

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
 MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017  
 in the CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors Present

R Savage	S Wyer	K Hurn
S Nuri	D Underwood	J Halls
C Longhurst	L Hornby	I Flatt
P Broome	J Mooney	A Holden
P Stearn		

Members of the Public: 6  
 Norfolk County Council: Cllr. Foulger.

- 150/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Sayer & J Hornby
- 151/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllrs Mooney, Savage, Broome & L Hornby – agenda item 11 (Public Toilets) – Members of South Norfolk Council.
- 152/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – None.
- 153/17 MINUTES OF MEETINGS Upon the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Hurn the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved as a correct record.
- 154/17 PROGRESS UPDATES
- Minute 146/17 Cllr. Underwood reported that Mr Seach of Wymondham Access Group had been on Radio Norfolk when they had broadcast a lengthy article regarding issues faced by disabled people and in particular problems at rail stations including Wymondham.
  - Minute 145/17 Cllr. Halls asked if Police had been invited to attend this meeting. Clerk responded that an invitation and a chasing email had been sent but no response had been received.
  - New Office Build the notes of the meeting of the working group were noted.
- 155/17 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were noted.
- 156/17 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were noted.

SUNDRY CREDITORS Upon the proposition of Cllr. Mooney and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst it was resolved to pay accounts for November 2017, as per the submitted list in the sum of £32,679.29

In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,879.11

157/17 PUBLIC PARTICIOPATION

- P Travis – Agenda item 10 – Motion re Police – read out statement
- T Vale – Agenda item 11 – Public Toilets – claimed public toilets were available in Cafes and the Green Dragon.

158/17 MOTION

Cllr. Halls introduced the following motion reading out a statement which was seconded by Cllr. Underwood

‘The Town Council wishes to register its considerable concern regarding the proposal to cut the number of PCSO’s in Norfolk to nothing as it believes this will seriously further compromise the ability of the Norfolk Police force to dispense justice and adequately police Wymondham and the immediate area’.

Following discussions Cllr. Savage seconded by Cllr. Mooney proposed the following amendment

The Town Council notes that Norfolk Police have adopted a new policing structure to meet the challenges of present day patterns of crime. The Town Council also notes that the Chief Constable believes that Norfolk can still deliver an excellent policing service despite funding cuts, and the Norfolk 2020 changes allows the police to take a proactive stance against criminality.

For: 9

Against: 4

The amendment became the substantive motion and was voted upon:

For: 9

Against: 4

- 159/17 PUBLIC TOILETS Cllr. Savage introduced the report prepared by the Clerk outlining South Norfolk position in respect of their offer to pass the toilet block to the Town Council as they no longer wish to pay for these facilities. They are proposing to allocate upto £40,000 to refurbish the block and a dowry of £66,925 to cover 5 years revenue costs with the block being transferred to the Town Council on either a 35 year or 99 year lease, or on a freehold basis.

A recorded vote was called for.

After discussion the Clerk’s recommendation was put to a vote.

‘In view of the financial uncertainty and resource implications Wymondham Town Council declines the offer of South Norfolk Council to lease/purchase the public toilets in Market Street car park’

For: Cllrs: Nuri, Halls, Hurn, Underwood, Longhurst & Savage (6)

Against Cllrs. Wyer,Flatt,Stearn,L Hornby, Mooney, Holden & Broome (7)

Cllr. Savage then called for a vote:

‘To accept South Norfolk Council’s offer to transfer the public toilets in principle subject to satisfactory negotiations and provision of information.

For: Cllrs Wyer,Flatt,Stearn,L Hornby,Mooney,Holden & Broome (7)

Against Cllrs: Nuri,Halls,Hurn,Underwood,Longhurst & Savage (6)

160/17 2018 PROPOSED MEETING DATES were agreed and noted.

161/17 REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- County – Cllr. Mooney reported that NCC budget setting process had started.
- District – None.

162/17 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Holden congratulated Light Up Wymondham on their work installing Christmas Lights. Cllr. Hornby commented that the Council had given them a £3,000 grant.

