

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th January 2014 in the FAIRLAND HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public: 15

The Town Mayor, Cllr. D Fernee presiding

- 01/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Hockaday , Elliott & Taylor
- 02/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None
- 03/14 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS
- Mr Travis – read out a statement and questions in respect of minute 210/13
 - Mr Ward – queried minute 203/13 and it was agreed to amend this to ‘The court had given Cllr. Gardiner a rap over the knuckles’.
 - Mr Walker – read out a statement in respect of minute 210/13, asked under agenda item 11 why new standing orders were being discussed (*Clerk responded that new national model standing orders had been issued and it was therefore appropriate to review the Councils*) and under item 10 had the Council reviewed its telephone and electricity suppliers (*Cllr. Gibbins responded that he would cover this when the item was discussed*)
 - Mr Moss read out a statement (*Cllr. Fernee agreed that this would be passed to Norfolk County Councillor Mooney as it relates to County Council business*).
- 04/14 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Savage the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2013 were approved as a correct record subject to the amendment listed above . Cllr. Heard also pointed out that under 200/13 the email from the Clerk to Councillors listing potential sites that might yield S106 funds was sent after the December meeting.
- 05/14 MATTERS ARISING
- Cllr. Gardiner read out a statement in respect of minute 210/13.
 - Cllr. Heard in respect of minute 211/13 asked for an update. (*Clerk responded that he had written to Saffron Housing and was still awaiting a response*).
- 06/14 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2013 were presented by the Chairman and noted.
- 07/14 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Gibbins it was resolved to pay accounts for December, as per the submitted list to the sum of £12,635.13

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,958.82

08/14 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

09/14 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

10/14 PRECEPT 2014/15 Cllr. Gibbins introduced the budget that has been recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee who had looked at the figures in detail, and in answer to a previous question the Council had looked at its utilities suppliers. Projected income was £61,025, expenditure of £353,170 and allocations to earmarked reserves of £95,500 leaving a funding requirement of £387,645. A transitional grant of £32,610 has been offered by South Norfolk Council leaving a precept requirement of £355,035 which with a tax base of 4,837 dwellings results in a band 'D' property being charged £73.40 pa the same as the last 3 years. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was unanimously resolved to approve this precept.

11/14 STANDING ORDERS Clerk referred to a draft set of Standing Orders which had been sent to Councillors in mid December following the issue of a new national Model Standing Orders. Following feedback a number of amendments had taken place and new set were distributed for the Council to debate and if appropriate approve.

Cllr. Turner introduced the following two proposals:

1. That a final item is added to the Council meeting agenda as follows - Suggested items for next meeting's agenda. After discussion this was amended to – Suggested items for next meeting's agenda by Councillors.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gardiner and following a vote of 10 in favour and 2 against it was resolved that this be added.

2. That the Public Participation section be amended from 'in respect of business on the agenda' to 'any matter of Council business'.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gardiner and following a vote of 3 in favour and 9 against the proposal was defeated.

Following further discussion and upon the resolution of Cllr. Andrews and seconded by Cllr. Turner a proposal was put forward to adopt the new standing orders. Following a vote of 9 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions it was resolved to adopt the new standing orders.

Discussion took place on a proposed new agenda format which the Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council is responsible for and it was agreed that this would be introduced and reviewed, if appropriate, after 6 months.

12/14 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY Upon the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Gibbins it was unanimously resolved to approve this policy.

13/14 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- Norfolk County Council – Cllr Foulger
 - Sufficient gritting salt levels were held in anticipation of winter weather.
- South Norfolk Council – Cllr Savage

- Chapel Lane planning application enquiry was due to re-commence on 4th February.

14/14 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Gardiner – Wymondham Town Football Club – attended meeting, club will respond to letter from Council, Audited Accounts had been prepared, still problems with glass / needles on site, they were moving in the right direction. A statement from M Banham representing the club was read out.

15/14 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report

16/14 QUESTIONS (S/O 8) None received.

[The meeting closed at 20.58 pm]

DATED thisday of2014

SIGNED(Chairman)

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CORRESPONDENCE

Action

1. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Training Courses **Noted**

Information

1. Norfolk Association Local Councils – Norfolk Link newsletter **Noted**
2. Norfolk County Council ‘Better Broadband’ newsletter. **Noted**

Mayor’s Engagements

1. Wymondham Lions – Award to U3A – 5.12.13
2. Wymondham Lions – Swimathon Presentation Evening – 6.12.13 **Noted**
3. Wymondham Rugby – Community Fund presentation – 7.12.13 **Noted**
4. Wymondham College – Carol Service – 8.12.13 **Noted**
5. Pabulum Cafe – Christmas Lunch – 13.12.13 **Noted**
6. Wymondham Academy – Carol Service – 17.12.13 **Noted**
7. Wymondham Academy – A level presentation evening – 19.12.13 **Noted**
8. Wymondham Youth Bus – Bag Packing Fund raising – 22.12.13 **Noted**
9. Wymondham Abbey Town Carol Service – 22.12.13 **Noted**
10. Windmill Residential Home – Christmas Event – 24.12.13 **Noted**
11. Wymondham Abbey – Crib Service – 24.12.13 **Noted**