

MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber at The Town Hall, Midsomer Norton on Monday 6th June 2011 Commencing at 7.00pm

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

Also Present: 11 Members of the Public and no members of the Press

In Attendance: Mr G J Furze (Locum Clerk)

20. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Miss J Lewis who had a conflicting social engagement and Councillor P Moccock who was away on holiday.

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

21. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reminded Members of the Planning Training Session taking place on Tuesday 14th June 2011 starting at 7.00pm at the Wansdyke Business Centre.

22. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Myers declared a personnel and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item Number 30 as Secretary of the 'In Bloom' Committee.

Councillor S Wellington declared a personnel and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item Number 31 as his company may be engaged to produce and place the signs.

23. Exclusion of the Press and Public– To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 28.1.

Resolved: That no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded.

24. Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting – Thursday 12th May 2011

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2011 be signed as a correct record.

25. Accounts for Payment

Members were asked to review and approve a schedule of Accounts for Payment.

Resolved: That the Schedule of Accounts for Payment be approved.

26. Planning Applications for Consideration

Members considered a schedule of applications for planning consent that had been submitted for consultation by the Local Planning Authority.

Resolved: That the Local Planning Authority be advised of the recommendations of the Council as follows:-

- a) 11/01673/FUL Mr P Copsey, 55 High Street, MSN BA3 2DQ
Change of use of tea rooms/kitchen showroom (mixed use class A1 & A3) to cafe (class A3) incorporating ramped access and new shop front.
Recommended Approval
- b) 11/01209/FUL Mr J Robbins, 30 Silver Street, MSN BA3 2EY
Replace existing interlocking concrete roof tiles with traditional clay plain tiles and install vacuum tube solar panels to the south west roof elevation of the side extension.
Recommended Approval
- c) 11/01312/FUL Mr P Singtothong, 41 High Street, MSN BA3 2DL
Change of use from Use Class A3 to Use Class A3 and A5 for the inclusion of a takeaway service at 41-42 High Street, Midsomer Norton.
Recommended Approval
- d) 11/01914/FUL Mr D Kitchen, Old Pit Cottage, Welton Grove, MSN
Erection of a single storey side extension
Recommended Approval – Keep in character with conservation area.

27. Planning Decisions

Members received a schedule of decisions made recently by the Local Planning Authority.

Resolved: To note the Planning Decisions as contained in the schedule.

28. Notices of Appeal

Members received notification that the following Planning Appeal had been made to the Planning Inspectorate:

- Appeal Ref: 11/00033RF Application Ref: 11/00364/FUL
Plot between Dymboro Villa & 17 Providence Place, Midsomer Norton;

Resolved: That the Planning Appeal be noted.

29. West Clewes Park (Welton Rovers)

Members were requested to delegate to the Locum Clerk the authority to commence discussions (on behalf of the Council) with Withy King Solicitors of Bath, in order to bring the outstanding matter of a new Lease to a speedy conclusion.

Resolved: That Cllr S Plumley, Cllr P Myers and Cllr S Wellington be appointed as the West Clewes Recreation Ground Working Party to assist the Locum Clerk.

That it be delegated to the Locum Clerk to authorised Withy King – Solicitors, to act as the Council’s Solicitors, with a view to bringing the outstanding matter of a new lease to a speedy conclusion.

Cllr P Myers withdrew from the meeting at 7.31pm and took no part in the next item of business.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Dunford took the chair for the next item of business.

30. Midsomer Norton In Bloom

Members were asked to consider an application from Midsomer Norton In Bloom Committee for a grant of £5,000.

Resolved: That the grant of £5,000 to Midsomer Norton In Bloom Committee be approved.

Cllr P Myers rejoined the meeting at 7.35pm and resumed the Chair.

Cllr S Wellington withdrew from the meeting at 7.35pm and took no part in the next item of business.

31. Midsomer Norton Gateway Signs

Members were requested to affirm support of the proposals previously submitted to Bath & North East Somerset Council for new Gateway signs.

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.42pm to allow BaNES Cllr B Macrae to address Council in connection with this matter.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.43pm

Resolved: That full support be given to the BaNES proposal for new Gateway signs to be produced and placed.

Cllr S Wellington rejoined the meeting at 7.46pm

32. Reports from Representatives

Representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations were asked if they had any reports to submit.

No reports were given.

33. Appointment of Town Clerk

The Locum Clerk updated Members with a verbal report on progress towards the appointment of a Town Clerk.

- Resolved:**
- a. That the Locum Clerk's report be noted;
 - b. That for the interviews mileage expenses be paid at the rate of 17p per mile;
 - c. That at the discretion of the Appointments Panel, Bed & Breakfast accommodation be offered at the rate of up to £70.00 per night for those applicants requiring it..

34. Council Office move to Midsomer Norton Town Hall

The Locum Clerk and Cllr J Slade updated Members on the Office move to Midsomer Norton Town Hall.

Resolved: That the proposal by South West Telecoms be accepted and the Locum Clerk is authorised to sign the orders and lease documents.

That the Locum Clerk in conjunction with Cllrs Slade and Wellington source a suitable printer/photo-copier/scanner.

The Meeting finished at 8.19pm

A signed copy of the minutes can be viewed at the Town Council Offices

Signed:

Dated: