



# Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Paul Myers

Town Clerk: Clive Stilwell

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Beauchamp Room  
at the Town Hall, Midsomer Norton on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013  
Commencing at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Town Mayor: Cllr P Myers

Councillors: Cllr S Box, Cllr L Dunford, Cllr M Evans (Deputy Mayor),  
Cllr B Lawrence Cllr J Lewis, Cllr S Plumley, Cllr L Robertson, Cllr R  
Robertson, Cllr J Slade

**Also Present:** 8 members of the Public

**In Attendance:** Clive Stilwell – Town Clerk

## **Public Question Time**

The Mayor invited members of the public to address the Council ahead of the commencement of the meeting. As a result, two members of the public addressed the Council regarding Agenda Item 71.

### **65. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure**

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

### **66. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given**

There were no apologies received.

### **67. Mayor's Announcements**

There were no Mayor's Announcements

### **68. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest to be reported.

### **69. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 28.1.

### **70. Minutes of the Midsomer Norton Town Council Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Midsomer Norton Town Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 had been circulated in the Agenda.

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Midsomer Norton Town Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be signed and adopted as a correct record subject to a minor typing amendment. The Mayor subsequently signed the minutes.

**71. Appeal against the outcome of a Licensing Review by B&NES Licensing Sub Committee**

Cllr L Dunford introduced the paper that had been circulated with the Agenda regarding the outcome of the Licensing Review involving the Greyhound Hotel. A number of issues were discussed relating to the impact that the changes in conditions for one premise might have on the progress made to address anti-social behaviour. Members also recognised the importance of achieving a balance between encouraging the night time economy to flourish and serving the interests of the community as a whole.

**Resolved:** That Council should:

- 1 - Lodge an appeal against the decision of the B&NES licence sub-committee with regards to the Greyhound Hotel review.
- 2 - Commit £400 to lodge the appeal.
- 3 – Task the Town Clerk to commission legal advice to support the appeal and plan an appropriate press release.
- 4 - Be consulted for approval to proceed to the court stage (likely to be 4 to 5 months away) when more detailed legal advice on the strength of the case and the potential for costs to be awarded against the Council is obtained.

**Meeting closed at 6.44pm**

**Signed:**   
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(Chairman & Mayor)

**Dated:** 2 - 12 - 2013  
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