

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MARCH 2014 in the FAIRLAND HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public: 16

South Norfolk Council: Cllr. Hornby

The Town Mayor, Cllr. D Fernee presiding

34/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Elliott.

35/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Heard
 - Prejudicial interest in matters pertaining to King's Head Meadow as I live adjacent to the site. Would remain in room for agenda item 12 as this was a discussion item and no decisions would be made.

36/14 DISPENSATIONS No requests were received.

37/14 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Andrews the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2014 were approved as a correct record.

38/14 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Andrews the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2014 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- 23/14 KING's HEAD MEADOW Cllr. Heard returned to the room.
- 23/14 KING's HEAD MEADOW TRUST WORKING GROUP Cllr. Fernee no strategy to safeguard the meadow.

39/14 PROGRESS UPDATES

- 23/14 KING's HEAD MEADOW TRUST WORKING GROUP Cllr. Taylor reported that the group had met and had made progress. A report and recommendation would be made to the next Leisure & Environment Committee meeting subject to revised play equipment quotations being received.
- 29/14 SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN Clerk reported that a press release had been obtained from Norfolk County Council and forwarded to the Mercury and that the County Council had confirmed that they would accept questionnaires up to the end of March 2014.

40/14 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 19th February 2014 were noted.

41/14 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Ward and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to pay accounts for February, as per the submitted list to the sum of £19,013.29

In compliance with Financial Regulations, the clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,915.68

42/14 CORRESPONDENCE received was considered and the actions proposed are recorded separately as an appendix to these minutes.

43/14 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

44/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mr Walker – agenda item 17 – read out statement regarding pressure on local schools following housing development and referred to the recent Norfolk County Council consultation. *Cllr. Taylor responded that officers from the County Council had attended the presentations given at schools. After discussion it was felt that parents/ residents should be encouraged to fill in the questionnaire giving their views.*
- Mr Walker asked when will the Council start to record meetings.

45/14 FIELDS IN TRUST Cllr. Turner outlined the paper he had produced for discussion commenting that there was nothing new in it. A wide ranging discussion then took place covering areas such as:

- Role of Fields in Trust
- Clarification of the F.I.T Deed of Dedication
- What is 'in perpetuity'
- Definition of catchment area.
- Is a beneficial interest transferred?
- What can or cannot be built on the site.
 - Can Council offices be built?
- Does F.I.T have the final say?
- Does this affect lease with Football Club.
- Who ultimately has control of the meadow?

Cllrs. Savage & Andrews read out statements giving their individual views.

Upon the proposition of Cllr. Turner and seconded by Cllr. Taylor it was resolved that the Clerk sets up a meeting between Councillors, Council's solicitors, representatives from Field in Trust and their solicitors to establish the facts on which to base a future decision in respect of King's Head Meadow.

In Favour: 6
Against: 5
Abstentions: 1

The proposal was carried.

- 46/14 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES It was agreed to defer appointees to the Archive Group and Ketts Park Management Committee to the May meeting. In respect of Wymondham Town Football Club it was agreed to appoint Cllr. Heard.
- 47/14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING After discussion it was agreed that a representative from the Wymondham Community book shop and Inspector Abigail from Norfolk Police would be invited to give presentations.
- 48/14 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS
- Norfolk County Council – Cllr Foulger – Nothing to report
 - South Norfolk Council – Cllr Savage – Gunvil Hall planning application being considered by South Norfolk Council’s Development Management Committee on 2nd April 2014.
- 49/14 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES None
- 50/14 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
- Cllr. Heard – recording of Council meetings. Cllr. Heard to prepare paper for consideration.

[The meeting closed at 20.35 pm]

DATED thisday of2014

SIGNED(Chairman)

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CORRESPONDENCE

Action

- 1.

Information

1. Norfolk County Council – Proposed changes to primary education in Wymondham. **Noted**

Mayor's Engagements

1. South Norfolk Council – Community Awards – 7.2.14 **Noted**
2. Wymondham Music Festival AGM – 10.2.14 **Noted**
3. Wymondham College – Lincoln Lecture – 13.2.14 **Noted**
4. Youth Bus – AGM – 19.2.14 **Noted**
5. Wymondham Dementia Forum – 19.2.14 **Noted**
6. Wymondham Players - Launch Dementia Awareness Week - 1.3.14 **Noted**