

MINUTES OF ALFRETON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH JULY 2015 AT 7:00PM

Present:

Mayor M Bennett

And Councillors:

P Bennett, G Dolman, J Gdula, P Hunt, C O'Brien, A Richardson, J Smith, J Walker, S Walker, K Wood, and P Woodhouse.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Councillors:

K Moss – Prior arrangements

M Kerry – Illness

S Marshall-Clarke – Other commitment

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

Councillor S Walker – Personal interest in items

3i Public Participation - Resident regarding noise pollution

15jii To consider grant applications from: Alfreton Cricket Club (£1,500.00)

Remain in the meeting but not vote

3. Public Participation

i. Resident regarding noise pollution

Members heard from a member of the public regarding issues with factory noise on Salcombe Road

RESOLVED

To write to a Senior Officer at AVBC regarding lack of consultation

ii. Resident regarding proposed closure of The Glebe Care Home

Members heard from a relative of a resident of the Glebe regarding concerns with inaccurate reporting of figures

RESOLVED

- a. Write to a Senior Officer of DCC Social Care, copied to local County Councillors, Alfreton Town Council is completely opposed to the proposed closure; it believes that the analysis which drives the proposal is flawed. The proposal is predisposed towards an economic motive and the case for closure is biased to support that hypothesis

- b. That the Council hold a surgery at Alfreton House
Tuesday am and Thursday pm during July or August to hear from local people

4. To consider any items which should be taken in exclusion of the press and public.
The Town Clerk recommends that the following item is taken in exclusion:
15i) To receive an update of rental costs for existing and vacant offices at Alfreton House and other rented properties
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5. To hear from a representative of Derbyshire Police should one be available.
There was none.
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6. To read and consider the Minutes of the Annual meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 19th May 2015, copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.
*Members **MOVED** the minutes.*
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7. After consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes of 19th May 2015 by the person presiding as a correct record.
RESOLVED
The minutes were recorded as a correct record
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8. To read and consider the Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.
*Members **MOVED** the minutes.*
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9. After consideration to approve the signature of the Parish Meeting Minutes of 19th May 2015 by the person presiding as a correct record.
RESOLVED
The minutes were recorded as a correct record
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10. To read and consider the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of Alfreton Town Council held on Tuesday 26th May 2015, copies have been circulated to each Member with the summons to attend the meeting; the Minutes may be taken as read.
*Members **MOVED** the minutes.*
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11. After consideration to approve the signature of the Minutes of 26th May 2015 by the person presiding as a correct record.
RESOLVED
The minutes were recorded as a correct record
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12. To consider an update report from the Town Clerk on progress on the actions arising from minutes. (Monitoring Report)

Update requested on Pigeons on Institute Lane

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk contacts AVBC for details of progress and requests bigger signs through the town

The Town Clerk explained the Hours and Leave Record which ends in August.

13. To dispose of business, if any, remaining from the last meeting.

There was none.

14. To receive and consider reports and minutes of committees.

- a. To receive and approve the minutes of the Communications Meeting held on 26th May 2015

- i. To receive and approve the Council Communications Protocol

RESOLVED

- i. The minutes were recorded as a correct record
ii. The Council Communications Protocol was adopted
iii. The Lead and Support Members for Finance and Personnel, in consultation with the members of the Communications Committee are given delegated powers to introduce such staffing changes that are necessary to introduce the Council Communications
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- b. To receive and approve the minutes of the Health and Safety Meeting held on 17th June 2015

RESOLVED

- i. The minutes were recorded as a correct record and recommendations accepted
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- c. To receive and approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held with Trent Buses on 23rd June 2015

RESOLVED

- i. The minutes were recorded as a correct record
ii. That the press release is reissued
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15. To receive and consider additional agenda items in the order in which they have been notified.

- a) To receive the Derbyshire Pension Fund and consider adopting employer discretions
Members considered the information received

RESOLVED

That a working group of Councillors M Kerry, G Dolman and S Walker review the detail and report to a future Council meeting

- b) To receive a letter from Derbyshire County Council regarding clean-up work across Derbyshire

Members considered the details

RESOLVED

That the details are considered in conjunction with the Tour of the Town

- c) To consider a response to the consultation of the proposed closure of the Glebe Care Home

Item considered at point 3ii

RESOLVED

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- d) To consider a designated public place order (alcohol free zone) for the grounds of Alfreton House

Members considered the detail of the report and complaints from residents

RESOLVED

- i. That a designated public place order for the Grounds of Alfreton House is pursued with AVBC and Police
 - ii. That the CCTV is moved to cover the area as a deterrent
 - iii. That AVBC is contacted to consider specialist lighting
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- e) To receive details from Unity Trust Bank and the introduction of charges

Members NOTED the content of the report

RESOLVED

- i. That the Responsible Finance Officer meets with the Lead Officer for Finance to minimise ongoing costs
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- f) To hear an update on the VJ Commemoration from Councillor M Bennett or Councillor G Dolman

Members heard from Councillor M Bennett

RESOLVED

That VJ celebrations are postponed until 7th November 2015 in Firs Gardens
With a budget of £1000.00 from Capital Funds (Environment)

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- g) To consider a request from Keep Britain Tidy to meet and discuss Alfreton Brook
Members considered the detail in the report

RESOLVED

That Councillor S Marshall-Clarke responds on behalf of ATC

- h) To receive a report on Legionella Risk Assessment

The report was MOVED and ACCEPTED

RESOLVED

- i. The minutes were recorded as a correct record and recommendations accepted
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- i) TAKEN IN EXCLUSION
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- j) To consider grant applications from:

- i. Alfreton and District U3A (£480.00)

Members review the detail received

RESOLVED

That a grant is awarded to the value of £200.00

- ii. Alfreton Cricket Club (£1,500.00)

Members review the detail received

RESOLVED

That a grant is awarded to the value of £1,500.00

- iii. Alfreton Party in the Park (£3,000.00)

Members review the detail received

RESOLVED

That a grant is awarded to the value of £3,000.00

- iv. Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres (£2,500.00)

Members review the detail received

RESOLVED

That a grant is awarded to the value of £2,500.00

- k) Process for responding to planning applications.

Members considered the report received

RESOLVED

- i. That the Planning Protocol is adopted

- ii. Instruction taken only from the Chair and Vice Chair or by resolution of the Planning Committee when it is called.
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- l) Overgrown footpath, Carnfield Hill
Members heard from Councillor Smith

RESOLVED

That an email is sent to both Derbyshire County Council and Bolsover District Council to inform of issues and request assistance at the area

16. To receive reports from representative on Outside Bodies.

Councillor P Bennet – Access

Health Watch UK require feedback from service received at public centres (i.e doctors/dentist) to improve facilities

Ripley Hospital is having a makeover

Councillor G Dolman – Air Cadets

Happy to support Civic Event and Christmas Event

Support available for VJ Day on 7th November

Would like to be involved in all public events

Councillor A Richardson – Pubwatch

Trouble was report at the match of Alfreton and Sheffield, large police presence

Devonshire has re-opened

King Alfred has new landlords

17. To authorise the signing of orders for payment.

RESOLVED

The accounts shown in the agenda were received and Payments for:

May were approved for £10,047.06

June were approved for £10,984.87

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