

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1st September 2015
in the FAIRLAND HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

S Wyer	P Stearn	K Hurn
J Halls	D Underwood	A Osborne
C Longhurst	S Sayer	J Hornby
P Broome	A Holden	I Flatt
L Hornby		

Members of the public: 8
Norfolk County Council : Cllr. Foulger

With the Mayor & Deputy Mayor being absent the Clerk asked for nominations for a Councillor to chair the meeting. Cllr. L Hornby was duly elected.

- 150/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. J Mooney & R Savage.
- 151/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.
- 152/15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS None.
- 153/15 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Hurn and seconded by Cllr. J Hornby the minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2015 were approved as a correct record.
- 154/15 PROGRESS UPDATES None.
- 155/15 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Broome it was resolved to pay accounts for August as per the submitted list to the sum of £59,909.38
- In compliance with Financial Regulations, the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,913.58
- 156/15 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.
- 157/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- Mr Travis – agenda item 12 (Prayers) – read out statement giving his thoughts in opposing the idea of having prayers as part of the agenda.
 - Mr Rooke (City Church) – agenda item 12 (Prayers) – spoke in favour of having prayers as part of the agenda.
 - Mr Porter - agenda item 12 (Prayers) – spoke in favour of prayers.
 - Mr Heard – ‘what are Council being asked to discuss’ in respect of agenda items 10, 11 & 14.
- 158/15 KETTS PARK Cllr. Broome presented his paper recommending a full review of the site and its facilities to members. After discussion it was agreed to set up a working group consisting of Cllrs. Broome, Osborne, L Hornby, Flatt & Sayer.
- 159/15 LIGHT UP WYMONDHAM Clerk outlined position to date in that the Finance & General Purposes Committee had approved a grant of £1500 if the group raised the remaining £13,500

in accordance with their grant application form. An email had been received advising that they have raised £1807.99 which together with the £1500 Council grant totals £3307.99 which will be matched by Wymondham Business group giving a grand total of £6614.00. It was agreed that the original grant application was over ambitious and that some form of improved Christmas lighting would benefit the Town. Discussion then took place on the quality of the proposed decorations to be purchased and if installation would meet Health & Safety requirements and who would be liable. It was then advised that the group would purchase the items but it would be the responsibility of each business to install them. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. J Hornby it was resolved that Wymondham Town Council provide a grant of £1500 irrespective of the amount raised by Light Up Wymondham. The group to be asked to reconsider the quality of the decorations to be purchased and to be reminded that they must be correctly installed.

160/15 SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL –HOUSING STRATEGY 2016-19 was discussed and members were offered to the opportunity to attend workshops being organised by SNC. It was agreed that this strategy needs more time for consideration and should be brought back to the Council's October meeting.

161/15 PRAYERS Cllr. Holden outlined his proposal that Prayers should be introduced as part of the Agenda and gave his reasons. Debate then took place with various Councillors outlined their thoughts. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. J Hornby it was proposed that Wymondham Town Council has a Prayer at the start of full Council meeting as part of the agenda.

For: 2 Against: 10 Abstentions: 1

The motion was lost.

162/15 EXTERNAL AUDIT The annual return signed off by the external auditors Mazaars LLP with no issues identified was noted.

163/15 CYCLING – TOUR OF BRITAIN It was noted that this will be passing through the Town on Saturday 12th September 2015 and a variety of activities / stalls has been arranged by South Norfolk Council, who are sponsoring the event, and the Town Team.

164/15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- COUNTY COUNCIL – Cllr. Foulger
 - Station Road drainage work completed.
 - Potholes in the Lizard area to be repaired.
- DISTRICT COUNCIL – None.

165/15 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Stearn – Lizard Trustees – attended AGM and Mayor Cllr. Mooney made presentation to retiring chairman Dr D Seaton. Mrs G King elected new chair.

166/15 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Cllr. Underwood – ‘Positive Future for Wymondham’ a residents consultation.

[The meeting closed at 20.50 pm]

DATED thisday of2015

SIGNED(Chairman)