

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th February 2017
in the CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public: 37

017/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

018/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr I Flatt – Item 8 – King’s Head Meadow.
Pecuniary interest as lives adjacent to site.

019/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - None.

020/17 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr Wyer and seconded by Cllr. Hurn the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2017 were approved as a correct record subject to two minor amendments.

021/17 PROGRESS UPDATES

- 118/16 SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL – Notes of Governance Working Group meeting held on 19th December 2016 were noted. Cllr. Mooney then added that a public meeting had been held and it was anticipated that the final report would be presented to the Council at its March meeting.

022/17 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Longhurst it was resolved to pay accounts for January, as per the submitted list in the sum of £30,755.66

In compliance with Financial Regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,001.14

023/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- T Vale- Ketts Park – will Town Council consider groups using the new Council offices for meetings without paying a fee?
- M Nuttall – King’s Head Meadow - Children who attend the Catholic Church playgroup are not allowed to use the play equipment as it is too big.
- N Seach – Ketts Park – In favour of proposed South Norfolk scheme as it encourages people to take up sport & should be wheelchair accessible.
- N Seach – King’s Head Meadow – Difficult to judge proposal until plans are available. Raised concerns re disabled access and closeness to car park (child protection). He then quoted Cllr. Mooney’s comments in the January meeting minutes ‘Cllr. Mooney agreed and went on to say that the Council should not take money out of people’s pockets without a good reason to do so’ and said he struggled to see the reason for spending this money.
- N Seach – CAB – If grant not given and CAB office closes will provision be

made for people to travel to Norwich?

- J Bass – King’s Head Meadow – Has Council seen Cllr Hurn’s plans and can they be considered?

024/17 KING’S HEAD MEADOW WORKING GROUP

Cllr Flatt left the room did not take part in any discussions.

Cllr. Mooney advised that the group was chaired by Amy Brooke (NCC) and that a final report was due for the March meeting of the Council.

Cllr. Holden then read out a statement advising that the consensus decision of the group, subject to the proposed report from Play England was for the equipment to be installed behind the present football goal and the Central Hall car park with the pitch moving. He thanked Mr Garwood and the board of Wymondham Town Football Club Limited for their assistance.

A long discussion then took place during which a number of points of view were given and in particular that the play England assessment should be of the whole site, including the present installation and not just the proposed site. Views were also expressed that the Play England representative should produce an unbiased report and should not be accompanied by members of the working group other than the Chairman (Amy Brooke) if the working group felt this was desirable and the Town Clerk. The date of the visit should not be disclosed. Discussion also took place as it was unclear whether the plans drawn up by Cllr. Hurn had been seen or considered by the working group.

It was unanimously resolved to:

1. Approve the engagement of a Play England representative at a cost of £495 + travel + VAT with the Clerk able to authorise an overnight hotel stay if appropriate.
2. The Play England report to cover whole site (King’s Head Meadow)
3. The representative of Play England to be accompanied by the Town Clerk.
4. The working group to determine if their Chairman (Amy Brooke) should also attend.

(Addendum – Group later decided by majority that Amy Brooke should attend)

The second part of the agenda report was not discussed.

025/17 RISK ASSESSMENTS 2016/2017 Clerk presented risk assessment and it was resolved to accept the prepared action plan.

026/17 KETTS PARK M Heazle – South Norfolk Council – presented his paper issued with the agenda outlining South Norfolk Council’s proposal to install an all weather 3G pitch at Ketts Park together with proposed drainage work to the grass pitches. Funding would be sought from the Football Association and South Norfolk Council and it was estimated that this would be in the region of £1m. To enable the project to proceed it was necessary to commission a feasibility study at a project cost of upto £19,000. After discussion during which a number of Councillors expressed their support upon the proposition of Cllr. Mooney and seconded by Cllr. J Hornby the following motion was unanimously approved.

Wymondham Town Council agrees to jointly fund the site surveys, feasibility studies, design development and planning permission work to a maximum of £8500.00, to be paid to South Norfolk Council on placing of the order with the relevant consultants. Funds to be allocated from the ‘New Project’ earmarked reserve.

027/17 QUESTIONNAIRES Cllr. Halls reported that he had now analysed the ‘A Positive View for Wymondham’ questionnaires as best as he could given their layout. Cllr. Underwood thanked Cllr. Halls and advised that the questionnaires had been prepared in good faith and that analysing them had not been fully thought through for which he apologised. The responses had highlighted areas for the Council to consider and Cllr. Mooney commented that this could be fed into other strategies the Council were thinking about.

It was agreed that the analysis undertaken by Cllr. Halls would be placed on the Councils website or alternatively paper copies could be obtained from the Council Offices.

028/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Cllr. Mooney suggested that a representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau be invited to give a report on the work they undertake,

029/17 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU It was unanimously resolved to award the annual grant of £3500 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

030/17 REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

- Cllr. Mooney advised that the reconstruction work on the Waitrose roundabout had been completed.

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL

- Cllr. J Hornby reported that the 5 District Councillors had given funds from their grant pots to Spooner Row Village Hall for a new sign and electricity points.
- Cllr. Savage reported that the 5 District Councillors had given funds from their grant pots to Wymondham Town Football Club Ltd for the purchase of new curtains.

031/17 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES None.

032/17 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None.

[The meeting closed at 21.10 pm]

DATED thisday of2017

SIGNED(Chairman)