type of houses would be built. Mr Spawforth advised that it would be mix between rented, affordable houses and homes to purchase.

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Mr Rose and Mr Spawforth added that the next time they visit they would ask Key Land to attend alongside them. Councillors asked if they would keep an open communication with the Town Council office and that it would be a good idea to have another meeting in 6 months' time.

The Mayor and Members thanked Mr Rose and Mr Spawforth for their attendance this evening.

119/18 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday 21st July the Mayor had attended the Gala Day at South Kirkby & Moorthorpe and that she would be adding Normanton Town Gala this weekend.

The Mayor wanted to thank those who had attended the Complete Madness event and also the Afternoon Tea and BBQ that she held in aid of her charity Featherstone Food Bank.

The Mayor also wished to thank Malcolm Kendal for running the York 10K for her charity.

On Saturday 1st September the Town Council held its first Picnic in the Park event which the Mayor officially opened. She added that it was a fantastic day and that the weather was extremely kind for us.

On finishing the Mayor's announcements Councillor Woodhead advised that on Friday at 5.45pm there is to be a small ceremony marking the 125th Anniversary of the Featherstone Massacre and if anyone is available, they are more than welcome to attend.

120/18 LEADERS REPORT

Commemorative Wood New Posts – Councillor Isherwood had spoken with Street Scene at Wakefield Council in regards to the new posts for the Commemorative Wood. A sample of one was available at the meeting for Members to view. These posts are at no cost to the Town Council.

Councillor G Isherwood had held a meeting with Wakefield Council with regards to the park lake. The lake is now slowly draining and once this has been completed all of the sludge from the bottom would be taken away to be dried. Updates will be given when available.

The Leader wished to thank the Town Clerk and the Administration Assistant for their hard work in putting on the Picnic in the park at such short notice. It was a fantastic day for all. Councillor G Isherwood added that he even visited the park on Sunday afternoon and there was no litter and no sand in sight. Councillor G Isherwood moved that this is to be an annual event in the Town Council calendar. All Members agreed to this.

As the Gala had now been and gone it was time for the Town Council to start thinking of the Christmas Events and would like to arrange for a Working Party meeting to be held on Thursday 20th September. Members added this to their diaries.

Councillor Hutsby wanted to thank Councillor G Isherwood on all of his efforts and passed on congratulations to all involved. Councillor Tennant-King added that the event on Saturday was a success; however there had been numerous complaints about the face painter. The Leader advised that he and the office were aware of this and that they would not be asked to attend in the future.

121/18 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 11th July 2018 (Minute Numbers 93/18 to 107/18) be received as a true record and the contents contained therein be approved.

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122/18 MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

It was:

RESOLVED:

- a) To receive the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee dated 11th July 2018 (MIN numbers 80/18 to 92/18) and approve and note the contents contained therein.
- b) To receive the minutes of the Flowers & Lights Committee dated 19th July 2018 (MIN numbers 108/18 to 113/18) and approve and note the content contained therein with the following recommendations:

RESOLVED To order the Christmas Trees for 2018/19, in which the costings are already budgeted.

RESOLVED: That as per Minute Ref 279/14, Plantscape have performed and completed the previous contract satisfactorily. In addition to this, as the costings still represent excellent value for money that the contract is awarded for a further 3 years.

123/18 COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE

A copy of the Lease was made available to all Members on Monday 3rd September. Following no comments from Members of the Town Council, the Leader of the Town Council and the Town Clerk signed the lease on Tuesday 4th September at the Town Council's solicitors. Councillor G Isherwood added that the lease was for 25 years and was at a peppercorn rental with the option of taking over the library should the need arise. The Town Clerk wished to arrange for a Community Centre Management Committee meeting. It was

RESOLVED: That a meeting is held on Thursday 11th October at 11.00am.

124/18 MILL POND MEADOW MEMORIAL WOOD CUTTING

The site at the Memorial Commemorative Wood is severely overgrown. A meeting was held with WMDC and Roger Parkinson on site to agree a plan to keep the Commemorative Wood looking its best. A report was attached to Member's Agenda for consideration from Hazelwood Conservation showing the planned cuts and costings. It was

RESOLVED: To accept the costs from Hazelwood Conservation of £2,440.00 for 6 cuts per year of the Commemorative Wood. This would only be on a 12 month trial.

