

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 in the Fairland Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

JRW Andrews	N Ward	JH Turner
J Wright	A Taylor	MJ Gibbins
DM Hockaday	R Savage	A Gardiner
CA Longhurst	D Fernee	G Jeffery
D Roberts	C Foulger	

Members of the public: 25

District Council : Cllr. Hornby

The Town Mayor, Cllr. R Savage presiding

183/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

184/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

185/12 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Mr Moss – Unhappy with minutes of previous meeting and requested that his questions were properly reflected.

Mr Ward – advised that Cllr. Cooper had resigned and that a by election had been called and requested further details. Clerk advised that South Norfolk Council were the electoral authority and had determined that it would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November and that the official notification for candidates was awaited.

Mr Heard – 12 Councillors had attended a meeting with Fields in Trust earlier and that members of the public had been turned away and would the Council advise what was said. Cllr. Savage replied that this would be discussed when the appropriate agenda item was reached.

Mrs Buckton – Had the Fields in Trust official been paid any expenses by the Town Council. Clerk replied No.

Mr Heard – Were the Council proceeding with the registration of King's Head Meadow as a priority. Clerk replied that the Land registry fees were changing on the 21<sup>st</sup> October which would save the Council money and that the Council's solicitors had been instructed to delay registration of the Council's land until after that date with the exception of King's Head Meadow, Mr Heard then asked if the Council had written to South Norfolk Council withdrawing King's Head Meadow from development. Clerk replied that discussions were ongoing with South Norfolk.

Mr Moss commented on Cllr. Wrights comments on the Tiffey Valley proposals. Cllr. Savage advised that as this was not on the agenda his comments were inappropriate.

Mr Welton- spoke about the current works being undertaken around the Market Cross and wanted the cobbles reinstated. Cllr. Hornby advised that the work had been approved by English Heritage, Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council's Conservation departments and was not yet finished and that the present black material was part of the sub base. The top surface would be light brown stone chippings in a resin.

Cllr. Savage responded that the work being undertaken was to assist buses when turning around the Market Cross.

Mrs Batley commented that the bus stop outside the Co-op was being moved to improve access for the disabled.

Mr Ward commented to Cllr. Wright ' why was the Tiffey Valley worth saving and not Kings Head Meadow'.

186/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Jeffery and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments::

177/12 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS insert 2 between 'obtain' & 'Quotes.

182/12 QUESTIONS under S/O 8 to be added to title  
Minor spelling mistake.

187/12 MATTERS ARISING

165/12 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS Cllr. Gardiner asked if questions not responded to at Council meetings were answered later. Cllr. Fernee advised that she had requested the Clerk to provide her a list of any outstanding questions.

188/12 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were presented by the Chairman and noted.

189/12 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Fernee and seconded by Cllr. Jeffery it was resolved to pay accounts for September, as per the submitted list to the sum of £34,659.83

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £9,187.40

190/12 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

191/12 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS were noted. Cllr. Gardiner asked what percentage had the Mayor attended compared to the Deputy Mayor. Cllr. Savage replied that this could be worked out from the minutes.

192/12 KINGS HEAD MEADOW SALE REVIEW Cllr. Savage commented on the progress of the group and then put forward the following recommendations:

1. That Council appoint NP Law to conduct the review of the sale process of King's Head Meadow.
2. To obtain a more certain estimate of costs as offered by NP Law
3. To authorize the working group Chairman to liaise with NP Law and, only if necessary in order to complete the review, to increase the budget by 20% to £2,400 + VAT.

Cllr. Gardiner commented that this had dragged on since April 2012 and was getting nowhere. He proposed that the review be discontinued as it would be a waste of tax payer's money. Cllr. Roberts agreed with this sentiment and would second a motion. Cllr. Hockaday commented that any motion to the Council required the necessary notice period. Cllr. Savage therefore withdrew his recommendations. Cllrs Gardiner & Roberts agreed that they would draw up a motion to discontinue the review for the next meeting of the Council.

193/12 KING'S HEAD MEADOW WORKING GROUP Cllr. Savage read out the motion as outlined in the meeting agenda and then invited the proposer, Cllr. Taylor, to comment. Cllr. Taylor then read out a statement as attached to these minutes. Cllr. Turner then commented further on the data that had been collected during the consultation day and that Councillors had attended a presentation from Fields in Trust who administer the QE2 scheme and that this had been disappointing with unanswered questions. Cllr. Gardiner commended working group for their

efforts and that the QE2 scheme did not protect the Meadow and that the Council would be acting irresponsibly if it agreed to the scheme. Cllr. Taylor commented that more time was needed to consider the future of the site and that questions needed to be answered in terms of a possible local trust. She then withdrew her motion.

- 194/12 WYMONDHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB The proposal from the Leisure & Environment Committee that Cllr. Fernee act as communications and liaison representative between Wymondham Town Council and Wymondham Town Football Club, to include attendance of Kings Head Meadow working group meetings with the football club as part of the KHM consultation process was ratified subject to confirmation that no executive powers were granted and that Cllr. Ward is still the Councils representative on this outside body.
- 195/12 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP Cllr. Roberts as Chairman of the working group gave a verbal report highlighting difficulties in arranging meetings and because of this the group had not concluded its work. They have looked at Notice Boards and the Council's website. Cllr. Roberts requested that more Councillors joined the group to give it more flexibility when arranging meetings. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Fernee should join the working party.
- 196/12 COUNCIL VACANCY- RUSTENS WARD Clerk reported that Cllr. Cooper had resigned due to ill health and that South Norfolk Council as the electoral authority had been informed and that a by election would be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Councillors agreed that polling cards should be issued.
- 197/12 REMEMBRANCE DAY Clerk referred to letter attached to agenda outlining arrangements for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November which were a 2 minute silence at the War memorial at 11.00am and the usual parade and service in the Abbey in the afternoon.
- 198/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS None
- 199/12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES  
Cllr. Longhurst – North Wymondham Community Centre – looking to extend building and are applying for grants.  
Cllr. Gibbins – Old Grammar School Trust – Have given out educational grants totalling £8,000 to 11 local students.  
Cllr. Turner – Spooner Row Village Hall – wish to undertake internal works to form separate access to the two main rooms. Looking to a local developer for funding as is the school.
- 200/12 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.
- 201/12 QUESTIONS UNDER S/O8 None received

*[The meeting closed at 20.45 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2012

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action**

1. South Norfolk Older Peoples Forum meeting – South Norfolk House 16.10.12 (10.00am) **Noted**

**Information**

1. CAB – 2011/12 annual report
2. Norfolk Playing Fields Association – Autumn Newsletter **Noted**
3. NCC – Better Broadband update **Noted**

**Mayor's Engagements**

- 1 Thetford Town Council – Battle of Britain Service – 16.9.12 (Deputy Mayor)
- 2 Norfolk County Scout Council meeting – Dereham – 17.9.12 (Deputy Mayor) **Noted**