

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September 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

Members of the public: 31  
County Council : Cllr. Mooney  
District Council : Cllr. Hornby

The Town Mayor, Cllr. R Savage presiding

163/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Roberts & Foulger

164/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

165/12 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

- Mr Travis advised that he has seen plans for new Council Offices on an undisclosed site between the Green Dragon PH and the Library.
- Mr Heard = Agenda item 11 – Registering Council Land – could priority be given to Kings Head Meadow.
- Mr Hawkins – were Councillors familiar with the QE11 scheme.
- Mr Heard – All Councillors had been emailed with details of the QE11 scheme
- Mr Ward – following heated debate regarding building on King’s Head Meadow at the last meeting has this been kicked into the long grass.
- Mr Moss asked when were the Communications working group going to report.
- Mr Witt representing Wymondham Town FC –no contact with Council since last meeting. Cllr. Fernee responded that she had left a telephone message. Mr Witt confirmed that he had received this but had not responded.
- Mr Heard commented in respect of agenda item 10 – Kings Head Meadow review group – that 5 meetings had passed and were no further forward.
- Mr Ward advised that Cllr. Cooper had resigned.
- Mr Moss commented that he was not happy with the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting.
- Mr Heard commented on Agenda item 16 – Rugby Club pitch hire – in respect of the fee/size compared to the youth football club’s hiring of pitches at Ketts Park.
- Cllr. Mooney asked whose responsibility is it to keep the Football Club informed. He was advised it was the working group.
- Cllr. Hornby – in respect of the King’s Head Meadow working group consultation – asked how many leaflets were being distributed and was advised the figure was 5,000.
- Cllr. Mooney commented that it was important to engage the public and that a special ‘About Wymondham’ newsletter should be issued to seek opinion.
- Mr Heard asked why the venues for future Full Town Council meetings were not on the Council’s website. Clerk advised that the venues for the remainder of 2012 had been posted 3 weeks earlier.

- Mr Ward re-iterated several times that the future of King's Head Meadow needs to be secure.
- Mr Yaxley advised that the Wellesley Road site in Gt Yarmouth now had QE11 status.

166/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Wright the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012, subject to the following amendment (155/12 ....Cllrs Foulger and Gibbins withdrew the motion was replaced with Cllr. Gibbins withdrew his support for the motion) were approved as a correct record.

167/12 MATTERS ARISING None

168/12 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES the draft minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 were presented by the Chairman and noted.

169/12 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Fernee it was resolved to pay accounts for August, as per the submitted list to the sum of £18205.41

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8712.44

170/12 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

171/12 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

172/12 KINGS HEAD MEADOW SALE REVIEW Cllr. Savage advised that three possible reviewers have replied to an initial request to express an interest in conducting the review. Two have submitted details of their expenses and rates whilst the third potential reviewer has declined. A meeting of the review group will be convened shortly to bring a recommendation to the October Council meeting.

173/12 COUNCIL LAND Clerk advised that a response had been received from the Council's solicitors (Fosters) detailing their fees to register all the Council's land. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fernee and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was resolved to request Fosters to proceed.

174/12 COUNCIL OFFICES LEASE Clerk advised that following negotiations with South Norfolk Council the Town Council has been offered a new 10 year lease with rent reviews every three years and a 6 month break clause. The initial rent will be £25,500 pa for the first year followed by £26,500 in the second year and £27,500 in the third year. Upon the resolution of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Jeffery it was resolved to accept these terms.

175/12 COUNCIL OFFICES ACCOMMODATION Cllr. Gibbins presented paper issued with the agenda in respect of the provision of future Council office requirements After discussion it was agreed to form a cross party working group comprising of Cllrs. Hockaday, Fernee, Gibbins, Foulger and Andrews to prepare a report for consideration by the Full Council.

176/12 MARKET CROSS Clerk presented paper attached to meeting agenda and it was resolved to accept recommendation 2 that the existing notice board be stained in a contrasting colour and reinstalled.

177/12 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS It was agreed that the same lights as last year would be installed this Christmas and that the Clerk would obtain 3 quotes.

178/12 PITCH HIRE Clerk presented paper attached to meeting agenda outlining request by Wymondham Rugby Club to hire pitches at Browick Road Recreation Ground for the 2012/13 season. After discussion it was resolved to accept the proposal.

179/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Norfolk County Council

Cllr. Mooney:

- A new Construction Fund has been launched. Details will appear on NCC website.
- Tour of Britain Cycle Race to visit Norfolk on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- Resurfacing work has been carried out in Chapel Lane.
- Market Place improvement scheme will commence shortly.

South Norfolk Council

- Cllrs. Hockaday & Fernee had attended a briefing meeting in respect of the site specific Local Development Framework and reported that it included Spooner Row but not Wymondham as the Area Action Plan has not yet been completed.

180/12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Jeffery attended a meeting of the Music Festival Committee who are working on next year's arrangements.

181/12 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.

182/12 QUESTIONS UNDER S/O 8 Clerk read out questions tabled by Cllrs. Hockaday and Turner a few minutes before the meeting started as attached to these minutes.

*[The meeting closed at 21.05 pm]*

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

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action**

1. Norfolk Association Local Councils – AGM – 1.11.2012 – To put forward any resolutions. **Noted**

**Information**

1. SNC – Capital Grant Fund 2012/13 **Noted**
2. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Norfolk Link Newsletter **Noted**

**Mayor's Engagements**

- 1 Royal British Legion Women's Section Concert – 4.8.12 **Noted**
- 2 Star Throwers Charity Shop opening – 14.8.12 **Noted**