125/18 SIGNAGE FOR WAR HORSE

The Town Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for new signage for War Horse. Attached to Member's Agenda was an image of the signs for Members to view and comment on. The signs are priced at £101.34 each. The sign for the Miner's Memorial Garden is slightly higher at a cost of £179.81. It was:

RESOLVED That the above costings are approved so that the signs can be ordered.

126/18 TO DISCUSS ARMISTICE DAY 2018

This year, Armistice Day falls on Sunday 11th November. The Town Council are to consider if they wish to plan an event to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War. Councillor G Isherwood advised that the Town Council definitely need to mark the occasion; however it would be best to hold a service at Mill Pond Meadow, on either Friday 9th November or Monday 12th November. Councillor M Isherwood advised the office should consult with the Schools to find out which day would be best for them to attend.

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127/18 UPDATE ON THE MOBILE APP FOR FEATHERSTONE

Councillor K Hollis gave an update on the app and wanted to especially mention that Mr Ian Clayton has been amazing to work with. He has contributed so much to the app and has done all of the research. Now Audio Trials and Ian have started on the narration. Councillor M Isherwood advised that once the app is finished the Town Council should have a big event for the official launch, with the possibility of the app on a large screen where sections could be shown.

128/18 PLANNING AND LICENSING MATTERS

a) WMDC Planning Applications and Decisions –

Application No.	Address	Proposal	Decision
18/01495/FUL	Jaceto, New Road, Old Snydale	Creation of first floor, conversion of garage to habitable space.	
18/01578/CPL	Parkfield Farm, Cutsyke Road	Single storey side extension	Approved
18/01114/FUL	19 Ravensmead	Two storey extension to side	Approved
18/01513/FUL	97 Ackworth Road	Part single/part three storey rear extension	
18/01642/FUL	62 Willow Lane	Single storey extension to rear	
18/01657/FUL	20 Wakefield Road	Single storey front extension	
18/00953/FUL	Vicarage Court Care Home	Proposed first floor extension	Approved
18/00977/FUL	17 Chesnut Close	Single storey extension to rear/side	Approved
18/01751/REM	Land at Pontefract Road	Reserved matters for 175 dwellings and associated infrastructure	
18/01447/CPL	2 Stretton Close	Construction of a first floor extension	Approved.

b) Any other planning matters received after the date of the Agenda – None

c) Licensing Matters – None

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

129/18 REPORTS, IF ANY, FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- a) Town & Parish Council Liaison Group –** Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 27th November 2018.
- b) National Coal Mining Museum –** Councillor C Tennant reported that he had attended a very interesting meeting on Friday 13th April. The Museum had seen an extra 15,000 visitors last year and around 57,000 visitors were children. The new play area was a huge attraction; he added that it was great to hear that the mining heritage would not be forgotten by the next generation.
- c) Dementia Friends –** Councillor M Tennant-King advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 11th July. Councillor Tennant-King also added that she had attended the Cupcake Coffee Morning at Normanton Town Council as Mayor of the Occasion, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

130/18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Date	FROM	COMMENTS
17 th August 18	Newsletter – West Yorkshire Police	
3 rd August 18	Newsletter – West Yorkshire Police	
3 rd August 18	Bogus Callers Active – West Yorkshire Police	

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27 th July	Pontefract Music Festival – Thank you letter	
23 rd July 18	Prince of Wales Hospice – Thank you letter	
20 th July 18	Castleford Sea Cadets –Thank you letter	
16 th July 18	Yorkshire Air Ambulance – Thank you letter	
Any other correspondence received		

131/17 Urgent matters for information only no decisions can be made.

None

Closure and next meetings

The next meetings of the Town Council will be as follows:

Administration & Finance	Thursday 6 th September at 11.00am
Flowers & Lights	Thursday 6 th September to follow Admin & Finance
Administration & Finance	Wednesday 10 th October at 6.00pm
Full Council	Wednesday 10 th October at 7.00pm

Closure. The meeting closed at 8.25pm.