

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2012  
held at the North Wymondham Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

J Wright	D Hockaday	J Andrews
J Turner	N Ward	CW Foulger
M Gibbins	C Longhurst	D Roberts
D Fernee	R Savage	A Taylor
G Jeffery		

65 Members of the public:  
NCC Cllr. Mooney & SNC Cllr. Hornby

The Town Mayor, Cllr. N Ward presiding

- 057/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Cooper
- 058/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr. Hockaday as a member of Norfolk Wildlife & a Lizard Trustee.
- 059/12 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS A number of residents commented on the proposed motion to undertake a review as outlined under agenda item 10. Concerns were raised over how independent the enquiry would be and who had contacted Dr Kemp to seek his involvement, Cllr. Ward confirmed that he had approached Dr Kemp who would be acting in a personal capacity. Cllr. Mooney agreed that an independent investigator should be appointed and like the public he did not support the appointment of Dr Kemp.  
Mr Heard asked who will receive the report and would it be made public.
- 060/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Roberts the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2012 were approved as a correct record subject to a minor amendment.
- 061/12 MATTERS ARISING None
- 062/12 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were presented by the Chairman and noted.
- 063/12 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was resolved to pay accounts for March, as per the submitted list to the sum of £17448.94  
  
In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7736.29
- 064/12 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

065/12 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

066/12 MOTION

Motion to Town Council

Wymondham Town Council resolves as follows:

1. He having consent to undertake the task, that Dr Christopher Kemp, solicitor, Chairman of South Norfolk District Council's Accounts, Audit and Governance Committee, is requested and authorised to carry out an independent review into the circumstances of the Council's decision to enter into a conditional contract for the sale of King's Head Meadow and in particular to verify that the Council's Standing Orders were correctly followed.
2. To ensure that such review is carried out effectively and without delay, all members and employees of the Council and all other interested parties are requested to:
  - a. co-operate fully and promptly with such review; and
  - b. refrain from any public comment on the subject-matter of the review until Dr Kemp shall have reported back to the Council.
3. Dr Kemp is requested to complete his review and to report thereon to the Council by not later than the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and in his report he is asked to recommend any changes that appear to him to be necessary to the Council's Standing Orders and procedures.

Proposed: Councillor Dianne Fernee

Seconded: Councillor Neil Ward

After discussion, during which Cllr. Fernee read out a prepared statement as attached to these minutes, it was unanimously resolved that the above motion be approved.

067/12 KING'S HEAD MEADOW WORKING GROUP Cllr Savage outlined the work undertaken by this group in accordance with the notes attached to these minutes.

068/12 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP Cllr Roberts gave an outline of work to date in accordance with the note attached to these minutes.

069/12 JUNE COUNCIL MEETING In view of the forthcoming Queen's Jubilee celebrations it was agreed that the meeting of the Council would take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

070/12 RISK ASSESSMENTS 2011/12 Clerk outlined risk assessment procedure undertaken for the last fiscal year which had resulted in an action plan (as attached to these minutes) being produced and sent to all Councillors. This incorporates areas to be addressed and actions to be taken to manage the resulting risks and it was resolved to accept these.

071/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY

Norfolk County Council – None

South Norfolk Council – None

072/12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Andrews attended a meeting of the allotment Association and gave a report as attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Gibbins attended a meeting of the Old Grammar School Trust and gave a report as attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Jeffery attended a meeting of the Wymondham Music Festival committee and the formal launch of the 2012 programme will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

073/12 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.

074/12 QUESTIONS None submitted.

075/12 EXCLUSION PUBLIC & PRESS On the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was resolved by the Council, under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

076/12 COUNCIL BUILDINGS, HEALTH & SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP Upon the proposition of Cllr. Jeffery and seconded by Cllr. Fernee it was resolved to ratify the decisions contained in the confidential minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

*[The meeting closed at 20 40x pm]*

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

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEETING 3rd APRIL 2012**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action**

- 1.

**Information**

1. NCC – details of Road works – Sheffield Road **Noted**

**Mayor's Engagements**

1. House of Commons – Lions International (Mr Tam) & HRH Countess of Wessex – 13.3.12 **Noted**
2. Robert Kett School – Fairtrade Day -16 .3.12 – Deputy Mayor **Noted**
3. Attleborough – Mayors Reception – 16.3.12 **Noted**
4. Wymondham Rugby Club – Visit – 18.3.12 **Noted**
5. NCC Chairman's Civic Service – County Hall – 29.3.12 **Noted**
6. Watton – Mayors Reception – 30.3.12 **Noted**
7. Wymondham Rugby Club – Pre Match Reception – 31.3.12 **Noted**
8. Star Throwers – Well Being day – 31.3.12 **Noted**