



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 25th June 2024 at 6.00pm.

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

In attendance – 3 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. Mitchell.
Apologies were not received from Cllr Noon.
2. Cllr. Rowley declared an interest in item 9.2 on the agenda.
3. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 21st May 2024 were approved and accepted for accuracy.
4. Items arising from previous meeting minutes:
Item 8.2 – The progress of contacting DCLT to arrange a meeting to discuss the Leisure Centre was questioned, the Clerk will chase this up.

Item 9.2 – The progress of arranging a Sunday car boot once a month was discussed. The Clerk expressed concerns about this, and it was agreed it would need further planning.

At the last meeting the council were given a draft lease agreement for Askern Lake from previous discussions with Doncaster Council, to familiarize themselves with the documentation. Since this, Doncaster Council have informed ATC that they need more time until they can provide us with more up to date proposals.

5. A representative from Christmas Plus gave a presentation on what they can offer Askern regarding festive lighting. He informed the Council how they work and answered questions asked by the councillors. The Council shared that they would like to sign up to a 5-year contract and asked them to provide us with a full quote for this. It was noted that further quotes would need to be gathered.
6. City Councillor Iris Beech informed the council that East Field Hall had been refused

planning permission in regard to the high fencing around their border. Furthermore, she had recently enquired into the condition and safety of the overgrown land plot near to Poseidon on Moss Rd – this has been passed on to Enforcement. She also informed the Council that the new Defibrillator will be fitted to the Norbreck Community Building on the 26th June. A Councillor asked about the progress made with the high fencing around Chapel House, there were no further updates. Another Councillor enquired why potholes around the Market Place were being corrected with a Wacker Plate as this only temporarily fixes the problem, and Doncaster Council had purchased new, more advanced equipment to improve the highways. The removal of the bench at the railway was discussed and Cllr Beech explained that this hopefully will be re-installed in a safer position.

7. The Council discussed and considered the following planning applications:

- 7.1 - Planning application – 24/00969/FUL – No comments or objections from the Council
- 7.2 - Planning application – 24/01029/FULM – No comments or objections from the Council

8.

8.1 - The information from Street Scenes regarding the boat ramp was noted.

8.2 - The Council formally accepted a member of staff's resignation and passed on their thanks for years of great service to ATC. The Council wish them all the best for their retirement.

9.

9.1 - Utilising the upstairs space at AH was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue for advice and to price up the cost for a fire escape.

9.2 – *Cllr Rowley left the room for this item.* The retrospective invoice for PA services was not approved.

10.

10.1 – The arrangements for any further PA requirements for events at AH was deferred.

10.2 – The Council approved holding some interviews on the 1st of July starting at 9:30am at AH. The interview panel will be Cllrs, Keeble, Jackson & Gracey.

11.

11.1- Payments – APPROVED

11.2- Receipts – APPROVED

11.3- BACS – APPROVED

11.4 - To receive and note the internal audit – received and APPROVED

11.5 - The annual governance and accountability return for the external audit of Askern Town Council 2023/24 including the annual governance statements and accounting statements were APPROVED.

This meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

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