

MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Beauchamp Room, Town Hall,
Midsomer Norton on Monday 23rd April 2012
Commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Mayor: Cllr P Myers
Deputy Mayor: Cllr L Dunford
Councillors: Cllr M Evans, Cllr B Lawrence, Cllr P Moccock, Cllr S Plumley, Cllr L Robertson, Cllr R Robertson, Cllr J Slade, Cllr S Wellington

Also Present: Six (6) Members of the Public

In Attendance: Mrs Carole Sims – Administrative Officer

207. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure

The Officer present explained the fire evacuation procedure as detailed in the Agenda.

208. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor J Lewis due to a bereavement.

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reason given.

209. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor thanked Members for attending the Extraordinary Meeting of Midsomer Norton Town Council which had been convened to consider the Midsomer Norton Retail Core Feasibility Study and the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations given that the May meeting would be later than usual (21st May) and largely devoted to AGM business.

210. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

211. Minutes of Midsomer Norton Town Council Meeting – Monday 2nd April 2012

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Midsomer Norton Town Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2012 be signed and adopted as a correct record.



Owing to the attendance of representatives from Welton Baptist Church, Midsomer Norton Methodists and the Brownies/Girl Guides the Mayor brought Item 213 forward on the Agenda.

213 Midsomer Norton Jubilee Celebrations

Members were asked to consider a contingency fund of an additional £2,000.00 to secure the necessary entertainment for the Jubilee Event in order to cover any shortfall in sponsorship funding.

Cllr S Plumley took the opportunity to thank the 'Big Lunch' Committee for organising the children's afternoon event and to compliment them on the fantastic job that they were doing.

It was reported that £750.00 in sponsorship had been received.

Resolved: a. That an extraordinary payment of up to £1,250.00 be provided.
b. That all purchases be made in conjunction with the Town Council Office.

212. Midsomer Norton Economic Development Partnership: Retail Core Assessment and visualisations

Members were asked to consider a proposal to allocate a budget to commission consultants to conduct a retail assessment and produce visual concepts on options for the enhancement of the retail core of Midsomer Norton. This work would begin to take the Core Strategy forward and enable both residents, landlords and potential developers to engage with the work which had been done over the last four years. The proposed budget was £5,000.00 for concepts and £2,000.00 for the retail assessment, totalling £7,000.00.

Resolved: a. That the budget of £7,000.00 be agreed.
b. That three (3) quotes be obtained as soon as possible.

214. Temporary Prohibition of Use by Vehicles Order 2012 – High Street, Midsomer Norton - Sainbury's Paralympic Torch Relay – Sunday 13th May 2012

Members were asked to consider the application to close temporarily the length of the High Street, Midsomer Norton, which extends from its junction with Excelsoir Terrace to its junction with Silver Street during the Sainsbury's Paralympic Torch Relay.

Resolved: That the application to temporarily close the High Street be agreed.

The Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor P Moccock took the Chair for Agenda item 215.

215. Planning Applications for Consideration

Members considered a schedule of applications for planning consent that had been submitted for consultation by the local planning authority.



- a. 12/01253/AR (2011/12/083) TUI UK Retail Ltd, Thomsons, 91 High Street, MSN BA3 2DE
Display of 1 no externally-illuminated fascia sign and 1 no non-illuminated hanging sign to replace existing signage.

Recommended Approval


- b. 12/01430/FUL (2011/12/084) Ms Karen Ingham, 7 Northmead Avenue, MSN BA3 2SF
Erection of a two storey side extension.

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

- a. The proposed would be out of character with the area.
- b. The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site.
- c. The development is not in line with Policy T.26 (provision of on-site parking).

The Mayor, Councillor P Myers resumed the Chair.

Meeting finished at 7.34pm

Signed: 
Dated: 21/5/2012