

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2008 in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER at 7.30pm.

Present: Messrs PN Broome, SN Dumbrell, DWS Fletcher, AN Howell, LP Daws.
C Kent, N Ward, LC Elston, MJ Gibbins, JF Mooney, KJ Cooper,
CW Foulger, F Davila & Miss A Andrews.

Members of the public: 2

The Town Mayor, LC Elston, presiding.

- 25/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE M Goldspink.
- 26/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST JF Mooney sitting on South Norfolk Planning Committee. MJ Gibbins in respect of planning item No. 1, LC Elston, LP Daws & KJ Cooper in respect of planning item No. 5.
- 27/08 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC None.
- 28/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS These were presented by Cllr. Broome and are shown separately.
- 29/08 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Davila and seconded by Cllr. Dumbrell the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 30/08 MATTERS ARISING None.
- 31/08 MINUTES OF THE LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held on 15th January 2008 were presented by the Chairman and noted.
- 32/08 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr.Dumbrell it was resolved to pay accounts for January, as per the submitted list to the sum of £12,147.99.
- In compliance with SO 37, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,370.36.
- 33/08 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.
- 34/08 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – Noted
- 35/08 GREATER NORWICH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP Cllr Howell pointed out that this was a major development and that considerable emphasis should be that development should be throughout all of Norfolk from Norwich to Long Stratton. Too much of the emphasis in the document was on Wymondham. Cllr Gibbins advised that the earlier draft for a substantial number of residential units over 10 years, which couldn't really be opposed because it came from Whitehall, and that being realistic it would be better for us to be involved from the beginning in the planning. Cllr Broome said that we should have the say on where houses go, not on the number of houses. Cllr Fletcher suggested that the area designated No.5 on the map of possible major projects was in fact an area which was being/could be considered as a site for a new small town. This would mean that areas such as Wymondham could gain considerable relief from over development, and that the new area No. 5 creates its own sustainable growth & development. Cllr Mooney said we should say "no" not "yes" to question 3 – with the comment that however," if you intend to build in Wymondham the infrastructure must be in place first".

Decision was against anything in large scale and that development should be limited to small numbers and spread evenly across the district The previous document and accompanying letter to be sent as well.

36/08 WYMONDHAM'S FUTURE STRATEGIC PLAN This was unanimously adopted and proposed by Cllr Mooney and seconded by Cllr Broome.

37/08 ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN – Clean return, no comments from Auditors – Noted.

38/08 PARISH MEETING To be held on 29th April 2008 at Fairland Church – Speakers: Granville Smith – Wymondham's Future and Alan Gomm – Local Development Framework.

39/08 HIGHWAY MATTERS To add installation of an LED speed reduction warning sign at Chapel Lane. The London Road warning sign to be turned round. To remove no. 7 from list.

40/08 STREET LIGHTING – Noted.

41/08 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllrs. Kent & Davila attended the Spooner Row meeting last month, reporting that it was a very good and sound group.

Cllr Kent attended the Ketts Park meeting advising that the new alarm system had now been installed and the front door locks will be changed in due course. The heating system is not working properly and a full report will be given at the next meeting. Cllr Broome advised that Ketts Park were looking to have the fair again but was concerned about the electricity being used through the window, diesel spillage and heavy Lorries. Health & Safety issues needed to be adhered too.

Cllr Elston reported there were 92 members of the public attended the SNAP meeting and the 3 priorities for this time were Speeding, School Parking and Engaging with the youth.

Cllr Gibbins attended the Car Park meeting on behalf of the Council and reported that Harleston were unhappy, Loddon were unhappy and that they were a village not a town. Diss were unhappy with the management. Cllr Gibbins reported that Wymondham wanted no changes.

Cllr Ward attended the Norfolk Police meeting and that they were asking for an increase of £15 per household amounting to 9%.

Cllr Mooney attended the Wymondham Tennis Club along with the Structural Engineers to strengthen the poles for the windbreaks to be erected. Cllr Ward thought that Dunlop or Slazenger might fund this for free.

Cllr Cooper reported that Fairtrade Steering Group name has now changed to Fairtrade Group. Fairtrade fortnight is from 25th February to the 9th March and that businesses are supporting the town. It was hoped that Wymondham Town Council may be able to support again in the new financial year.

42/08 HEALTH & SAFETY - Nothing to report.

43/08 EXCLUSION PUBLIC & PRESS On the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was resolved 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.

44/08 STAFFING MATTERS It was reported that 48 Application packs were posted and that 24 completed forms had been returned. Personnel group to meet to short list in due course.

[The meeting closed at 21.20 pm]

DATED thisday of2008

SIGNED (Chairman)

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CORRESPONDENCE

Action

- 1) NCC – Shared Footway/ Cycle way – London Road Noted
- 2) SNC – Appointment of Representative to Standards Committee - After discussion it was proposed by Les Daws and seconded by Andrew Howell that Mike Gibbins be put forward.

Information

- 1) NAPTC – Meeting – North Walsham – 19.2.08 Noted

Mayor's Engagements

- 1) SNC Chairman's Reception – Wymondham Abbey – 27.3.08 Noted
- 2) Tolls Meadow Tower Opening – 16.2.08 Noted
- 3) Ashleigh Terrapin Opening – 22.2.08 Noted

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS DISCUSSED at a
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING held on 5th FEBRUARY 2008
at 7.30 p.m. in the COUNCIL CHAMBER.

1	07/2703	Land to the north of Norwich Common	Residential development (323 dwellings) and 460 sqm retail with access, landscaping and public open spaces	Refused as per attached
2	07/2361	6A Back Lane	Install 1 st Floor window to bathroom, 2 garden rooms to rear & 1 bike shed	Approved subject to view of Conservation Officer.
3	08/0088	Chapel Bridge Farm Chapel Lane	Proposed farm office and leisure/Tourism meeting room to be used in conjunction with existing Leisure & tourism	Refused ENV8 Against development in open countryside.
4	08/0133	44 High House Avenue	Retrospective application for small dog grooming business in garage	Approved
	EXTENSIONS			
5	07/2711	2A Back Lane (should be 25 Back Lane)	Retrospective application for the formation of second floor, roof windows to rear, gable window, conservatory and garden sheds	Refused Over development.
6	08/0092	38 Hubbard Close	Extension to rear and conversion of flat roof to pitched	Approved