

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
meeting held on TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2013
in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors: A Taylor
M Heard (substitute for A Gardiner)
D Hockaday (substitute for JH Turner)
CW Foulger (Chairman)
M Elias (substitute for S Elliott)

Also Present:
Members of the public – 3

LE28/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Gardiner, Turner & Elliott.

LE29/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr.Hockaday – Prejudicial interest in respect of any items relating to Wymondham Tennis Club and a Personal interest in any item relating to Ketts Park.
- Cllr. Heard – Prejudicial interest in matters pertaining to King’s Head Meadow as he lives adjacent to the site.

LE30/13 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Mr Hawkins – item 6 King’s Head Meadow
 - Can we have an update with respect to the land transference of the Saffron part of KHM (adjacent to Ogden Court) to WTC and the conditions to be included in any covenant of that transfer and the likely date for this to be completed.
 - In the absence of WTFC being able to produce supporting documentation (therefore stalling the current KHMWG progress) what steps can and are to be taken forward.

Cllr. Foulger responded that these points would be addressed when Agenda item 6 was discussed.

LE31/13 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Taylor & seconded by Cllr. Foulger it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2013 as a true record.

LE32/13 MATTERS ARISING

- LE24/13 YOUTH SHELTER Clerk advised that the shelter is due to be installed at Browick Recreation Park on Monday 23rd September.

LE33/13 KING’S HEAD TRUST WORKING GROUP Cllr. Foulger gave a brief report on the present situation regarding proposals for King’s Head Meadow (KHM). In respect of the land owned by Saffron a letter had now been received advising that they are prepared to sell. Acquisition of this land will assist in any proposal for additional play equipment. In respect of covenants this would have to be discussed and agreed by the full Council. Cllr. Taylor advised that 3 companies had viewed the site and two had submitted plans. She is to arrange for 1 further quote to be provided and will be seeking grant aid before placing a proposal before the Council. Cllr. Foulger advised that whilst the football club had written agreeing in principle to the proposals there did not seem to be a willingness to move forward. The Council had received legal

advice that the present lease was valid and that WTFC could wait between 12 & 6 Months before its expiry to enter into negotiations for a new lease.

In respect of fencing it was agreed that a site visit would take place to mark on a plan the areas to be considered before seeking quotations from contractors.

Cllr. Heard asked if the requirements for new Council Offices had been established, Cllr. Foulger advised that nothing was in writing other than two proposed sites had been discounted as they were not big enough and that the Clerk had acquired plans from another Council who had recently had Council Offices built and this was a good starting point. It was proposed by Cllr. Heard and seconded by Cllr. Hockaday that a list of basic requirements be drawn up. He also requested to be advised when the list of basic council office requirements were to be presented to the Premises Working Group and that all Councillors be advised of this meeting"

It was also resolved to recommend to the full Council that the piece of Saffon Land at KHM be purchased for the sum of £2500 plus £250 towards their legal fees.

LE34/13 PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH Cllr. Foulger referred to the paper attached to the agenda outlining the position in respect of the permissive footpath between Becketswell and Chapel Bell. To date Mr Rice who owns the majority of the path has indicated that he would be prepared to keep it open subject to the Council covering insurance and maintenance costs. The other part owner Mr & Mrs Meadows have paid their insurance until February 2014 and wish to review the situation in the New Year. It was resolved to make further contact with Mr & Mrs Meadows in the new year as they have requested.

LE35/13 KETTS PARK Cllr. Foulger referred to the report attached to the agenda explaining that as a consequence of the Valuation Office visiting Ketts Park to assess the recently built changing rooms they had seen the Tennis Courts and had now levied a business rate on these covering this financial year and the previous 3 financial years. Under the terms of the Tennis Club lease they are liable for the whole rate but it was felt equitable that as they had 38% of the available court time pre-booked that they should pay 38% of the rate (£474.02 for this year). At the present time the Tennis Club also pay 38% of the Insurance premium relating to the Tennis Courts and Floodlights and following negotiation with the Councils insurers the premium for this had reduced which has resulted in a saving of £255.70 to the Tennis Club. After discussion it was resolved to approve the following recommendation:

Clerk and Chairman of Leisure & Environment Committee are delegated the authority to negotiate with the Tennis Club to recover such sums as may be recoverable in respect of the 3 previous years rates bills and to invoice them with 38% of the business rates bill for the present financial year and that future rates demands are invoiced on a similar pro rata basis to pre-booked usage.

[Cllr. Hockaday left the room before a decision was made]

Meeting closed 20.35 pm

DATED this day of 2013

SIGNED (Chairman)