# **ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL**

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015 AT ALFRETON HOUSE HIGH STREET ALFRETON.

PRESENT;

Councillor G Dolman Mayor

Councillor M Bennett Deputy Mayor

And Councillors:

P Bennett, J Brown, M Brown, P Hunt, J Walker and S Walker

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Richardson, S Marshall-Clarke, J Gdula (family commitment) M Kerry (illness), P Woodhouse (work commitment)

2. Public Participation

There was none.

- To receive any declarations of interest from Members.
   Councillors M Bennett and J Walker declared a prejudicial interest in item 11e To receive a report on the review of staff wages
- 4. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public. The Town Clerk recommends that the following items are taken in exclusion: 11e To receive a report on the review of staff wages
- To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available.
   PC C Hart attended the meeting. An update was given on the Shoplifting campaign in December which reduced from 49 thefts to 25 for Alfreton, South Normanton and Mc Arthur Glen.
- 6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014, copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.

  Members **APPROVED** the minutes.
- 7. After consideration, to approve the signature of the Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 by the person presiding as a correct record.

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes are recorded as a correct record of the meeting.

8. To consider an update report from the Town Clerk on progress on the actions arising from minutes. (Monitoring Report)

Toilets on Rodgers Lane: Expected to be completed January or early February.

To write to Amber Valley Borough Council and request an update on expected opening date and a timetable of work, cc to John McCabe.

Pigeon Nuisance: Members heard an update from the Town Clerk. Minutes of the meeting held in December will be made available. Follow-up meeting will be arranged.

Alfreton Train Station: East Midlands Trains will hold a meeting in February with the Council and stakeholders to update them on plans for the station

- 9. To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting.
  There was none
- 10. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees.

  There was none
- 11. To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.
  - To receive details of a review of Councillors' Allowances Members NOTED the content of the letter RESOLVED

That no change is made to Alfreton Town Councils operations
That a letter is sent to Amber Valley Borough Council requesting specific remuneration schemes for other Town Councils

- b) To receive a letter regarding code of conduct complaints Members **NOTED** the content of the letter
- To consider a 'link member' for Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group Members discussed the content of the report

### **RESOLVED**

That an item is added to the Parish Meeting to appoint a nominee

 d) Proposed residential development off Eachwell Lane. To consider a request that the Town Council adopts a balancing pond as part of public open space Members discussed the report and attached letter.

## **RESOLVED**

To respond to BenBailey. The Town Council considered adopting the balancing pond, due to future costs and liabilities this would not be an option.

e) ITEM HEARD IN EXCLUSION

f) To receive details of Derbyshire County Councils consultation on the D2 Combined Authority Proposal

Members AGREED with the proposal made.

#### **RESOLVED**

That a response is sent to Derbyshire County Council in support of this proposal and that it will benefit Alfreton Town Council and 90% of other councils.

- g) To consider grant applications from:
  - i. Alfreton Rendezvous Group (£500.00) Members discussed the request made.

#### **RESOLVED**

To defer the grant to obtain further details regarding the rental of the room

ii. ADASC (£1500.00)

Members discussed the request made which is a repeat of previous years support. Members acknowledged the work of ADASC and benefit of children from Alfreton and surrounding areas.

# **RESOLVED**

Members AGREED to grant £1500.00

12. To receive reports from representative on Outside Bodies. There are none.

13. To authorise the signing of orders for payment

# **RESOLVED**

Members authorised the orders for payment for

November £9749.09

December £8942.30

Additional items were authorised for payment as follows:

Company	Cheque Number	Amount	Budget
Keepsafe Security	101153	£34.80	Alfreton House
AA	101154	£150.50	Motor vehicle
AVBC	101155	£3000.00	Capital Projects –
			Environment
Sterling Business	101156	£176.74	Admin
Solutions			
Sterling Business	101157	£452.95	Admin
Solutions			