

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
held at Ketts Park Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

G Jeffery	KJ Cooper	J Wright
J Turner	N Ward	DM Hockaday
M Gibbins	C Longhurst	D Roberts
D Fernee	Y Astley	J Andrews
R Savage		

Members of the public: Approx 250

The Town Mayor, Cllr. N Ward presiding

202/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Foulger & Jessop

203/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr. Gibbins in respect of grant application from Priory Bowls Club as relative is a member. Took no part in debate or vote.

204/11 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS A number of residents outlined their concerns over the Council's proposed sale of Kings Head Meadow to ASDA. Issues raised covered areas such as:

- Loss of green space
- Increased traffic
- Consultation
- Need for another store

205/11 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Fernee the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 were approved as a correct record.

206/11 MATTERS ARISING None.

207/11 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Jeffery it was resolved to pay accounts for November, as per the submitted list to the sum of £14792.58

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7642.09

Cllr. Jeffery asked a question re appointment of head Groundsman. Cllr. Ward advised a written answer would be provided.

208/11 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

209/11 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

210/11 CEMETERY LODGE Clerk advised that an offer for the lodge of £185,000 had been received. The property had been valued by the District Valuer in the range of £180,000 - £190,000. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Jeffery and seconded by Cllr. Roberts it was resolved to accept this offer and to delegate authority to the Clerk to accept any further offers in excess of £179,999.00

211/11 MARKET CROSS Clerk explained paper attached to these minutes outlining the current problems with the stairs leading up to the Market Cross and the need for a new set to be installed. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fernee and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to accept the quotation from Company C to carry out the work.

212/11 LEARNING CENTRE Clerk advised that Wymondham Academy had agreed to hire the building and upon the proposition of Cllr. Jeffery and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved that Cllrs. Ward & Gibbins would sign the lease on behalf of the Council.

213/11 GRANT APPLICATION Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Astley it was resolved to offer the Priory Bowls club a grant of £4,000 towards the installation of a new clubhouse.

214/11 MEETINGS 2012 Schedule of proposed dates for meetings during 2012 was tabled and is attached to these minutes.

215/11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY

Norfolk County Council – Cllr. Mooney

- Gritting arrangements – Leaflets available shortly.
- Speed Activation Sign – 1 to be installed shortly – site being assessed.
- Roundabouts – sponsorship being arranged for all sites.
- Budgets 2012/12 – being prepared – anticipated 0% increase.
- Parking Enforcement – now being undertaken by District Councils

South Norfolk Council - None

216/11 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Gibbins – Wymondham Fuel Allotment Charity – 95 grants of £40 Waitrose vouchers.

Cllr. Turner – Spooner Row Village Hall – Floor problems rectified.

217/11 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.

218/11 QUESTIONS

Cllr. Fernee

1.The WTC Framework Strategy for 2008-13 states

A) major development should be resisted

B) The natural environment should be protected.

C) The cultural and historical heritage of the town should be protected.

D) The town has concerns about volume of traffic through the town centre and the unloading lorries was a concern.

E) The town's open spaces should be protected.

Can WTC explain how development of Asda on the Kings Head Meadow, a green space in a conservation area, fit in with their strategic Plan?

2)

In 1964 Back Lane was considered to be inadequate due to its width and winding nature and to have inadequate junctions with existing roads to allow any substantial volume of additional traffic can you explain how in 2011 this is apparently no longer a problem.

3)

Why was/ is there no public consultation?

Cllr. Ward advised that a written response would be provided.

Cllr Turner

Following on from the answer in private to my SO8 question of last month re Kings Head Meadow, for which thanks, but was not a proof that the business was conducted right, rather the reverse:

- Was the decision of the Clerk and Mayor not to discuss the business in Leisure and Environment Committee based on the notion that its leisure & environmental aspect is trivial?

Cllr. Ward answered No.

- On what grounds was my request to see documents relating to the business (which request is hereby repeated), refused?

Cllr. Ward advised that the situation had been explained to Cllr. Turner and that the Council were following the NALC guidelines outlined to Legal Topic Note 1.

*[The meeting closed at 20 .55 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2011

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEETING 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Action**

1. Numerous letters in respect of Kings Head Meadow **Noted**

**Information**

1. The Localism Act – Royal Assent **Noted**

**Mayor's Engagements**

1. Wymondham Rugby Club Firework display 5.11.11
2. Wymondham College Remembrance Service 13.11.11
3. Royal British Legion Remembrance Service 13.11.11
4. Wymondham College Concert 13.11.11
5. Pride In Norfolk Awards 23.11.11
6. Wymondham Talking Newspapers 700<sup>th</sup> edition 24.11.11
7. Wymondham Lions Christmas fayre 1.12.11

**All the above were noted**