

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd December 2013 in the FAIRLAND HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

JRW Andrews	J H Turner	D Fernee
M Heard	A Taylor	C Buckton
N Ward	M Elias	M Gibbins
CA Longhurst	C Foulger	RJ Savage
S Elliott		

Members of the public: 21
District Council: Cllr. Hornby
County/ District Council: Cllr Mooney
The Town Mayor, Cllr. D Fernee presiding

201/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Hockaday & Gardiner

202/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Heard
 - Prejudicial interest in matter pertaining to King's Head Meadow as I live adjacent to the site
 - Thus will leave for this item of the agenda
 - Request permission to address council prior to that to make relevant points
 - Request Madam Chair that you advise me of the outcome of that prior to next agenda item commences.

203/13 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

- Cllr. Mooney
 - Agenda item 9 - praised Mayor for representing Town at official functions.
 - Agenda item 6 - thanked Cllr. Gibbins for work done on preparing a budget for next year.
- P Travis – read out statement attached to these minutes.
- D Ward – agenda item 10 – Asked why this was allowed on the agenda, accused Cllr. Gibbins of having an 'axe to grind'. It should only be a rap on the knuckles and this was a personal vendetta. Cllr. Fernee used to hold Cllr. Gardiner in high esteem but now wants to punish him further. It wasn't reported correctly by press reporters and was now becoming personal.
- Cllr. Hornby – agenda item 11 – supported Council's purchase of land adjacent to King's Head Meadow.

204/13 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2013 were approved as a correct record.

205/13 MATTERS ARISING

- Cllr. Heard
 - 191/13 & LE33/13, with respect to having some consistency in actions and outcomes. At the L&E meeting in Sept, there was a decision that the Premises WG outline council office requirements, this seems now to be done by the KHMTWG At the last full council meeting, item 11 was to be reported back through KHMTWG yet this seems to be presented back without such route.

Clerk responded that Council requirements for future office accommodation would be discussed by the Councils Building, Health & Safety and Personnel working group once the King's Head Meadow Trust Working Group had progressed the review it was currently undertaking.

- 194/13 LDF group to meet and discuss this, can we be made aware of what was discussed and what feedback was shared with SNC

Clerk reported that a meeting had been held on 2.12.13 and that a response would be prepared. It was agreed that this would be circulated to all Councillors.

- 200/13, whilst the clerk answered this by e-mail, in respect to the answer given, I believe the request was a request for detail of when such actual funding might be forthcoming (not a request to clarify the process), can clerk advise us why this was not shared and if no valid reason, what anticipated S106 fundings there are in the offing.

Clerk responded that a list of potential sites that might yield S106 monies had been email to Councillors. It was agreed that a further email would be sent out.

- Cllr.Savage minute 170/13 asked if the new evidence had been forthcoming and had questions re Kings Head Meadow been received.

Cllr. Fernee responded that nothing had been received.

206/13 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2013 were presented by the Chairman and noted.

207/13 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to pay accounts for November, as per the submitted list to the sum of £14870.48

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8254.23

- 208/13 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.
- 209/13 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.
- 210/13 MOTION Cllr. Savage introduced the motion below and requested a recorded vote.

This Council expresses its disappointment at the recent local and national media coverage of Councillor Gardiner's conduct towards a resident of this parish. By his conduct, Councillor Gardiner has acted in a manner which could bring the town of Wymondham into disrepute and could damage the standing of the Council. Councillor Gardiner's actions are not in keeping with the spirit of the Councillors Code of Conduct and this Council completely disassociates itself from his conduct.

Proposer: Cllr. Savage

Seconder: Cllr. Gibbins:

There then followed a discussion during which a number of Councillors indicated that they were not happy with this motion.

A vote was then taken as follows:

For: Cllrs Gibbins, Savage, Andrews, Longhurst, Foulger & Fernee.

Against: Cllrs. Turner, Elias, Elliott, Taylor, Buckton & Heard.

Abstention: Cllr. Ward.

Cllr. Fernee as Mayor exercised her casting vote and the motion was passed.

- 211/13 KING'S HEAD MEADOW – LAND Cllr. Heard read out a statement attached to these minutes and then left the room for this item. After a short discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Foulger and seconded by Cllr Savage it was unanimously resolved ' That Wymondham Town Council proceed with the purchase of the piece of land adjacent to King's Head Meadow from Saffron Housing Trust Limited for a consideration of £2500 plus £250 legal fees with the only condition being a claw back clause of 50% in respect of any future development value subject to legal advice from the Council's solicitors , and with the draft contract and transfer being approved by the full Council prior to signing.
- 212/13 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS Clerk outlined position as shown in the report attached to the agenda. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Turner and seconded by Cllr. Buckton it was resolved to submit an application to Norfolk County Council under the Parish Partnership scheme for 1 SAM2 mobile vehicle activated sign and if successful the purchase of a further 6 brackets.
- 214/13 MEETING DATES 2014 The list of scheduled meeting dates for 2014 was noted.
- 215/13 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP It was resolved to approve the redrafted information leaflet and to now make it available to the public.

216/13 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- Norfolk County Council – Cllr Mooney
 - Advise that road gritting teams were prepared.
- South Norfolk Council –
 - Land on Harts Farm, previously allocated for a school, had been sold subject to contract. Cllr. Hornby.
 - Final Deadline for comments re Wymondham Area Action Plan was 13.12.13. Cllr. Savage.
 - Council were thanked for their support in respect of the Christmas Fayre on 30.11.13. Cllr. Ward.

217/13 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Gibbins – Fuel Allotment Charity – 90 awards of £40 Waitrose vouchers had been made.

218/13 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report

219/13 QUESTIONS (S/O 8) None received.

[The meeting closed at 20.22 pm]

DATED thisday of2014

SIGNED(Chairman)

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MEETING 3rd DECEMBER 2013

CORRESPONDENCE

Action

- 1.

Information

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| 1. Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind – Annual Report | Noted |
| 2. Norfolk County Council ‘Better Broadband’ newsletter. | Noted |

Mayor’s Engagements

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| 1. Wymondham College – Remembrance Service – 10.11.13 | Noted |
| 2. British Legion – Remembrance Parade & Service – 10.11.13 | Noted |
| 3. Wymondham Rotary Club – Lunch – 18.11.13 | Noted |
| 4. Original Factory Shop – Grand Opening – 23.11.13 | Noted |
| 5. Fosters – Christmas Fayre Reception – 30.11.13 | Noted |
| 6. Wymondham Lions – Christmas Fayre Opening – 30.11.13 | Noted |