

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on
TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2007 in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors : JF Mooney
SN Dumbrell
AN Howell
MR Goldspink
LC Elston

Also present Councillors: LP Dawes, C Kent, MJ Gibbins, PN Broome & F Davila

Cllr Mooney Presiding.

4 members of the public present

LE82/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from DWS Fletcher & N Ward

LE83/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST JF Mooney as substitute member of South Norfolk North West Planning committee- took no part in debate or vote on the planning agenda.

LE84/07 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Planning agenda item 1 – Agent explained that this was a re-submission and amendments had been made to a) ensure there was a minimal loss of trees b) Improved drainage c) South access to be used with no objections from highways 4) one & half storey building to improve privacy for neighbouring properties. Mr Foyle of 23A Silfield Road objected - concerns over a) Insufficient access for emergency services b) Additional pressure on sewers c) Increased noise / pollution d) traffic concerns e) concerns that photos submitted with application didn't show true picture

Planning agenda item 2 – Mrs Murrell 3 Folly Road objected - concerns over a) Increase traffic b) Type of house was out of character c) Detrimental to street scene as front of new houses were not in line with existing properties d) loss of light due to proposed fence near her door. Mr Francis 1 Folly Road concerns over planning process.

LE85/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS these were presented by Cllr. Broome and shown separately.

LE86/07 MINUTES OF MEETING held on 18th September 2007 were approved as a correct record on the proposition of Cllr. Goldspink and seconded by Cllr. Howell

LE87/07 MATTERS ARISING

LE77/07 YOUTH CAFÉ / DROP IN CENTRE Clerk confirmed that a business plan was being prepared and would be presented to Council in due course.

LE80/07 CARBON TRUST SURVEY Clerk advised that a survey could only be undertaken if the Councils energy bills exceeded £50,000pa.

LE88/07 BRIGHTER WYMONDHAM Cllr. Mooney advised that the recent scheduled meeting had been postponed and would be re-arranged shortly. Advice from South Norfolk could be obtained in respect of the proposed litter picking events to be undertaken by the girl guides. He thanked the Council staff for work on the planters near the war memorial prior to the remembrance event on the 11th November.

LE89/07 OPEN SPACES Clerk reported that following contact from residents work needed to be undertaken on the hedges at Bellrope lane, contact had also been received from Norfolk County Council in respect of the boundary between Browick Road recreation ground and Ayton Road. A local contractor had quoted £4,000 to undertake the work and this was agreed subject to a boundary review with Norfolk County Council in respect of Ayton Road.

LE90/07 CHAPEL LANE ALLOTMENTS Clerk reported that work had been completed on the site with the exception of the installation of water containers. The majority of the individual plots were now occupied and that only a few outstanding agreements were awaited. There is still a waiting list of 28 residents and this was growing. An official opening ceremony, followed by a press release will take place shortly.

LE91/07 COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME Cllr. Mooney outlined the scheme and suggested that the new allotments at Chapel Lane should be considered as a possible site. It was agreed that he would approach South Norfolk to discuss the matter further and that if successful it may be that the allotment holders would run the scheme and apply for suitable grants.

LE92/07 KETTS PARK Cllr. Kent reported that the first meeting of the newly formed committee had taken place, and that the new arrangements for the administration of the facility were taking shape. The intruder alarm system was being upgraded so that a record of groups using the building would be available and that the alarm would be set by using a fob and not by a number pad.

LE93/07 STREET FURNITURE Clerk advised that funds had been budgeted for in the next financial year under 'Brighter Wymondham' and within this it was anticipated that seats would continue to be either refurbished or replaced. New seats had been installed in Pole Street, Applegarth and Folly Road. As agreed by Council a seat was shortly to be installed in Sutton Lane.

LE94/07 CEMETERY & TOLLS MEADOW

- A) A new terms of reference for the group as attached to these minutes was approved.
- B) Clerk highlighted concerns over the poor condition of the paths. It was agreed that aided by Cllr. Broome a specification should be drawn up and quotations obtained.
- C) Working party dates as attached to these minutes were noted.
- D) Clerk explained that the Cemetery / Tolls meadow working group has requested consideration of a tree management survey. Following the recent tragic case at Blickling Hall it was important that trees on Council land were inspected regularly and remedial work undertaken. Indeed following high winds earlier in the year a large Scots Pine had been uprooted. Damaged to gravestones was only averted due to it being held up by the adjacent tree. A quotation had been obtained from Walker Tree & Land Management to undertake a full assessment survey and recommendation tied to a 5 year plan. It was agreed that a further quotation would be sought and authority to appoint would be delegated to the Clerk and Chair of Leisure & Finance.

LE95/07 EXCLUSION PUBLIC & PRESS On the proposition of Cllr Elston and seconded by Cllr. Goldspink resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

LE96/07 BUDGET 2007/08 – DRAFT

The above item is contained within the confidential minutes of the meeting

Meeting closed 21.00 pm

DATED this day of 2007

SIGNED (Chairman)

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS DISCUSSED at a
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at 7.30 p.m. in the COUNCIL CHAMBER.

1	07/2325	Sub division of garden 25 Silfield Road	Construction of new dwelling	Approved subject to tree conservation and highways approval
2	07/2351	Land between 1 and 3 Folly Road	Construction of two houses with parking	Refused – overdevelopment, detrimental to street scene and loss of light to neighbouring property
3	07/2377	Land adj. 40 Norwich Road Postmill Close	Erection two single storey dwellings, parking spaces & bin store	Refused – overdevelopment and highways concerns
4	07/2393	Plot 9 Clere Close	Erection house & garage	Approved
5	07/2324	32 Market Street	Proposed wall mounted display unit	Refused – detrimental to street scene in a conservation area
6	07/2290	44 Chapel Lane	Demolition of garage and erection of replacement garage	Approved
7	07/2282	189 Norwich Road	Proposed sign to front of property	Refused –detrimental to street scene
		EXTENSIONS		
8	07/2291	Rose Cottage Melton Road Downham	Front porch, rear sunroom, first floor rear extension and new detached garage	Approved
9	07/2320	38 Hubbard Close	Change of flat roof on side of bungalow to pitched and proposed extension to the rear	Approved
10	07/2106	93 Orchard Way	Proposed extension to porch	Approved
11	07/2374	69 Melton Road	Proposed side & rear extension	Approved
		CONSERVATORY		
12	07/2302	9 Sawmill Close	White UPVC conservatory	Approved
		OTHER		
13	07/2372 Parish of Morley	Homelands London Road Morley St Botolph	Conversion of outbuilding to living accommodation	Approved

DATED this day of 2007

SIGNED (Chairman)