

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

INC: MYNDTOWN, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR

MEETING NOTICE

Dear Councillor

As you will all be aware that sadly Keith passed away suddenly on December 27th. His funeral takes place this Friday (6th), 1pm at Ratlinghope Church. I am sure he would wish us to continue as usual so therefore I hereby give notice that the next meeting of the above Council will be a General Meeting to be held at Norbury Village Hall on Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30pm.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted as set out here under.

Dated: 4th January 2012

Lesley Thomas (Clerk)

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AGENDA

A Minutes Silence will be held in Respect of Keith Mansell MBE

1. Apologies:

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2. Minutes of: 7th Nov 2011:

3. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillors are reminded on the guidance on declaring a personal/prejudicial interest at meetings: 1. A personal interest arises where the matter under consideration is likely to affect your wellbeing or financial position or that of your family, friends or business associates more than it would affect the majority of: (a) those who live in the electoral area to which the decision relates; or (b) the County's inhabitants generally. 2. You must declare your interest before the matter is discussed or as soon as the interest becomes apparent except when this arises because you (a) are a member or senior member of another public body, or (b) have been appointed to serve as the Council's representative on another body. In such circumstances you need only declare your interest if you intend to speak or do speak. 3. You should say you have a personal interest in item... and declare its nature. Having declared your interest, you are then entitled to remain in the meeting, and you can also vote at the end of the debate.

4. **Matters Arising:**

- KM wrote to Sally Anne thanking her for her service to this Parish Council
- The new Village Hall Premises Licence has been Approved. A Summary Copy will be on permanent display within the village hall outlining the times authorised for the carrying out of licensable activities. The full Licence will be in the possession of Rev N Morris & the clerk to Myndtown Combined PC will also hold a copy. The previous Licence must now be surrendered.
- At the previous meeting it was agreed to purchase an ACRE Model Hire Agreement form for the village hall and also information leaflets. This has not been necessary due to the Community Buildings Team having e-mailed LT copies free of charge. These have been forwarded on to Alan Brandon and Rev N Morris. Therefore the approved cheque for £50 no: 100612 has been destroyed.
- The submitted Proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act by Leiston-cum-Sizewell TC to give Town & PC's new tools to better assess major planning applications that will affect their area has been constructively negotiated by Government. Prospects look good that they will soon agree to the proposal and thus issue the required official planning guidance.
- Michael Dyson Associates-Housing Survey on behalf of SC. The point of this survey was in connection with the funding applied for from SC to Government for the purpose of providing grant aid for loft insulation etc to households in the County.
- Casual Vacancy: The notices have been displayed but unfortunately no one has come forward to replace Sally Anne in the Myndtown Ward. This Council is now free to co-opt. LT has the necessary forms for a new signatory on MPM Bank Accounts.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 11/11/11: Community Acc-£6,896.82 B/P Acc-£2651.21

Out of this, £495.88 remains in the Norbury Walls maintenance/repairs fund.

(a) Donation Requests:

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(b) Cheques for Approval/Payment:

- NV Hall x1 meeting-£15

Precept-Discussion

Please note there may be other cheques for approval

6. Housing & Building Control:

Applications recently Received/Approved:

- 11/04645/F-Erection of a single storey replacement building @ Manor Cottage, R'hope. SV: 21/11/11. IA: SB AS OG CB AP & LT. N/O. Approved: 6/12/11
- 11/04616/F-Retrospective for change of use of land for keeping horses & retention of stable block, wildlife pond, walkways & decking on Land at Rockfield, Wentnor. SV: 21/11/11. IA: KM SB AS OG CB AP & LT. N/O.
- 11/04846/F- Construction of new rear porch and canopy. SV: 21/11/11. IA: KM SB CB OG AP AS & LT. N/O. Approved: 21/12/11
- 11/04792/F- Retrospective for Erection of a gazebo to include decking @ Norbury CP School. SV: 21/11/11. IA: KM SB CB OG AP AS & LT. N/O. Approved: 20/12/11
- 11/04334/F- Retention of existing log cabin for holiday let @ Mynd Fm, Asterton. SV: 21/11/11. IA: KM SB CB OG AP AS & LT. N/O. Approved: 9/12/11
- 11/05251/LBC & 11/05249/F-Erection of single storey side extension @ The Horseshoe Inn, Bridges. SV: 13/12/11. IA: KM AP AS TB & LT. N/O
- 11/05243/F-Erection of timber building to provide ancillary annexe to main dwelling @ Pollardine Fm, Gatten. SV: 13/12/11. IA: KM AP AS TB & LT. N/O
- 11/04836/F- Replacement of extant permission for conversion of outbuilding to one dwelling @ The Firs, Whitcot. SV: 13/12/11. IA: KM AP AS TB & LT. N/O

ALC Email: Are Parish/Town Councils beginning to have some reservations about Single Plot Affordable Housing Policy? Prees Parish Council is concerned with how many applications they have dealt with recently, in areas where development would not normally be permitted. They are alarmed that there seems little they can do to stop singular houses sprouting up in the countryside despite having identified sites for development in their SAMdev response. Some applications are from people who already own properties within their parish who outwardly could afford to downsize but the housing criteria seems to be so wide that they can still get into the scheme. Prees have also requested NALC to identify if there is a formal route whereby PC's could get a planning policy adopted by the SC Unitary Authority reviewed. The policy is for Single Plot Affordable Housing in open countryside and falls within the exemption sites area of national planning policy. However, SC is the only authority in the country that has seen fit to extend this policy in this way and Prees PC is becoming concerned at the level of development in open countryside on sites previously considered inappropriate for development. *Any Comments?*

Rural Services Network Report that MP's have warned that significant changes must be made to the Government Draft Planning Framework. 'Ministers should remove the default answer of "Yes" to development from the National Planning Policy Framework' said the Communities & Local Government Select Committee.

7. Village Hall:

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8. Tourism & Leisure:

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9. Parish Environment:

- Overhead cable diversion @ Asterton-*Discussion*

10. Roads:

- Notification of Road Closure: Stedment No 6 Cattle Grid. Due to land now being fenced on both sides, works to remove the cattle grid will begin on Monday 13th Feb 12.

11. Transport:

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12. Business:

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13. Communication:

- website address www.myndtown.org.uk
- Alc Website- www.2shrop.net/alc
- Police non-emergency number is a national number for less urgent crime and general police enquiries. i.e. car stolen, property damage, drug use/dealing, minor traffic collision and local area crime. Calls to **101** will cost 15p per call (landline & mobile) and service is available 24/7.

14. Correspondence:

- NALC Briefing-Localism Act
Please note there may be other items of correspondence

15. Other Matters:

- Meeting dates for 2012- 5th March, 2nd April x4 Parish Meetings, 14th May-AGM, 2nd July. 10th Sept, 12th Nov.
- MPM-Water Rates- D/D Instructions have been submitted