163/17 SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT MEETING

- Cllr. Halls – Time & Task Group to look at communication with residents of polling area DT1 following final recommendation of South Norfolk Councils Electoral Arrangements Review Committee.

*[The meeting closed at 20.45 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2017

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

No.	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	SERVICES	N/C	EXPEND	ANALYSIS	VAT	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
<b>Wymondham Town Council Monthly Creditors</b>									
191	Abbeylet Garage Ltd	Fuel Account	L & E Maintenance	6130		636.99	127.41	764.40	705222
192	Anglian Water	Water charge 30/8/17 - 24/10/17 - stand pipe	Markets - Water	4550		11.90	0.00	11.90	705223
193	Alan Bunting Associates	H & S safety advisory service for the year	Est - Health & Safety	4195		600.00	0.00	600.00	705224
194	Norfolk Parish Training & Support	General Date Protection Regulations Training Course	Est - Staff Training	4140		35.00	0.00	35.00	705225
195	Light Up Wymondham	Grant for Christmas Lights	Grants	4700		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	705226
196	Neil Thomas	Remove trees overhanging car park, chip and remove logs	Ketts Park - Maintenance	6210		1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	705227
197	Poppy Appeal	Supply Poppy Wreath	Est - Miscellaneous	4090		55.00	0.00	55.00	705228
198	Vincent and Gorbng Limited	Architectural and consultancy services, expenses and travel	Est - Miscellaneous	4090		7,512.60	1,502.52	9,015.12	705229
70	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	PAYE/NIC	4000		3,194.96	0.00	3,194.96	705230
200	Norfolk Pension Fund	Pensions	Pensions	4000		602.00	0.00	602.00	705231
201	John Service	Cut and rake fen meadow - Tolls meadow	L & E Maintenance	6130			9.86		
202	Ketts park Community & Recreation Centre	Electricity usage at Ketts Park Football Club House	Ketts Park Changing Rooms	6220	197.21			460.41	705233
		Electricity usage for tennis flood lights	L & E Tennis light electric	6050	241.28		3.84		
203	Barclays Bank PLC/Mr Overalls	Gloves and anti vibe gloves	Est - Health & Safety	4195	19.20			36.84	705234
204	Jewson Limited	Centrefeed roll	L & E Maintenance	6130	11.50			23.00	705236
205	Norfolk News Deliveries Ltd	Plywood, primer undercoat and postcrete	Est - Miscellaneous	4090	846.92			2,188.33	705237
206	Hays	Daily EDP	Salaries & Wages Temporary Staff	4000	976.69				
207	Virrdor Waste Management Limited	Temporary Groundsman	L & E Brightoner Wymondham	6160	61.20			165.24	705238
		Wheeled Bin Account	Council Refuse	4520	76.50				
		Wheeled Bin Account	Cemetery Refuse	4420	59.49				
208	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Safety boots	Est - Health & Safety	4195	208.23			557.72	705239
		Repairs to Boomer tractor and Major mower	L & E Equipment Maintenance	6140	197.05			149.30	705240
		Battery, claw hammer, nylon line, round up, nuts & bolts	L & E Maintenance	6130				500.00	705241
		Hire of photo copier 01.12.17 - 28.02.18	Admin Print/Stationery	4310				144.00	705242
209	Canon UK Ltd	Grant	Grants	4700				2,700.00	705243
210	Wymondham Town Archive	AVG CloudCare Anti-Virus - Annual fee	Admin Print/Stationery	4310				783.25	705244
211	Anglian Internet	Advice on restrictive covenant - New office build	Est - Legal	4115				141.29	705245
212	Fosters	Rent in advance 25/12/17 - 24/03/18	Allotments	4600					
213	Savills Client A/C Re Anglian Water Services	Sanitact Unit	Est - Miscellaneous	4090	65.97			89.94	705246
214	Initial Washroom Hygiene	3 boxes of refuse sacks	L & E maintenance	6130	8.98			772.91	705247
215	Viking	2 boxes of eye wash pods	Est - Health & Safety	4195					
216	Emo Oil	Heating oil	Est - Heating	4060					
217	Alan Bunting Associates	Health & Safety inspection, writing a report.	Est - Health & Safety	4195	460.00			780.00	705248
		Preparing risk assessments and COSSH sheets	Est - Health & Safety	4195	320.00			204.00	705249
218	Shaw & Sons Limited	Register of Burials book	Est - Miscellaneous	4090				282.00	705250
219	Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual subscription	Est - Subscriptions	4130				105.00	705251
220	Cash	Postage	Admin postage	4330					
221	Cash	Kitchen supplies	Est - Miscellaneous	4090	20.83				
		Bulbs for van	Est - Van maintenance	4155	2.48				
		Bearing - Major Mower	L & E Equipment Maintenance	6140	16.00				
		Postage	Admin postage	4330	11.91			54.92	705252
		Groundsmans telephone	Admin - telephone	4320				19.07	705253
222	EE				3,801.44	25,390.13	2,797.73	31,969.30	
<b>DIRECT DEBITS</b>									
		Major 1200GR	November Maintenance/Lease	6150		165.58	33.11	198.69	
		New Holland Tractor T4030	November Maintenance/Lease	6150		409.42	81.88	491.30	
					3,801.44	25,965.13	2,912.72	32,679.29	

