

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th June 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	J Hornby
I Flatt	R Savage	A Osborne
P Stearn	P Broome	A Holden

Members of the public: 40
Cllr. C Foulger – Norfolk County Council

- 092/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.
- 093/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr. Flatt in respect of agenda item 11 & 12 – lives adjacent to King’s Head Meadow.
- 094/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - None.
- 095/16 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr. L Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Halls the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to the addition of ‘Cllr. Underwood read out a letter from David Fletcher under Farmers Market minute 088/16’.
- 096/16 PROGRESS UPDATES
- Farmers Market Cllr. Mooney read out a statement detailing the results of a meeting with representatives of the market stall holders.
- 097/16 LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 26th April 2016 were noted.
- 098/16 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 24th May 2016 were noted.
- 099/16 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was resolved to pay accounts for May, as per the submitted list in the sum of £16,689.33
- In compliance with Financial Regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,573.95
- 100/16 MAYOR’S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.
- 101/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- P Travis read out statement re agenda item 11 asking Councillors to support motion.
 - P Travis read out statement imploring Councillors not to support agenda item 12

- and to leave the play equipment at King's Head Meadow in situ.
- C Hill – agenda items 11 & 12 confirmed that he had written the recent letter in Mercury newspaper and re-iterated the problems he says are suffered by residents adjacent to the site,
- D Ward – agenda items 11 & 12 countered the remarks made by Mr Hill and his observations of the behaviour of small children using the equipment. Anti – social behaviour should be dealt with by the Police and it was a disgrace to take the play equipment away.
- W Bowles – agenda item 11 & 12 Bad language was used by both sides at King's Head Meadow and claimed that someone had come out and been rude and abusive to users of the equipment.
- N Seach – agenda item 11 & 12 – read out statement objecting to the removal of play equipment and asking the Council what it will do for disabled families who bring trade into the town and the action went against the 1000 + signature petition he had handed in.
- M Hill commented that other playground sites are smaller and therefore generate less noise.
- M Heard – What consultation with residents of Wymondham. Recommended that proposals in respect of play facilities in the centre of Wymondham currently being considered by the Leisure & Environment Committee should include full public consultation and should be completed before any further action taken.
- M Scott – as regular users his children were upset at plans to remove equipment and this should be left until a final decision in made about its location rather than placing it in storage.
- C Woodbine suggested that the problem was not due to the actions of small children and the area could be fenced and locked.

102/16 KING'S HEAD MEADOW

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

Cllr. Savage introduced the motion by way of a statement and then asked the Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow the public present to comment. Cllr. Mooney declined this request because public speaking had finished. Cllr. Savage then requested an amendment to add the following 'permitting a review of all options for removal and re-location of the play equipment taking into account the views of all stakeholders' . Cllr. L Hornby commented on a point of order in that Section 7 of the Councils Standing Orders were clear in that only a motion to reverse a decision could be put forward. Cllr. Mooney then made a decision to keep to the original motion and to not accept the amendment in accordance with Section 7 of the Councils Standing Order.

Cllr. Underwood requested that his objection to the interpretation of Standing Orders be recorded.

A long discussion then took place with a number of Councillors giving their views for and against the motion.

Cllr. Mooney as Chairman read out a final statement summarising his views on the matter.

Cllr. Halls called for a recorded vote on the following.

This motion is to reverse the resolution of 2nd February 2016 regarding re-location of the play equipment at King's Head Meadow.

Proposer: Cllr. Savage
Seconders: Cllrs Longhurst & Hurn

Those For: Cllrs. Hurn, Underwood, Longhurst, Halls & Savage.
Those Against: Cllrs. Stearn, Wyer, Broome, Mooney, J Hornby, L Hornby, Sayer, Holden & Osborne.

Abstentions: None

The motion was lost.

103/16 KING'S HEAD MEADOW

Cllr. Flatt did not return to the room and took no part in debate or vote.

Cllr. L Hornby introduced the amendment which was self – explanatory. Cllr. Halls raised a point of order that under financial regulations 3 quotes are required if the cost exceeds £10,000. Cllr. L Hornby responded that the cheapest quote for the removal of the play equipment was less than £10,000.

Cllr. Savage read out a statement and proposed an amendment as follows:
To delete the final paragraph and to insert ‘ To task the Leisure & Environment Committee with finding a suitable, preferably central, location at which to re-install the play equipment and to report to the July meeting’ . Seconded by Cllr. Halls

Cllr. Mooney read out a final statement

Those For : 5
Those against: 9
Abstentions : 0

The amendment was lost.

The original proposal

Following concerns raised at the last meeting with regard to relocation of play equipment to Browick Road recreation ground, we have decided to propose an amendment to the resolution passed at the council meeting on February 2nd 2016.

The amendment is to delete the elements that refer to the re-modelling of Ketts Park Play Area and Browick Road recreation ground. We also wish to delete the element that refers to placement of one piece of play equipment from Ketts Park to King’s Head Meadow. The works to re-model King’s Head Meadow will now be as the attached plan and schedule which is the same as the original proposal but without the additional piece of play equipment from Ketts Park.

All the play equipment removed from King’s Head Meadow will go into temporary storage until agreed suitable sites can be found for its re-erection. This will be done in full consultation with all the relevant authoritative bodies.

Proposer Cllr L Hornby
Seconders Cllrs Broome & Holden

For : 9
Against : 5
Abstentions : 0

It was resolved to approve the original proposal.

104/16 RISK ASSESSMENTS Cllr. Mooney introduced the risk assessments for the 2015/16 year and upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was resolved to accept these.

105/16 ACCOUNTS 2015/16

- Accounts 2015/16 Cllr. Mooney introduced the Annual Accounts for the 2015/16 year and upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was resolved unanimously to approve these.
- Annual Governance Statement Cllr. Mooney introduced the Annual Governance for the 2015/16 year and upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was unanimously resolved to accept this.
- Accounting Statement Cllr. Mooney introduced the Accounting Statement for the 2015/16 year and upon the proposition of Cllr. J Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was unanimously resolved to accept this.

106/16 SOUTH WYMONDHAM –STREET LIGHTS Cllr. Mooney referred to the report prepared by the Clerk outlining that if street lighting columns were required in the proposed new housing development in South Wymondham these would ultimately become the responsibility of the Town Council and costs would be incurred. He explained that previously Norfolk County Council adopted the columns but had now changed their policy to save costs. After discussion it was agreed to ask an officer from NCC to attend a meeting to answer questions and therefore to defer a decision at this time.

107/16 REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

- Cllr. Mooney
 - Reconfiguration of the Waitrose roundabout has been delayed.
 - Installation of Cycle Way along Harts Farm Road is progressing.

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL

- Cllr. Mooney
 - Directional sign outside library was pointing in wrong direction – now rectified.

108/16 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Longhurst – Town Team – read out statement of forthcoming events.
- Cllr. Hall – Spooner Row Village Hall – Summer fete – 3.7.16

109/16 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None.

[The meeting closed at 21.35 pm]

DATED thisday of2016

SIGNED(Chairman)