

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

meeting held on THURSDAY 17th JULY 2012

in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors: A Taylor
J Wright
JH Turner
CW Foulger
J Andrews (substitute for N Ward)

Also Present: Cllrs. Gardiner, Hockaday & Longhurst
Members of the public – 8

LE22/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Ward

LE23/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

LE24/12 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr. Gardiner asked if the Councils recommendation was to keep Kings Head Meadow as a Green Space would the Clerk write to SNC withdrawing the sites designation for further development.

Mr Hawkins asked if the Council could register its ownership with the Land Registry.

Mr Ward commented that as Cllr. Foulger was the Chairman of the Council when Asda made approaches to develop Kings Head Meadow would he confirm that neither he nor the Clerk would not obstruct the registering of the meadow as a green open space. Would Cllr. Foulger confirm that his view had now changed. Cllr Foulger responded that with the benefit of hindsight and the things he had since learnt he would have to reconsider his views. As a member of the public and as a Councillor he was entitled to have his own opinion then and now but he confirmed that with the information now known he might have come to a different conclusion.

Mr Walker asked why the full agenda was not on the website.

Mr Heard applauded Cllrs. Taylor, Fernee & Turner for the work they had undertaken as members of the Kings Head Meadow working group.

LE25/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Turner & seconded by Cllr. Wright it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2012 as a true record.

LE26/12 MATTERS ARISING None

LE27/12 KINGS HEAD MEADOW WORKING GROUP

Cllr. Taylor presented report as attached to these minutes going through page by page. The committee then viewed the maps and notes that were used during the consultation event on which the conclusions are based. It was noted that as Wyndham Town Football Club (WTFC) have a lease then it is important that they are fully included in any discussions re the future of the site. It was agreed that the Councils WTFC representative together with a representative from the working group should meet with the football club. The working group were aware that some of the ideas put forward needed considerable financial resources. Cllr Foulger advised that as he was a Trustee of Central Hall he would raise the issue at their next meeting as one suggestion was for the land to be placed in trust and with the Hall being run by trustees he would ask if they wished to put forward a proposal to manage the site.

It was felt that publicity for a further public consultation event in September should be considered by the group and put to the full Council.

It was agreed that the following proposals be progressed:

1. To begin investigating QE2 Fields in Trust status for the KHM at the earliest opportunity, bearing in mind that the deadline for completed applications is 31st December 2012.
2. Open up a dialogue between Wymondham Town Council and WTFC to establish their requirements
3. To seek Full Councils permission to register Kings Head Meadow with the land Registry.

[Standing Orders suspended]

Comments from the public

Mr Heard – proposals should have public support, Council should work with WTFC and publicity should be flyers in the Mercury.

Mr Moss concurred with Mr Heard re flyers in the Mercury

Mr Walker commented that working group had produced a fantastic document. With the rugby club proposing to move to a new site he suggested that WTFC could have considered a joint facility.

Mr Heard was concerned that Central Hall might dictate terms in any negotiations.

Cllr. Hockaday commented that any discussions with any outside body should include a member of the working group.

Mr Walker commented that he was upset the Council tried to sell land and was enlightened by the working group's fantastic ideas.

LE28/12 CEMETERY CHAPELS Clerk read out letter from Architects Lucas Hickman Smith advising that the refurbishment work was nearly complete. An overspend of £6400 has occurred mainly due the replacement of approx 60% of the roof tiles when it was initially estimated that only 20% would need replacing together with extra scaffolding costs and repairs to woodpecker damage in respect the spire shingles. Council had already agreed to a 10% contingency which amounts to £5284 and therefore the actual overspend is £1416. Lucas Hickman Smith consider this to be reasonable. Cllrs. Foulger and Wright asked to attend the handover meeting when the work is completed,

Meeting closed 20.55 pm

DATED this day of 2012

SIGNED (Chairman)