Chairman

Deputy Chairman

*R. Baray*

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WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL SALARIES

No	PAID TO	DESCRIPTION	SERVICES	EXPEND	ANALYSIS	VAT	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
8	Barclays Payflow	Salaries - November	Admin Salaries	4,529.85				
			Estab Salaries	3,807.43				
			Cemetery Salaries				8,879.11	D/D
			TIC Salaries	541.83				
TOTALS							8,879.11	

..... *R. Barag* ..... Chairman

..... *[Signature]* ..... Deputy Chairman

30th November 2017

## Police officer reduction in numbers

Operation Gravity is a nationwide operation involving cross county initiatives and is already up and running in Norfolk, It mainly deals with drugs related crimes.

Cromer Town Council are asking the same question so what is it apparently not something we should doing?

65 new officers are VERY unlikely to be recruited and trained in time to replace the PCSO's that will be lost which is 150. The overall reduction of officers on the ground is 69 officers. If you include the sergeants the total loss of police staff will be 161 once you take into account the closure of 7 smaller police stations. Any incidents will have to be passed to the control rooms who are already being squeezed and this will ensure an even poorer public access to the Police than we have now. Many of the sergeants will simply be front line officers who are promoted so they will need to be replaced as well so 81 Police officer replacements in total will be required, not 69.

These officers are shared over all 6 deployment areas BUT not equally, so Norwich will get 3 officers and rural areas such as South Norfolk, all of South Norfolk will probably get 1 extra police officer per shift when you take into account the 5 shift work patterns. It will also mean the loss of 7 PCSO's per area per shift ( PCSO's do not do shift from 0100 to 0700 )which again will be spread disproportionately across the deployment areas as they are now.

As there will be no PCSO's the duties they do now such as ASBO enforcement and low level crime reduction via education, late night firework incidents will simply stop. There will be nothing to stop vulnerable young persons progressing into high level criminal activity. There will be nobody walking the beat, dealing with neighbourhood disputes and no one gathering essential local knowledge

For crime scenes, officers such as PCSOs provide valuable roles in sealing off areas and also maintain road blocks. They were essential in the recent murder in East Harling. When they go, highly qualified Police officers will have to do this, so the number of investigating officers on the ground will actually fall.

PCSOs also serve as School officers and that role will almost certainly stop as well

There are already insufficient officers deployable on the ground as we saw in Cromer in the Summer, so even less will make this situation worse and at a time when 9 out of 10 burglaries currently remain unsolved do further reductions of Police officers on the ground make any sense?

The savings are smoke and mirrors as Police officers actually progress to a higher salary than PCSO's

To those who say PCSOs don't have enough powers, they have more than is publicised. For example they can take statements, which leaves regular police officers free to undertake other tasks. But the **Norfolk Constabulary** has not given PCSOs the training in order to utilise the full extent of powers available to them but oddly Suffolk has.

Whilst I accept that this not a situation that we can directly influence we have the right as elected representatives of the community to register our objection to these proposals and I therefore ask you to support the rather timid motion, lacking in emotive language, you have before you.