

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st December 2015
in the TIFFEY ROOM CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

S Wyer	P Stearn	K Hurn
J Mooney	D Underwood	J Halls
C Longhurst	L Hornby	J Hornby
P Broome	R Savage	I Flatt

Members of the public: 8

Cllr. Foulger (Norfolk County Council)

199/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Holden, Sayer & Osborne.

200/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

201/15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Clerk introduced the paper issued with the agenda explaining the need to agree renew a dispensation as a result of the introduction of the Localism Act 2011. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Savage the following motion was unanimously approved.

The Town Council resolves to authorise a dispensation to all Councillors who are elected to the Town Council and live in Parish of Wymondham who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest under S33 of the Localism Act 2011 thereby allowing them to participate and vote in the procedure for the setting of the Council's budget and precept. The dispensation to remain in force until May 2019.

202/15 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Hurn the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2015 were approved as a correct record.

203/15 PROGRESS UPDATES

- POSITIVE FUTURE FOR WYMONDHAM Cllr. Underwood introduced the questions prepared by the working group. Cllr. Halls then brought forward some slight amendments and after discussion a small number of further amendments were agreed. Working group will now proceed to write an introduction and consider how to distribute the questionnaire.
Cllr. Underwood then advised people visiting the Garden Cafe on Town Green on 5th December 2015 would be asked to fill in a card making a 'Wish for Wymondham'. Replies would then be considered as part of this project.
- DIFIBRALLATOR Cllr. Halls reported that the machine had been purchased, its container was awaited and it would be installed near the Market Street car park toilets. South Norfolk will install it at no cost.

204/15 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2015 were noted.

205/15 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. J Hornby it was resolved to pay accounts for November as per the submitted list to the sum of £28,387.52 In compliance with Financial Regulations, the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,858.04

206/15 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

207/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Heard – Does agenda item 18 relate to agenda item 10 – *Clerk responded No.*
- Mr Heard – agenda Item 10 (Kings's Head Meadow Lease) read out a long statement referring to the Council's policy of providing sports pitches to various groups and in particular facilities at Ketts Park.
- Mr Rackham believed that pitches are block booked at Ketts Park and that no negotiations had taken place between Wymondham Town Football Club and the Town Council regarding a new lease for King's Head Meadow. *Cllr. Mooney responded that he disagreed and that he had attended meetings together with other Councillors with representatives from Wymondham Town Football Club Limited.*
- P Travis – Is the Chairman of Wymondham Town Football Club Limited corresponding with the Council in an individual capacity or as the Chairman of their board. *Cllr. Mooney responded that it was as their Chairman as far as the Council was concerned.*
- P Hawkins – asked for clarification in respect of the notice to be served under agenda item 10 if approved by the Council. *Clerk responded that a notice under Section 25 of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 would indicate a willingness to grant a new lease to Wymondham Town Football Club advising also that the current lease would come to an end on a specified date.*

208/15 KING'S HEAD MEADOW – LEASE Clerk referred to the briefing paper and its recommendations and his response to Mr Hawkins question above which outlines the position. Discussions then took place and upon the proposition of Cllr. Mooney & seconded by Cllr. L Hornby it was unanimously agreed to authorise the Council's solicitors to serve a Section 25 Landlord & Tenants Act 1954 notice on Wymondham Town Football Club in respect of the current lease.

Cllr. Mooney then advised that further correspondence had been received from Wymondham Town Football Club Limited solicitors on Monday 30th November 2015 in respect of the proposed new lease. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Council meeting and Cllrs Mooney, L Hornby & Savage were authorised to hold a further meeting with board members to continue dialogue.

209/15 MEETING DATES 2016 Proposed meeting dates as per the schedule attached to these minutes were noted.

210/15 GRANT – CAB Upon the resolution of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was unanimously resolved to approve a grant of £3500 for the 2015/16 financial year.

211/15 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- Wymondham Town Team – It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Longhurst.

212/15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr. Foulger

- Government has published spending review and County Council were assessing its impact
- Work on the Norwich Northern Distributor Route would start shortly.
- Improvements to the A47 Postwick Junction were continuing.
- Waste will now be transported to Holland/Germany for incineration.

- Cllr. Mooney
 - County Council were carrying out a consultation in respect of cost savings and part of this is a proposal to replace a fire engine at Wymondham with a 4x4 vehicle. Mobile libraries may be reduced from 9 to 8. *Cllr. Underwood expressed concerns over reductions in fire cover and that Norfolk gets a raw deal financially from Central Government compared to other Counties fire services. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Central Government highlighting this fact.*
 - Lights switched off on the B1172 between the police Roundabout and the Station Road traffic lights had been switched back on following residents representations.
 - Road works near Morrisons Supermarket was in respect of drainage work being carried out by Morrisons not the County Council.
- DISTRICT COUNCIL No reports

213/15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Mooney – Wymondham Town Football Club Limited – had not received any invitations to attend meetings as the Council’s representative.

214/15 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None.

215/15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC On the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst 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.

216/15 COUNCIL BUILDINGS, HEALTH & SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP Upon the resolution of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr Halls it was unanimously resolved to ratify the decisions made by the working group at its meeting on the 26th November 2015.

[The meeting closed at 20.47 pm]

DATED thisday of2015

SIGNED(Chairman)