

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th November 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	C Foulger
D Roberts		

Members of the public: 33

District Council : Cllr. Hornby
County Council ; Cllr. Mooney
The Town Mayor, Cllr. R Savage presiding

206/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Jeffery

207/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

208/12 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

- Mr Ward – 185/12 Residents Questions – his comments re the Tiffey Valley development were to Cllr. Wright not the Council.
- Mr Hawkins – stated that WAW were ready to submit an application for Village Green status in respect of King's Head Meadow.
- Mrs James – asked how the registration of the Land Title to King's Head Meadow was progressing and had the Clerk written to South Norfolk Council. Clerk replied that this was being dealt with by the Council's solicitors. Cllr. Foulger responded that the SNC officers report on their website in respect of the supermarket applications they were dealing with clearly states that King's Head Meadow is not being considered for development.
- Mr Welton commented that the previous question had not been answered. Cllr. Gardiner responded that Cllr. Foulger was correct and had answered the question.
- Mr Moss read out a preamble to a question as to who had initiated the recent resurfacing of the area under the Market Cross. Clerk replied that he had originally contacted Norfolk County Council to ask them to review the area but the scheme had been drawn up by the County Council and paid for by them.

209/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fernee and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2012 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments

1. 185/12 Residents Questions
 - a. Mr Ward statement re Tiffey Valley was directed to Cllr. Wright not the Council.
 - b. Mrs Batley's comment and following comment by Cllr. Savage to be reversed.

210/12 MATTERS ARISING

185/12 Residents Questions

Cllr. Gibbins asked if there had been any response to the Market place improvements. Clerk replied that no correspondence had been received other than an email from Cllr. Gardiner. It was then queried where the removed cobbles had gone. Clerk responded he did not know as these were the property of Norfolk County Council.

211/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Foulger and seconded by Cllr. Gardiner the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2012 were approved as a correct record subject to the deletion of the following line:

1. Cllr. Gardiner commented that he didn't agree with the press coverage that had vilified Cllr. Ward over a minor mistake.

212/12 MATTERS ARISING None.

213/12 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2012 were presented by the Chairman and noted.

214/12 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Roberts it was resolved to pay accounts for October, as per the submitted list to the sum of £22,087.95

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £9283.67

215/12 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

216/12 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS were noted.

217/12 KINGS HEAD MEADOW SALE REVIEW

Motion

Wymondham Town Council proposes that the appointment of an individual to review the procedure surrounding the sale of the Kings Head Meadow and the said review be terminated and that the subcommittee responsible for said appointment be stood down.

Proposer Cllr. Gardiner

Seconder Cllr. Roberts

Cllr. Gardiner re-iterated his reasons for the motion as he outlined at the October meeting which was supported by Cllr. Roberts.

Cllr. Turner then outlined his objections to the motion and asked for a named vote.

Cllr. Hockaday outlined her concerns which Cllr. Gardiner responded to.

A vote was taken as follows:

For: Cllrs. Ward, Wright, Foulger, Longhurst, Fernee, Savage, Andrews, Roberts, Gardiner & Taylor

Against: Cllrs. Turner & Hockaday.

Abstain: Cllr. Gibbins.

The motion was passed.

218/12 COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP

Cllr. Roberts as Chairman of the working group outlined their thoughts to date in accordance with the report attached to these minutes and advised that their next meeting would be on 26th November 2012.

219/12 DISPENSATION

Cllr. Hockaday

"I submit a completed application form and this letter requesting a dispensation to discuss and to vote on any future major planning issues in Wymondham especially in South Wymondham where I live at my property at 3, Park Lane in order to represent my ward residents."

Cllr. Gibbins queried what was meant by 'major'. Cllr. Savage then read out the criteria outlined under the Localism Act S33 under which a request for a dispensation could be considered. Clerk read out guidance that had been given by South Norfolk Council. Cllr. Hockaday was advised by Cllr. Savage that no dispensation was required as she was not a member of the planning Committee but that she should declare an Interest when appropriate. Following this Cllr. Hockaday agreed to withdraw her application. Cllr. Hockaday was advised to contact South Norfolk Council's monitoring officer if she required any further advice or clarification.

