



## ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting of ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL held at Alexander House, High Street, Askern, Doncaster DN6 0AB on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 6.00pm.

**Present** - Councillors: Cllr George Gracey, Cllr John Rowley, Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Nichola Roberts, Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr. Sharon Mitchell and Cllr Mark Faulkner.

**In attendance** – 5 members of the public and Anna Marsden (Clerk)

Cllr. Keeble welcomed all to the meeting and explained housekeeping.  
There were no agenda items to which the public or press were excluded.

1. Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Bennett & Cllr. Noon.
2. No declarations of interests were received.
3. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were approved and accepted for accuracy.
4. Items arising from previous meeting minutes:  
Item 9. 1 – The clerk shared that fire escapes are coming back between £1,500 - £2,500 and that she will contact South Yorkshire Fire for further guidance.

Item 10.2 – The Chair shared that most interviews had taken place for the cleaner vacancy and that 2 had been re-arranged due to schedule conflicts. The interview panel will then gather to select who will be hired.

5. City Councillor Iris Beech informed the council that there was to be a meeting at the end of July at the Woodyard Development site to go over the final details. It was asked why the yellow lines down Station Rd hadn't been painted yet and when they have been re-laid, how will they be enforced? Cllr Beech explained that the lines were on a work order with 'Highways' and should be done soon and that she would enquire about the signage requirements to make the lines enforceable. Cllr Faulkner asked about the approved plans for the Warren House Park development, specifically if there was to be a turning area only or a thoroughfare. He explained that they had created a very dangerous thoroughfare between Park Avenue and Airstone Rd, with accidents happening frequently due to speeding – Cllr Beech will enquire to see what was approved. A Cllr also reported that there was a family / children in need / substance dealing & dangerous dogs situation that they were aware of and had reported to the police, Social Care and Doncaster Council, however, they were informed no action could be taken - Cllr Beech will also report this.

**10.**

*It was APPROVED that this item be moved and heard after item 5.*

The final preparations for the summer gala were discussed. Everyone who is able and available will meet around 7am – 7:15am to begin setting up. The Cadets will arrive around 8am and support with the set up. All Cllrs / staff will have Walkie- talkies to communicate throughout the day. Cllr Jackson & the Clerk would bring water for the dog show. Car park marshals will be in place from 8am – midday. Cllrs Roberts & Mitchell will meet on Friday at 4pm with the Clerk to put out the relevant signage.

**6.**

6.1 – The play park report was noted, and the Council APPROVED the quote for a new instruction panel.

6.2 – The Council noted an enquiry from a resident regarding the creation of a dog park, unfortunately, this is something that the Council had considered before but deemed not financially feasible.

6.3 – The two play park reports from Zurich were noted.

6.4 – The Council APPROVED a Doncaster Council Youth Officer holding sports activities on the event field and thanked them for all of the documentation provided. They asked that the site be litter picked afterwards.

*Cllr Mitchell leaves.*

**7.**

7.1 – The ASB occurring around Askern Lake was discussed in full, including issues with knives, streaking and animal abuse. The clerk confirmed all of this information had been passed to the police and Doncaster Council. Cllr Roberts said that she will discuss CCTV with Doncaster Council to try and find a way forward.

7.2 – Ward Cllr Beech informed the Council that the trees around Askern Lake would not have a protection order placed on them, as they are Council owned trees.

7.3 – It was agreed that the Clerk would email Street Scenes to request that the shrubs around the lakeside car park (on the roadside) are cut back.

**8.**

8.1 – The Council discussed the rate for the returnable bond for hall hirers. The Council voted on this matter, and it was RESOLVED – the returnable bond rate will be set at £50 before 5pm and then £100 after 5pm, with some flexibility for the office.

8.2 – Deferred and the Clerk was asked to gather further quotes in relation to AH's hygiene equipment.

8.3 – The Council will discuss the overgrown tree with all relevant parties and ask for access to perform the maintenance.

8.4 – An update was received regarding the Woodyard Development and the surrender of the lease for the Events Field, legal guidance had been gathered at no cost to ATC.

**9.**

9.1- Payments – APPROVED

9.2- Receipts – APPROVED

9.3- BACS – APPROVED

**10.**

*This item was moved and heard after item 5.*

This meeting was closed at 8.07pm.

**Members of the Council**

**Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr Cheri Bennett, Cllr George Gracey,  
Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Nichola Roberts,  
Cllr Thomas Noon, Cllr John Rowley, Cllr Sharon Mitchell and Cllr Mark Faulkner**