

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th April 2017
in the CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public: 25
Norfolk County Council: Cllr. Foulger.

- 046/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Osborne.
- 047/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.
- 048/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - None.
- 049/17 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr Hurn and seconded by Cllr. Halls the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2017 were approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr. Underwood commented that he couldn't see why the meeting couldn't go ahead and the delay has caused no resolution under minute 042/17.
- 050/17 PROGRESS UPDATES
- King's Head Meadow Play Equipment Cllr. Mooney advised the Town Council had received an email to confirm that Play England had visited the site but that a report could not be prepared in time for this meeting. He reaffirmed that the Council would not make any decision until the report is received.
- 051/17 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Broome it was resolved to pay accounts for March, as per the submitted list in the sum of £17,641.19
- In compliance with Financial Regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £7,949.45
- 052/17 MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS – Noted.
- 053/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- D Ward – agenda item 10 – South Norfolk Council Governance review – was it the intention of the Council to keep the public informed and to be more transparent. *Cllr. Mooney replied that the Council were transparent and has recently undertaken a governance review which was completely separate from this piece of work.*
- 054/17 ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW Cllr. Mooney reminded Councillors that the Boundary Commission had carried out a review of South Norfolk Council wards and

had recommended that three new wards are created for Wymondham being Wymondham North, Wymondham Central & Wymondham South each of which would be represented by 2 Councillors. These would replace the current 5 wards of Abbey, Cromwells, Northfields Rustens & Town which are each represented by 1 Councillor on South Norfolk Council.

The Town Council is currently represented by 15 Councillors consisting of 3 Councillors each for the above 5 wards. The Commission has recommended that this is replaced by 15 Councillors consisting of Central Wymondham Ward (5), South Wymondham (4) East Wymondham (1) and North Wymondham (5). This despite the Town Council advising the Boundary Commission during the Consultation process that it would be more appropriate to have the following North Wymondham (5), Central Wymondham (5) and South Wymondham (5) to be coterminous with the South Norfolk Council wards.

Concerns were again raised as the County Council, District Council and Town Council Elections will all have different boundaries, the poor quality maps provided and that plain English should be used.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to George Freeman MP expressing the Council's concerns that the wards are not coterminous with the recommended South Norfolk Council boundaries.

- 055/17 SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW Cllr. Mooney referred to the email received from South Norfolk Council in the agenda pack outlining their statutory review of Parish boundaries. They are encouraging smaller Parishes to consider if it would be more effective to join together to make savings and to rectify the shortage of Councillors. A discussion then ensued as to the consultations relevance to larger Town Council such as Wymondham and whether South Norfolk were expecting the Town Council to make residents aware of the consultation and what other publicity had been given to the review.. It was determined that individuals residents should be encouraged to respond by using the link within the email allowing them to complete a questionnaire. This link to be placed on the Town Councils website.

Addendum : later email from South Norfolk Council confirming that the review was incorporated into the last edition of their 'Link' magazine which had been distributed to all households in South Norfolk and that they were not expecting the Town Council to contact residents directly, only to pass on the link if requested.

056/17 REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – Nothing to report

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL - Nothing to report

057/17 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr. Hurn – Visit Wymondham – Thankful for recent grant, plans for 2018 Ketts Rebellion event underway with funding bid to Heritage Lottery Fund being formulated.

- Cllr. Stearn – Central Hall – Pothole in area between Central Hall & Library has caused accident last year. Hole had been repaired but it had not been established by whom other than it wasn't the Town Council.
- Cllr. Halls – Lizard Residents Association – free dog poo bags have been withdrawn.
- Cllr. Longhurst – Town Team – various events had been or were being organised including:
 - North Wymondham Litter Pick.
 - Community picnic.
 - Carnival
 - Vintage day.
 - Christmas Lights.
 - Wynterfest.

058/17 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None.

[The meeting closed at 20.10 pm]

DATED thisday of2017

SIGNED(Chairman)

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