

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd February 2016
in the CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public: 80

Cllr. Foulger (Norfolk County Council)

017/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.

018/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr. Sayer – agenda item 10 (Kings Head Meadow Lease) – related to Wymondham Town Football Club Trustee.
- Cllr. Flatt – agenda item 11 (Kings Head Meadow play equipment – lives adjacent to site. Pecuniary interest. Left room for debate and vote.

019/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS None.

020/16 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. R Savage the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

021/16 PROGRESS UPDATES

- Cllr. Underwood – Positive Future for Wymondham Consultation – Questionnaire finished and introduction written. Printing costs and delivery charges not exceeding £1,500 approved by Council.

022/16 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to pay accounts for January as per the submitted list to the sum of £25,590.52 In compliance with Financial Regulations, the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,295.00

023/16 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

024/16 Standing Orders Suspended.

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL D Disney (SNC) gave an outline of South Norfolk Council's Economic strategy in accordance with the report attached to these minutes.

Standing Orders re-instated.

025/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda item 11 – Play Equipment _ King's Head Meadow.

- S Nuri – read out statement objecting to the proposal
- N Seach – objected – Concerns over disabled access. Should spend money on

improving Ketts Park facilities.

- D Ward – objected – Anti-social behaviour should be dealt with by Police. Cllr. Flatt as a main complainant should leave room. *Cllr. Mooney advised that Cllr. Flatt is allowed to stay for the public participation, He will leave when item is discussed.*
- J Turner – objected – Would complainants prefer Asda lorries.
- C Hill – spoke in support of proposal – life blighted by noise.
- M Hill (Mother of C Hill) spoke in support.
- Mrs Miller – spoke in support – users looking through her windows.
- P Green – objected – ill thought out encourages footfall into Town Centre.
- D Fernee – objected – very disappointed, facility well liked, anti-social behaviour will continue, children make noise and need somewhere to play.
- D Roberts – objected – only place for disabled children is King’s Head Meadow.
- A Other – objected - Lives next to play area in Silfield. Not bothered by noise. Invest £60,000 in older children’s facilities.
- C Flatt – spoke in support of recommendation.

Agenda item 10 – King’s Head Meadow – Lease – Wymondham Town Football Club Limited.

- A Gardiner - No negotiation with Town Council, Business advisors had advised not to sign lease. Guarantors have withdrawn at last minute, new ones found. Claimed Council wants to turn clubhouse into new Council offices. CCTV doesn’t work and Council can have keys tomorrow.

026/16 KING’S HEAD MEADOW – LEASE

Cllr. Sayer left room and took no part in debate or vote.

Cllr. Mooney outlined background of events to date and advised that Wymondham Town Football Club Limited had not completed the new lease by the 31st January 2016 as required by the Council. An email had been received on Monday 1st February advising that the club wished to sign and providing names and addresses of new guarantors. Councillors had met club board members on a number of occasions. He then re-iterated the main terms of the lease including staggered payments over the first 3 years.

After discussion on the proposition of Cllr. Underwood and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was resolved that Wymondham Town Football Club Limited be given a 1 week extension to Tuesday 9th February 2016 to complete the lease

Cllr. J Hornby left meeting 20.55pm)

It was agreed that a 5 minute comfort break be taken.

- 027/16 KING’S HEAD MEADOW – PLAY EQUIPMENT Cllr. L Hornby presented the paper and plan attached to these minutes outlining plans to primarily relocate items of play equipment that was installed in September 2014 to Browick Road Recreation Ground following complaints from residents and correspondence received from South Norfolk Council. Discussions then took place during whrn Councillor Underwood expressed a view that hasty decisions should not be taken and more avenues should be explored to find a resolution to the perceived problems, for example should hedging be planted. The content of the South Norfolk letter was discussed and Cllr. Halls confirmed that he had written to SNC for clarification and supporting evidence. Cllr. Mooney advised that the report was not disclosable as it contained confidential information. Cllr. Savage suggested that a phased approach would be more appropriate, Cllr. Hornby advised that a phased approach would not solve the noise problem and he read out a statement. Cllr. Hurn raised concerns about the proposed moving of equipment and that Anti – social behaviour problems moved around different sites. He agreed that the tall piece of equipment should be moved but the Council should look at all possibilities. Cllr. Holden commented that the equipment had been installed with the best of intention of increasing footfall into the Town Centre and that he was conscious of costs, and a duty to affected residents, and that the Meadow

should remain as a green space. Cllr. Wyer commented that items are close to houses. the proposal was a large amount of money and were their cheaper alternatives.

Cllr. Mooney summed up in accordance with the attached.

Cllr. Halls called for a recorded vote.

Upon the proposition of Cllr. L Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Broome this Council agree to implement the above plan and a budget of £60,000 be made available from the Councils general reserve. In the event that more funds are required, it will need to be agreed by the Councils Leisure and Environment Committee.

For: Cllrs. Osborne, Stearn, Holden, L Hornby, Mooney, Broome, Wyer & Sayer.

Against: Cllrs. Halls, Underwood & Hurn.

Abstain: Cllrs Longhurst and Savage.

The proposition was duly passed.

028/16 CIVIC AWARD Cllr. Mooney asked for nominations to be sent to the Clerk.

029/16 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING It was agreed to consider Mrs Lawrence to give a presentation regarding the future of Becket's Chapel. Failing this an alternative speaker would be sought.

030/16 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- COUNTY COUNCIL Nothing to report.
- DISTRICT COUNCIL Nothing to report.

031/16 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Longhurst – Town Team – several events planned for this year.

032/16 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Cllr. Halls – disabled access to play areas to be considered by the Leisure & Environment Committee at its next meeting.

[The meeting closed at 21.50 pm]

DATED thisday of2016

SIGNED(Chairman)