

# WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
in the Tiffey Room CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public: 38

Norfolk County Council: Cllr Foulger.

South Norfolk Council: Mrs Mickleburgh & Mrs Goddard.

- 110/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs. Holden, J Hornby & Osborne.
- 111/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr. Flatt in respect of agenda item 10 – lives adjacent to King’s Head Meadow.
- 112/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - None.
- 113/16 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr Broome and seconded by Cllr. Stearn the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to the addition of the following amendments:
- Minute 103/16  
Cllr. Halls raised a point of order that the resolution under consideration did not comply with Financial Regulation 11(f) which states that contracts to be negotiated without competition shall have the reason embodied in the recommendation to the Council  
Cllr. Halls pointed out that the recommendation had no reason included and therefore cannot be voted upon.  
After some discussion the Chairman ruled against the point of order as being valid and it was dismissed.
  - Minute 102/16  
Cllr. Savage requested that the Chairman put this request to the full Council.  
Cllr. Mooney declined this.
- 114/16 PROGRESS UPDATES
- Cllr. Mooney
    - Brighter Wymondham – planters had been stocked and businesses were being encouraged to erect hanging baskets to brighten the Town Centre.
    - Market Cross uplighters were being replaced later in the week.
    - King’s Head Meadow equipment would be removed later this month.
    - SNC were awaiting a report in respect of improving the Old Fire Station Arch area.

115/16 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Broome it was resolved to pay accounts for June, as per the submitted list in the sum of £23,478.38

In compliance with Financial Regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £9,112.48

116/16 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.

117/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- P Travis – Agenda item 9 – read out statement referring to SNC monitoring officer report.
- P Travis – agenda item 10 – Hoped Council will consider proposals carefully.
- A Gardiner – agenda item 10 – Wymondham Town Football Club Ltd had offered land and couldn't see why proposal would not be acceptable.
- V Knight – agenda item 10 – commented on proposed positioning of equipment.
- D Ward – agenda item 10 – In agreement with proposal, this was a basis of a resolution to the problem. Genuine offer from the football club.
- B Blackney – agenda item 10 – read out statement objecting to proposal.
- S Buckton – agenda item 10 – spoke in favour of retaining play equipment on King's Head Meadow.
- C Woodbine – agenda item 10 – proposal would benefit Town and would be no problem if it was installed next to club house.
- N Seach – agenda item 10 – great WTFCLtd have spoken to Councillors, wants to maintain disabled access and cited Bramble Way play area as a good example.
- D Stoley – agenda item 10 – regular user who wants to retain equipment.

118/16 SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL Cllr. Mooney introduced Leah Mickleborough Governance & Business Officer – South Norfolk Council - who presented her report which was included in the agenda pack recommending that the Town Council sets up a working group to:

- Evaluate decision making processes to ensure that decisions are taken in a clear, inclusive and compliant way.
- Ensure there is a clear governance framework, which emphasises clear control and decision making processes, with which all Councillors are familiar.
- Take steps to see how it can approve relations between residents and the Council.
- To explore the most effective governance and operational model of the Town Council.

After discussion during which Cllrs. Hurn & Savage read out statements it was agreed to proceed with setting up a working group with the Town Council being represented by:

Cllr. Mooney (Mayor)  
Cllrs Underwood, Halls & Longhurst.  
Town Clerk.

Administration of the group to be undertaken by South Norfolk Council.

119/16 KING'S HEAD MEADOW

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

Cllr. Mooney referred to the discussion paper attached to the agenda to confirm that this was not a proposal; it had come from individual Councillors, and was not a motion or a Town Council document.

A long discussion then took place with the following points raised:

- It was a discussion paper.
- No attempt to overturn previous Council decision.
- Wymondham Town Football Club were thanked for offering potential sites on King's Head Meadow.
- Should be no delay in finding a site as storage costs money.
- Important that correct site is identified and not rushed as proper consultation needs to be undertaken and professional advice sought.
- Children need somewhere to play.

Cllrs Savage and Mooney read out statements.

It was resolved that the relocation of the play equipment would be considered further by the Leisure & Environment Committee who would consider all sites including King's Head Meadow.

Cllr. Flatt returned to the room.

120/16 STREET LIGHTING Cllr. Broome outlined that the Town Council had to determine if Street Lights were required on new developments such as South Wymondham. A briefing had been received from a Norfolk County Council Officer who had answered technical queries.

After discussion it was agreed that each development would be judged on its own merits and in respect of South Wymondham street lighting would be required on the Spine Roads with bollard lighting on pedestrian pathways that were identified with potential personal safety risks.

121/16 MAYORS COMMUNITY FUND as proposed by Cllr Mooney it was agreed that this years designated group would be Wymondham Diabetes Club.

122/16 REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS  
NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

- Cllr. Foulger
  - Gave an update on the position regarding possible devolution for Norfolk & Suffolk.
- Cllr. Mooney
  - Reconfiguration of Waitrose roundabout due to commence early September.
  - Road repairs are scheduled for the Tuttlles Lane/Melton Road Junction.
  - Cycle way on Harts Farm Road nearly completed.

123/16 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES  
• Cllr. Halls – Spooner Row Fete raised approx £1100.00

124/16 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None.

*[The meeting closed at 20.55 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2016

SIGNED .....(Chairman)

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