

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th February 2014 in the FAIRLAND HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

JRW Andrews	J H Turner	D Fernee
M Heard	RJ Savage	C Buckton
N Ward	C Foulger	M Gibbins
CA Longhurst		

Members of the public: 15
Norfolk County Council : Cllr. Mooney
South Norfolk Council : Cllr. Hornby

The Town Mayor, Cllr. D Fernee presiding

19/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Elias, Taylor & Elliott

Clerk advised of the resignations of Cllrs. Gardiner & Hockaday.

Cllr Savage then gave the following tribute to Cllr Hockaday:

Chairman, with your permission, I would like to say a few words about Cllr. Hockaday. As most of you know, Cllr. Hockaday has effectively retired from local politics due to recent ill health. Cllr. Hockaday has been a Town Councillor for many years. Cllr. Hockaday first became a Town Councillor in 1987, serving for 16 years until 2003. She then took a 'gap-year' until again being elected a Councillor in a by-election in 2008, a position she then held until this month. Cllr. Hockaday has been a dedicated Councillor, who always tried her best for Wymondham and its residents. She would follow up queries and was happy to lead when the need arose. I believe that Cllr. Hockaday also enjoyed the role and the challenges it brought and the Council has lost her experience. Cllr. Hockaday was also a long-standing Wymondham County Councillor, including a term as Chairman of that Authority. I am sure we all wish Councillor Hockaday a speedy recovery and our best wishes for the future.

20/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Heard
 - Prejudicial interest in matters pertaining to King's Head Meadow as I live adjacent to the site
 - Thus will leave for this item of the agenda

21/14 DISPENSATIONS No requests were received.

22/14 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Savage the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2014 were approved as a correct record subject to the addition of *and questions* Residents Questions 03/14 Mr Travis.

23/14 PROGRESS UPDATES

- PURCHASE LAND - KING'S HEAD MEADOW

Cllr. Heard left the room for this item.

Clerk outlined report attached to the agenda and upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was unanimously resolved to proceed with the purchase of the small parcel of land with the amount now required for legal fees of £800 plus disbursements.

Cllr. Heard returned to the meeting.

- KING'S HEAD MEADOW TRUST WORKING GROUP

Cllr. Fernee referred to the report attached to the agenda outlining progress to date in that 2 out of 3 revised play equipment quotations have been received and that quotations for fencing were still awaited. Cllr. Heard asked if the group had given up placing the meadow in trust. Cllr. Fernee replied that the working group wished to concentrate on the land purchase, play equipment and fencing first. Cllr. Fernee commented that the group had no strategy regarding the football club at present.

- COUNCIL LAND

Clerk referred to the email from the Councils solicitors outlining the present position in respect of the registration of Council land which was noted.

24/14 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Gibbins it was resolved to pay accounts for January, as per the submitted list to the sum of £20,957.27

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,857.75

25/14 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

26/14 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

27/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- M Banham read out a statement regarding Wymondham Town Football Club which is attached to these minutes.
- P Travis asked who could put forward items for the next meeting under agenda item 15. Cllr. Fernee replied that the agenda item clearly specifies 'Councillors'.
- P Moss asked Councillors to discuss the Communications working group.
- P Hawkins asked Councillors to place a Fields in Trust item on the next agenda.

28/14 WYMONDHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB Cllr. Fernee referred to the letter received from the Football Club included in the agenda pack and their requested to discuss their lease with the Council. Cllr. Gibbins referred to the statement read out by Mr Banham earlier and was encouraged to hear that the club were moving forward. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to refer this matter to the Leisure and Environment Committee.

29/14 NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Clerk referred to letter received which was included in the agenda pack. After discussion the following was agreed:

- An article would be submitted to the local newspaper bringing the plan to residents attention.
- Councillors would complete the questionnaire for their own wards.
- Completed questionnaires would be returned to the Clerk by end of March 2014.

30/14 GRANT – CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Ward it was resolved to award a grant of £3500 to the Citizens Advice Bureau which had been budgeted for.

31/14 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- Norfolk County Council – Cllr Mooney
 - Budget for 2014/15 had been set.
 - No rises in the County Council part of Council Tax.
 - Thickthorn Roundabout was in the process of being resurfaced.
 - Cllr. Foulger added that a higher grade surface was being laid.
 - Residents were being consulted on a schools re-organisation in Wymondham.
- South Norfolk Council – Cllr Savage
 - Chapel Lane planning appeal had been completed and the inspector advised that a decision was expected within 2 months which is 6 weeks from now.

32/14 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Turner – Spooner Row Village Hall had held a Curry and Band night and the trustees were holding a meeting on Thursday.
- Cllr. Fernee – Lizard Trustees – attended a meeting where sadness had been expressed re Mrs Hockadays recent illness and her resignation as a Councillor. They were considering the replacement of a board walk which was in poor repair.

33/14 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Cllr. Turner:
 - Major King’s Head Meadow progress report.
 - Fields In Trust re King’s Head Meadow. He was asked to provide a full paper on this subject to be forwarded to the Clerk asap as the agenda for the next meeting would be issued on Tuesday 25th February 2014.
 - Referred to an email and letter from Andy Radford (SNC) . Cllr. Fernee responded that the letter had not been received by the Town Clerk and an investigation was being undertaken at SNC and was being dealt with at a high level.
- Cllr. Buckton:
 - Appointment of representative to Wymondham Town Football Club.`

[The meeting closed at 20.20 pm]

DATED thisday of2014

SIGNED(Chairman)

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING 18th FEBRUARY 2014

CORRESPONDENCE

Action

- 1.

Information

1. Environment Agency – Advice of River Tiffey routine maintenance.

Noted

Mayor's Engagements

1. Windmill House – afternoon tea – 31.12.13
2. Wymondham Academy High School – History block opening - 17.1.14
3. Women's Institute – dedication of Jubilee Chair (Priory Gardens) – 22.1.14
4. Wymondham Abbey – Abbey Experience presentation – 25.1.14
5. Browick Road School – Democracy event – 27.1.14
6. Rosedale Funeral Home – Open day – 29.1.14
7. Ketts Community Bookshop – Official opening – 1.2.14

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