

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th August 2012 in the Fairland Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

JRW Andrews	N Ward	JH Turner
J Wright	CW Foulger	MJ Gibbins
DM Hockaday	R Savage	A Gardiner
CA Longhurst	D Roberts	

Members of the public: 62
County Council : None
District Council : Cllr. Hornby

The Town Mayor, Cllr. R Savage presiding

144/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Jeffery, Fernee, Taylor & Cooper

145/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

146/12 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Mr Moss – asked why the minutes of the last Leisure and Environment committee meeting had only just been posted on the Councils website.

Mr Ward – Accused Cllr. Foulger of contempt for the Kings Head Meadow working group

Mr Witt – represents Wymondham Town Football Club and was keen to understand agenda item 12.

Mrs van Hattem – in times of austerity should Council be paying £6,000 for an appraisal.

Claimed offices in Town are available to rent.

Mrs Batley – commented that she was told that it cost the Council for her to attend meetings as she is disabled.

Mrs Elliott – asked if Council were still looking into QE11 status for Kings Head Meadow.

Mr Greenfield – Questioned if Cllr. Savage was reconnecting with the public and was this being done.

Mr Moss – On whose authority did the Clerk comment in a Press article. Why do we need new Council offices.

Mrs Cole – Council doesn't spend a penny on youth in Town.

Mr Ward – Surplus portakabins at Wymondham High School would be good enough for the Council.

Mr Moss – item 15 who is the Councils representative for Wymondham Town Football Club.

Mr Witt – happy to answer questions re Asda.

147/12 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Andrews the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2012 were approved as a correct record.

148/12 MATTERS ARISING

136/12 Cllr. Roberts commented that he had sent in details of The Disability Discrimination Act to the Clerk and that one of its requirements was that hearing loops should be available.

127/12 Clerk confirmed that the monitoring Officer at South Norfolk Council had been requested to arrange a Code of Conduct Training session.

149/12 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2012 were presented by the Chairman and noted.

150/12 OFFICE BUILDINGS. HEALTH & SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP the draft minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2012 were presented by the Chairman and noted.

151/12 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr.Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Foulger it was resolved to pay accounts for July, as per the submitted list to the sum of £45,746.70

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,632.28

152/12 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

153/12 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

154/12 KINGS HEAD MEADOW SALE REVIEW Cllr. Savage read out a statement advising that the group had met and that the following 4 people were to be contacted regarding the review – Mr S Shortman, Mr J Anslow, Mr N Hancox and Mr D Jones.

155/12 MOTION TO TOWN COUNCIL

Motion to Town Council

That Wymondham Town Council commissions a feasibility study to investigate the construction of new Town Council offices on King's Head Meadow together with any other possible options. The study is to look at planning permission, office requirements, outline designs, indicative costs and compare these with remaining at the current premises. A budget of £6,000 to be set for the cost of the study.

Proposed by Cllr C Foulger
Seconded by Cllr M Gibbins

After discussion during which Cllr. Turner read out a letter from Cllrs. Turner, Fernee & Taylor as attached to these minutes and amendments to the motion were put forward and debated Cllr. Gibbins withdrew his support for the motion. Cllr.Savage then made a statement explaining the rationale behind the motion.

156/12 KINGS HEAD MEADOW – REGISTERED LAND After discussion it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to contact the Council's solicitors to ascertain a cost of registering all the Council's land and that if the quotation was below £2,000 that it be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee and if over £2,000 it be referred back to the Full Council.

157/12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Norfolk County Council
None

South Norfolk Council

Cllr. Foulger – Next stage of the Site Specific Local Development Framework consultation will commence on 3rd September and will run until 26th October 2012.

Cllr. Savage – South Norfolk Council are considering the introduction of an interactive Tourist Information point to be installed near the Market Cross.

Cllr. Hockaday commented that South Norfolk Council are consulting on Housing benefit changes and that Silfield Residents Association were putting posters up.

158/12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES None

159/12 HEALTH & SAFETY Nothing to report.

160/12 QUESTIONS None received.

[Cllrs. Gardiner and Roberts left the meeting at 21.10 pm)

161/12 EXCLUSION PUBLIC & PRESS On the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Ward resolution 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.

162/12 OFFICE BUILDINGS. HEALTH & SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING

Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Andrews it was resolved to ratify the recommendation not to proceed with the purchase of 74 Pople Street at present.

Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Foulger it was resolved to ratify the recommendation that the Town Clerk negotiates with South Norfolk Council in respect of the lease for 14 Middleton Street.

Upon the proposition of Cllr. Gibbins and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to ratify the recommendation in respect of the following:

1. To amend the contracts of Mrs K Chamberlain and Mrs K Pettitt to 37 hours and 20 hours per week respectively.
2. To delete the position of Project & Support Officer
3. To advertise for a grounds man to replace a grounds man retiring on the 31st December 2012.
4. To ratify the appointment of Mr W Parsloe as a grounds man following the satisfactory completion of a 6 month probationary period.

[The meeting closed at 21.30 pm]

DATED thisday of2012

SIGNED(Chairman)

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING 7th AUGUST 2012

CORRESPONDENCE

Action

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| 1. Norfolk Police – Home watch AGM – Police HQ – 16.8.12 – 7.00pm | Noted |
| 2. SNC – Tree removal Back Lane – Replacement Type nominations. | Noted |

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| 1. SNC – Design Awards 2012 – seeking nominations. | Noted |
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Mayor's Engagements

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| 1 Wymondham Lions – honorary Lunch – 8.7.12 | Noted |
| 2 Creative Arts / Robert Kett School – Film Gala – 10.7.12 | Noted |
| 3 Mayor of Attleborough – Civic Service – 29.7.12 | Noted |
| 4 Wymondham Art Society – Annual exhibition Preview – 30.7.12 | Noted |