

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 in the Fairland Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

JRW Andrews	N Ward	JH Turner
C Buckton	C Foulger	MJ Gibbins
D Fernee	R Savage	A Gardiner
CA Longhurst		

Members of the public: 18  
South Norfolk Council: Cllr. Hornby  
Norfolk County Council: Cllr. Mooney  
The Town Mayor, Cllr. R Savage presiding

59/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Hockaday , Elias and Taylor

60/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

61/13 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

- Cllr. Mooney – Minute 42/13 Re Leisure & Environment Meeting 5/3/13 – had been advised by Committee Chairman that King’s Head Meadow (KHM) was being discussed below the line due to the lease arrangement with Wymondham Town Football Club (WTFC) yet at the last full Council meeting Cllr. Gardiner had stated that it was to allow the proposal to be delivered in 1 hit. Which was correct?. Cllrs. Gardiner & Foulger responded between them that both were correct.
- Cllr. Mooney queried why there was a low attendance at the L& E Meeting – Cllr. Gardiner responded that he had advised residents not to attend as the matter was to be discussed below the line.
- Cllr. Mooney asked who had seen the contents of the KHM paper before the L&E meeting. Cllr. Gardiner responded only the members of the working group. And that he had prepared the power point presentation. He advised that all Town Councillors had been invited to the L&E meeting and were able to ask questions.
- Cllr. Mooney asked why copies of the report were not available to residents at the full Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Clerk advised that he had received an email from Cllr. Fernee on the day of the meeting asking for copies to be prepared but she subsequently withdrew this request. Cllr. Gardiner advised that using the Council’s website was the best access for residents and that he had given a copy on a disc to the EDP reporter who attended the meeting.
- Cllr. Mooney asked when did the Clerk & Mayor receive the report and in the Clerks view should it have been below the line?. Clerk responded during the L&E meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and in answer to the second part of the question it is now academic as the meeting has been held.
- Cllr. Mooney stated his view that the papers were not confidential, should have been sent out with the agendas. He stated that Cllr. Gardiner had previously stated that he does not agree with secret meetings and no Council business should be confidential. Cllr. Gardiner responded that Cllr. Mooney was just trying to score points.
- M Welton commented that Cllr. Mooney needs an answer.
- J Hornby queried Cllr. Gardiner liking Browick Road Recreation Park to Beirut on a bad day and was this the view of the whole Council. Cllr. Gardiner re-iterated his apology for using these words which were not aimed at residents who used the site and this was a personal comment. Cllr. Fernee commented that the recreation ground was not like it used to be.

- M Heard asked where the leak of the KHM proposal had come from. Cllr. Savage replied he couldn't answer this question.
- J Hornby thanked Mr D Ward for apologising to Cllr. Foulger at the last meeting and asked him if he was going to apologise to all Councillors. Mr Ward responded by apologising to all Councillors.
- Mr Mooney in respect of item 10 (Bus Shelters) recommended that they had side panels.
- Mr Travis commented that it was extraordinary that residents were getting feedback at meetings and would the Council now be allowing questions after every item they discuss. Cllr. Savage responded that this would be at the discretion of the Chairman at each meeting.

62/13 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Foulger and seconded by Cllr. Ward the draft minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved as a correct record.

63/13 MATTERS ARISING None

64/13 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Fernee it was resolved to pay accounts for March, as per the submitted list to the sum of £17,529.26 In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,775.31

65/13 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

66/13 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS were noted. .

67/13 KING'S HEAD MEADOW  
Cllr. Gardiner started to read out a statement of the present situation as attached to these minutes. Following comments from the audience Cllr. Gardiner requested a short adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned for 3 minutes.

Cllr. Gardiner resumed reading out his statement following which Cllr. Gibbins clarified that there was a slight error in that the Council did not have a grant of £50,000 towards play equipment but had an earmarked reserve.

Upon the proposition of Cllr. Foulger and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst it was resolved to suspend standing orders to allow residents questions.

- Mr Heard requested that the statement was posted on the Council's website.
- Mr D Ward asked if the Council have enough money to fulfill the proposal at a time when Councils were short of cash. Would any costing be put forward tonight?. Cllr. Gibbins responded that financing will be addressed when costings of the project are received and that he didn't want to raise people's hopes. Clerk advised that as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer he had not been consulted.
- Cllr. Hornby commented that full costing had been promised for the meeting. Cllr. Gardiner advised that they had not been done. Cllr Hornby then asked if they will be placed before all residents in due course. Cllr. Savage replied –yes.
- Mr Welton commented that he had professional experience of costing and this proposal would be very expensive and would require architects and project managers as well as complying with Construction Design & Management regulations.
- Mr Fowle on behalf of the archive group commented that no discussions in respect of new Council office accommodation had taken place with the archive group. Cllr. Fernee advised the Council would be in touch at the appropriate time.

- Cllr. Mooney commented that he was supportive of KHM being kept as an open space and had costings through the tendering process been carried out. Cllr. Foulger replied No but 5 Architect practices had been identified in Norfolk who were going to be asked for expressions of Interest.
- Mr Welton asked how the scheme would be funded. Cllr. Foulger replied that this would be determined once more information was available.
- Cllr. Hornby asked if the scheme would be delivered by 2015. Cllr. Gardiner replied – yes.

Standing orders were reinstated.

After discussion by the Council. Cllr. Savage read out a statement following which upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Fernee it was resolved to instruct the Clerk to

1. Write to Saffron Housing in respect of acquiring a small piece of land which forms part of KHM.
2. Write to prospective Architects (list and letter to be provided by Cllr. Foulger)
3. Instruct the District Valuer to provide a market rent in respect of renegotiating a new lease with WTFC.

68/13 BUS SHELTERS After discussion and clarification from the Clerk regarding the type and process involved in installing bus shelters it was agreed that the 3 locations selected by the Planning Lighting & Highways Committee be ratified.

69/13 CIVIC AWARD Cllr. Savage proposed Julian Gillett and read out a résumé of his contribution to Wymondham Life. No further nominations were put forward and it was agreed that Mr Gillett would receive the award for 2013.

70/13 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Norfolk County Council - Cllr. Mooney

- Nothing to report.

South Norfolk Council – Cllr. Mooney

- No appeal against the refusal of the Chapel Lane planning application has yet been received.
- Planning permission for the demolition of the Windmill PH extensions had been approved.

71/13 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Andrews – Allotment Association – read out report attached to these minutes.
- Cllr. Foulger – Pabulum Cafe – AGM soon at which present Chairman Trevor Brown looking to stand down.

72/13 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.

73/13 QUESTIONS UNDER S/O 8 None Received

*[The meeting closed at 20.50 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2013

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2013**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action**

1. None

**Noted**

**Information**

1. Norfolk Age UK – In the Loop

**Noted**

**Mavor's Engagements**

1. Cheque presentation for grant to Wymondham Air Cadets 13.3.13 **Noted**
2. Opened Heritage Museum Summer Season 20.3.13 **Noted**
3. Attended opening of Wymondham Arts Centre Summer exhibition 21.3.13 **Noted**

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