

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Committee
held on 18th July 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm
in the COUNCIL OFFICES

Present:

Cllr. L Hornby
Cllr. S Wyer
Cllr. I Flatt (substitute for P Stearn)
Cllr. C Longhurst

Also Present: 1 member (s) of the public
Cllr. Halls

PL09/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs. Underwood & Stearn.

PL10/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Hornby – Cabinet member of South Norfolk Council – non – pecuniary.

PL11/17 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Wyer the minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held on 16th May 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PL12/17 PROGRESS UPDATES None.

PL13/17 ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Cllrs Halls speaking as a member of the public read out some observations in respect of the South Norfolk Council guidelines for recreational provision in new residential development SPD consultation as attached to these minutes marked paper A.

PL14/17 SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL Cllr. Hornby outlined the Guidelines for Recreational Provision in New Residential Development SPD consultation document that has been received from SNC. In essence, once approved SNC will not accept responsibility for any new recreational provision incorporated into new housing developments. Responsibility can either be accepted by Town /Parish Councils or by a Management Committee. After discussion, it was agreed that the consultation would be noted and that each development would be considered on its individual basis.

[The meeting closed at 19.28 pm]

DATED this day of2017.

SIGNED (Chairman).

Comments upon Guidelines for Recreational provision in New residential developments

questions.

1. What happens if the management company appointed to run these areas if one is appointed, goes bust?
2. Why is there a presumption that either a management company or a parish Council take these over , with only rare exceptions) after October . (see also section 9 and Appendix 4)
One has to say that this is not a consultation more of an instruction as to what is going to happen.
3. **As this document acknowledges, CIL will be reviewed in the autumn statement so why are we doing this at this stage when it could all change?**

1.7 Talks about a legal agreement to manage these areas but who is going to prepare and pay for the legal costs involved here? This needs to be specified

3.7 correctly says areas have to **directly** relate to the area of the development. (Legal requirement). This is not the same as specified in the Community Asset Strategy

Section 5 simply identifies other standards and includes them as South Norfolk recommended standards yet as this is all passing to Parishes and management companies anyway, one has to say who is going to enforce these?

Several of the 'standards' are written in such a way as to all things to all people which one has to say will simply encourage those who wish to, to 'cherry pick' the standards they wish to use , noise and distance are but two key aspects .

The document refers at several points to the Community Asset strategy (CAS) as being a key linked document. This requires correction and amendment.

Comments on Community asset strategy

I note that this item has apparently been approved by Cabinet in Jan 2017 but it has some fundamental flaws and contradictions

- This document is full of phrases and terms which are very unclear as to their meaning e.g what does 'sustainable' in this context mean? What are 'community divestment initiatives' and 'low impact initiatives'
- The proposed robust lighting management plan given the recent changes imposed by County is out of date
- The document is poorly written and not correctly indexed. In section 6 the roman numbering is all over the place as the section is marked i,ii,iii, then i again, then jumps to iv. Section 10 should be marked 10.1. 10.2
- The legal interpretation of CIL is incorrect and is not the same definition as given in the guidelines for Rec provision, as referred to above, as the word 'directly' is omitted