**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday 12th July 2016**

**Present:** Councillor D Appleyard

Councillor Mrs E Blezard

Councillor Miss J Botterill

Councillor Miss J Farrar

Councillor J Hepworth

Councillor S Hudson – Deputy Mayor

Councillor Mrs H W Jones

Councillor B Mayne

Councillor Mrs P Mayne

Councillor Mrs A. Moran

Councillor Mrs C Moran, BEM

Councillor R Seal

Councillor B Smith

Councillor A Wassell

Councillor K. Wilson, JP

**48. Welcome & Apologies**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members’ apologies for their inability to attend were recorded in the apology book.

The Mayor’s Chaplain led the Council in prayers.

**49. Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor reported on events he had attended during the past month and also on events that he would be attending in the coming month:

15th July Coffee Morning at Wakefield Town Hall

17th July Civic Sunday at Snaith

24th July Open Gardens at Doncaster

1st August Yorkshire Day at Halifax

The Mayor offered his thanks to those who attended Civic Sunday

and Party @ Haw Hill Park. Thanks were recorded to Donna and

Louise for their work in organising the events.

**50. Members Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded of the requirement to make an appropriate declaration at the meeting on any item in which they had an interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

The following declarations were made:

Councillor A Wassell

Non Pecuniary Interest – Planning

Member of the WMDC Planning Committee

Councillor Mrs E Blezard

Non Pecuniary Interest – Planning

Member of the WMDC Planning Committee

**51. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

There were no items of a confidential nature from which the public and press were required to be excluded.

**52. Members of the Public.**

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask questions.

**53. Minutes of Council Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of a Meeting of Normanton Town Council held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 (Minute Numbers 26-47; Pages 7-15) be received as a true record and the contents contained therein be approved.

(Proposed by Councillor Mrs C Moran / Seconded by Councillor Mrs P Mayne)

**54. Visit to Sandal Library**

Councillor Mrs E Blezard reported that it had been a good visit to the library.

The intention was to set up a regular dementia friendly event at Normanton Library. Equipment could be available from Sandal Library. Funding information had been sent to the Town Clerk to apply for money for furniture and equipment. Awareness training would be available for Councillors. There were three partners interested in working together including The Well, Rotary and NASCA. There would be no cost initially and improvements include changing signage and mats. It was hoped that these improvements could be rolled out to the Town Hall. A further report will be included on the next Council Agenda.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

**55. Correspondence**

Jordans Solicitors – Allotment Deeds

A letter from Jordan’s Solicitors regarding various allotment deeds previously held by Dixon, Coles and Gill was received.

RESOLVED that the deeds be retained by Jordans.

Chadwick Lawrence – Woodhouse Community Centre Deeds

A letter from Chadwick Lawrence regarding the Woodhouse Community Centre deeds previously held by Dixon, Coles and Gill was received.

RESOLVED that the deeds be retained by Chadwick Lawrence.

**56. Rail Franchise Brief**

Councillor G Croft was not in attendance to present his report. Members were generally supportive of the points raised in the written report which called for improved rail services for the people of Normanton.

Comments were received from Councillor Mrs L Masterman which echoed the points raised in the report.

It was suggested that the report should be sent to Councillor Glynn Lloyd at WMDC.

Members expressed concern that the former scaffolding site was To Let, when they had been given to understand it was to be used as part of the car park extension.

RESOLVED that the report be received and noted and that:

1. The report be sent to Councillor G Lloyd at WMDC
2. Network/Northern Rail be contacted for an update on the car park extension.

**57. Reports from Outside Bodies**

Freeston Foundation

The Freeston Foundation would meet on Thursday with a report to follow at the next meeting.

The Well Project

The Well Project had met with Yvette Cooper, MP to discuss funding opportunities.

This would be discussed by the Normanton Town Council’s Finance and General Purposes Committee in September.

Yvette offered to Chair a Local Business Forum to discuss the impact of Brexit, Training and The Well.

Enchanted Garden at Haw Hill Park

An enchanted garden is being created in Haw Hill Park which has involved Schools, District Councillors and Friends of Haw Hill Park.

It was due to be opened on 30th July and would include a picnic area, fairy doors, toadstools and elves in the trees.

It was hoped that the Town Council would support the project.

This would be included as an item on the next Council Agenda.

RESOLVED that the reports from outside bodies be received.

**58. Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the list of accounts for payment totalling £10,011.52 be approved for payment.

**59. Planning**

Planning lists were circulated as follows – No objections were received.

Validated Applications

3rd May 2016

10th May 2016

13th June 2016

20th June 2016

Planning Decisions

25th – 29th April 2016

2nd – 6th May 2016

6th June – 10th June 2016

13th – 17th June 2016

20th – 24th June 2016

A licensing objection was submitted for 68 High Street, due to concerns about parking. It was reported that this is not a valid licensing objection and could not be considered.

In the absence of any further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.