220/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Norfolk County Council

Cllr. Mooney:

- Highways preparing for winter, salt stalls full and gritting route leaflet to be issued shortly.
- £100,000 donation made to Age UK warm winter fund.

South Norfolk Council

- Meeting of Management Development Committee to discuss two Supermarket planning proposals has been deferred to 20th November.
- Cllr. Ward advised that he understood that the gravel extraction application Min 118 (Stanfield Road) had been withdrawn.

Cllr. Roberts then commented that another accident had occurred at the zebra crossing on Norwich Road. Cllr. Taylor commented that drivers speed and speed bumps are required.

221/12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Wright – Archive Group – Heritage Open Days went well with lots of enquiries. Still collecting old records.
- Cllr. Taylor – Ketts Park Management Committee – Ticking over, hand driers have been installed in changing room toilets.
- Cllr. Foulger – Wymondham Dementia Group AGM – Existing trustees re-elected. Chairman gave notice this will be his last year.

222/12 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.

223/12 QUESTIONS UNDER S/O 8

Cllr. Roberts

1. Does the Chair feel it is acceptable that disability and Equality rights have been breached and still are being breached since the Equality act 2010?
2. Why after 3 full council meetings has the Council still not provided Loop hearing in meetings as required by Disability and equality law?
3. Has the mayor carried out the employment review/appraisal of the Town clerk as required in a previous Full council meeting and is there a written review?

Cllr. Savage advised that the Council were in the course of having an access audit carried out and the draft initial response was as follows and he didn't therefore at present feel that the Council were breaking the law. A briefing session was to be arranged for Councillors and further questions could be asked then.

In respect of Q3 Cllr. Gibbins advised that a draft appraisal form had been prepared for discussion by the Council buildings, Health & Safety and Personnel working group.

Cllr. Hockaday
When does the Town Council envisage holding the meeting to enable the council to give the South Norfolk Planning Officer a broad steer regarding the provision of pitches, informal space etc for the Planning Application 2012/0371.Land to east and west of Rightup Lane. I would like to see the residents of the area consulted before the council responds.

Cllr. Savage advised that a meeting of the Council's Local Development Framework working group would be convened to discuss this further.

Cllr. Fernee
1. I do not go down to the Council dump in Strayground Lane very often, but of the previous five visits on four occasions the dump has been closed due to vehicles recovering waste bins. On the last occasion there were 10 public vehicles in the lane or at the end waiting (this included a bike and trailer).Coopers van was also held up which must have been very frustrating for them. This subject has been raised at a previous WTC questions and it was hoped that these clearance trucks would go in before or after public opening times. At the very least they could have a sign at the road end of the lane advising people the dump was closed for this to happen,this would prevent the lane becoming jammed. Is there any action WTC can take or can the council contact the relevant bodies.

2 Can WTC do something about the replacement of the "ONE WAY"sign at the top of the Market Place and the "LIMITED WAITING " sign at the parking spaces opposite the Fairland Church. Is it also possible to do something about the parking on the pavement outside Hughes and One Stop and that Traffic leaving the parking spaces in front of the co-op pharmacy only turn left.

Cllr. Savage advised that County Cllr. Mooney had provided a response from the County Council which is attached to the minutes. In respect of Q2 it was agreed that the concerns would be passed to the County Council as they are the Highways authority.

[The meeting closed at 20.55 pm]

DATED thisday of2012

SIGNED(Chairman)

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING 6th NOVEMBER 2012

CORRESPONDENCE

Action

1. Letter – Dunston Harriers – request to use Market Place – 26th December 2012

Approved

2. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Initial Training Course (Poringland Community Centre) Friday 23rd November 2012 - 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Noted

Information

1. Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind – Annual Report 2011/12 **Noted**
2. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Annual Report 2011/12 **Noted**

Mayor's Engagements

1. High Sheriff – Justices Service – 7.10.12 (Deputy Mayor) **Noted**
2. Wymondham Lions International Charity Swim- 13.10.12 **Noted**
3. Wymondham College – Founders Day Service – 19.10.12 **Noted**
4. Wymondham Lemon Day – 3.11.12 **Noted**