

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 24th May 2016
in the Council Offices commencing at 6.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs R Savage (Chairman)
I Flatt
C Longhurst (substitute for A Holden)
K Hurn
L Hornby (substitute for J Hornby)

Also Present 1 member (s) of the public

- F17/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Upon the resolution of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was resolved to appoint Cllr. Savage as Chairman for the 2016/17 Mayoral year.
- F18/16 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Upon the resolution of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to appoint Cllr. Hurn as Vice Chairman for the 2016/17 Mayoral year.
- F19/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs. J Hornby & A Holden.
- F20/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.
- F21/16 MINUTES OF MEETING On the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Flatt it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19th April 2016 as a correct record.
- F22/16 PROGRESS UPDATES None.
- F23/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- Mr Heard
 - Had a new grant application form been drawn up and he felt that applicants should be encouraged to attend the meeting when their application is being discussed. *Clerk replied that a new application form was still being formulated.*
 - In respect of the Queens Street Residents Association grant application should District Councillors who had previously awarded a grant from their South Norfolk allocation declare an interest. *Cllr. Savage responded that he did not consider this was a requirement.*
 - Are Bank statements considered as part of grant applications. *Clerk responded that Councillors need to take this information into consideration.*
- F24/16 GRANT APPLICATON received from Wymondham Music Festival to assist in

the organisation of community events and purchase of banners. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was unanimously agreed to award the sum of £2750.

F25/16 GRANT APPLICATION received from Ashleigh School to assist in the supply and installation of materials to form a farm area. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was unanimously agreed to award the sum of £3000.

F26/16 GRANT APPLICATION for the sum of £10,000 received from Queens Street Residents Association to assist in the cost of street works costing £111,228. Concerns were raised that:

- No other funding applications had been made to other bodies.
- Only a small amount was held in a bank account.
- Project would benefit only a small number of residents.
- The amount requested in proportion to the overall Council grants budget of £9000.

It was unanimously decided to decline this application and to advise the association that the Council would reconsider any future application once the bulk of funding had been confirmed and only for items such as seating that can be used by all residents.

F27/16 Upon the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Hurn a resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and Public from the meetings 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.

F28/16 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16 Cllr. Savage presented the draft audited accounts. After discussion and answering of queries upon the resolution of Cllr. Hurn and seconded by Cllr. Flatt it was unanimously agreed to recommend these for final approval by the Full Town Council.

F29/16 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2015/16 Cllr. Savage presented the Annual Governance Statement. After discussion and answering of queries upon the resolution of Cllr. Flatt and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was unanimously agreed to recommend these for final approval by the Full Town Council.

F30/16 ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2015/16 Cllr. Savage presented the Annual Accounting Statement. After discussion and answering of queries upon the resolution of Cllr. L Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst it was unanimously agreed to recommend these for final approval by the Full Town Council.

[The meeting closed at 18.35 pm]

DATED this day of2016

SIGNED (Chairman)