

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2013 in the FAIRLAND HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

JRW Andrews	J H Turner	D Fernee
M Heard	CW Foulger	C Buckton
DM Hockaday	M Elias	A Taylor
CA Longhurst	A Gardiner	RJ Savage
N Ward		

Members of the public: 14  
District Council: Cllr. Hornby  
County/ District Council: Cllr Mooney  
The Town Mayor, Cllr. D Fernee presiding

125/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Gibbins & Elliott

126/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Heard – Prejudicial interest in matters pertaining to King’s Head Meadow as he lives adjacent to the site.
- Cllr. Ward – Prejudicial interest in matter pertaining to planning applications 2011/0505 & 2012/037 (South Wymondham) as he lives adjacent to the site.

127/13 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

- Mr Moss – NCC ‘Managing Flood Risk Newsletter’ does this cover the River Tiffey. Cllr. Fernee responded that it relates to surface water and invited Mr Moss to call at the Council offices to read the publication.
- Mr Head – Commented on planning application concerns re South Wymondham and why infrastructure improvements wouldn’t take place until 751 house are built given that he estimates that the developers will be making a £25m profit. Cllr. Foulger responded that South Norfolk Council would be monitoring the conditions imposed and that Developers have to build and then sell to raise funds to carry out infra structure work.
- Mr Walker asked if Residents Questions could be allowed during each agenda item. Cllr. Fernee responded that she had given this consideration but would leave the agenda as it is presently formatted.
- Mrs James commented that the Harts farm school had not been built and could local groups be involved in a scrutiny panel to ensure that promised work is carried out. Cllr, Fernee responded that residents should refer to their local Councillors and could contact South Norfolk to report when the specified number of dwellings had been built. Cllr. Foulger advised that South Norfolk had learned lessons from their experiences with the Queens Hill Costessey development. Cllr. Heard added that it is important that new dwelling approvals are monitored.

- 128/13 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Heard and seconded by Cllr. Savage the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were approved as a correct record.
- 129/13 MATTERS ARISING
- 114/13 NATIONAL EXPRESS COACH ROUTE Clerk advised that he not yet received a response to his letter regarding the re-instatement of route 727 stopping in Wymondham.
  - 116/13 WORKSHOP Cllr. Heard reported due to insufficient support and after discussion with the Mayor the workshop will not take place.
  - 117/13 TWINNING- BOSTON (USA) Cllr. Gardiner reported That he had met Dr I Gibson and would be reporting back to the Council in due course.
- 130/13 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst it was resolved to pay accounts for June, as per the submitted list to the sum of £26,500.38
- In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,739.32
- 131/13 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.
- 132/13 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.
- 133/13 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP Cllr. Elias outlined the work that had been carried out by reading out a report that is appended to these minutes. The group will continue their work.
- 134/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2011/0505 & 2012/037 SOUTH WYMONDHAM Cllr. Fernee reported that she had attended the planning meeting together with Cllr. Savage who had spoken very eloquently and had put forward a very strong case as to why these applications should be refused. However after consideration South Norfolk Council's Development Management Committee approved the applications subject to a number of conditions.
- 135/13 KING'S HEAD MEADOW TRUST WORKING GROUP Cllr. Gardiner gave a background of events to date and reported that the group had met on the 10<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the situation further and had asked Wymondham Town Football Club (WTFC) for audited accounts and a business plan. WTFC had cancelled their committee meetings in June and July at short notice but had held an Extra Ordinary General Meeting to take constitutional matters forward and they now had a Management Committee of 5 volunteers. As yet no future plan had been produced nor any costings for the 2013/14 season. No Trustees have come forward and this is delaying the plans for King's Head Meadow. A further meeting with WTFC has been arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> July at which WTFC have been asked to produce a business plan, bank statement and financial accounts. The working group were being guided by the advice given to the Council by its solicitors. Clerk confirmed that he had written to WTFC giving details of the recent Market Rental valuation undertaken by the Valuation Agency
- 136/13 CCTV Clerk outlined the history and proposal from South Norfolk Council to install a CCTV scheme in Wymondham to which Cllr. Foulger then gave further background information and details of his involvement. A number of issues were discussed including the privacy aspect for local residents and that local shops could add their own systems to the scheme in due course. It was resolved that further discussions take place with retailers and that the Council supported the idea of an enhanced system in the Town.

137/13 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- Norfolk County Council - Cllr. Mooney
  - Robert Kett school Sports Hall planning application has been approved
  - Park & Ride Fare increase consultation will take place.
  - Kings Lynn Energy from Waste plant public enquiry has concluded and outcome is awaited. There are no plans to build a similar facility in Wymondham or Spooner Row.
  - Pot Holes repair work is still progressing.
  - Better Broadband scheme is 3 months ahead of schedule.
- Norfolk County Council - Cllr. Foulger
  - Started campaign to improve road markings at Thickthorn Junction in conjunction with South Norfolk MP Richard Bacon.
- South Norfolk Council – Cllr. Mooney
  - Supermarket proposed for the Postmill / Norwich Road site is to be a Morisons and a public exhibition will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July. No plans have been submitted for a Petrol Filling Station.
    - Cllr. Gardiner stated that whilst not against the proposed site for the supermarket residents had concerns re traffic and crossing roads and with the proposal to extend the car park he expected that a full highways review would be carried out. Cllr. Mooney advised that he would expect an amended planning application to come forward and the matter could then be discussed by the Town Council.
  - Advised that an enquiry for a solar panel farm at Wattlefield had been received by SNC planning department. Cllr. Ward confirmed that at his stage it was a scoping enquiry not a planning application.
- South Norfolk Council – Cllr. Foulger
  - Lizard Residents Association are monitoring housing development re South Wymondham.

138/12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Turner – Spooner Row Village Hall held a fete on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Cllr. Gardiner – Archive Group – attended AGM and observed the group were well run and would be putting a proposal to the Town Council in respect of placing archive material on-line.

139/12 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to Report

140/12 QUESTIONS (S/O 8) Question received from Cllr. Hockaday before the meeting commenced.

*[The meeting closed at 20.55 pm]*

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

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

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### MEETING 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2013

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Action

1. Norfolk Association Local Councils – AGM – 5.10.2013 – Resolutions for debate. **Noted**
2. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Larger Councils meeting 10.7.2013 Sprowston. **Noted**

##### Information

1. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Norfolk Link newsletter. **Noted**
2. Norfolk County Council Better Broadband newsletter. **Noted**
3. Norfolk County Council – Managing flood risk newsletter. **Noted**

##### Mayor's Engagements

1. Tastes of Wymondham – 8.6.13 **Noted**
2. Wymondham U3A – 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration – 13.6.13 **Noted**
3. Mayor of Thetford – Civic Service – 16.6.13 **Noted**
4. Care Homes – Priory Gardens Flower day - 21.6.13 **Noted**
5. Wymondham College – Speech day – 29.6.13 **Noted**
6. Starthrowers – BBQ – 29.6.13 **Noted**
7. Fosters – Music Festival reception & concert – 1.7.13 **Noted**