

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd January 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		

Members of the public: 35

Norfolk County Council : Cllr. Foulger.

- 001/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr A Osborne, Cllr J Hornby
- 002/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr I Flatt – Item 10 – King’s Head Meadow.
Pecuniary interest as lives adjacent to site.
- 003/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - None.
- 004/17 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the proposition of Cllr Broome and seconded by Cllr. Sayer the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 were approved as a correct record.
- 005/17 PROGRESS UPDATES
- 118/16 SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL – Governance working group meeting minutes were noted.
- 006/17 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 20th December 2016 were noted.
- 007/17 SUNDRY CREDITORS On the proposition of Cllr. Longhurst and seconded by Cllr. Holden it was resolved to pay accounts for December, as per the submitted list in the sum of £13,785.12
- In compliance with Financial Regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,014.19
- 008/17 MAYOR’S ENGAGEMENTS Noted.
- 009/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- Mrs S Day. If the play equipment is damaged whilst being removed, who will pay? Who will remove it? Will it affect the guarantee? Cllr. Mooney responded that these items should be discussed by the working group.
 - Derek Ward. Item 10 – King’s Head Meadow Working Group – In the terms of reference there were to be no reports to the local press. *Cllr. Mooney responded that no information had been released by the Council to the press. The information was obtained from the report issued by the chair of the working group which was sent out as an attachment to the agenda.* Options of where to re site the play equipment was discussed. He thinks that the least viable site is the site proposed by the Working Group as this would mean that the goal and pitch would have to be moved forward, car parking space behind the goal will

be lost. This would be to the expense to the Council of £7,000 to allow parking inside the entrance. An email had been sent out to all the working group saying that they had discounted the area behind the goal, but Cllr Holden said that he had not received it. Mr Ward asserted that the Football Club will not be bullied into what the Councillors and Cllr Flatt wants. Email was leaked to the press who reported that the area behind the goal was done and dusted. This is not the case. Mr Ward wants the play equipment to stay where it is on the site.

Decisions have to be made and the Football Club are trying to help. There has never been a noise abatement order served to the Council.

- Suzanne Nuri. Item 12 – Read out a statement on behalf of Neil Seach regarding the proposed yellow lines in Ketts Avenue. *Cllr. Mooney responded by advising that Mr Seach should send his views to Norfolk County Council and that he would be happy to speak to Mr Seach personally regarding this issue.*
- Mrs Ball. Item 10. How can the Council justify spending the money. Can hear the Football Club but not the children. Bought a house next to a play area knowing that they would hear children playing. Money could be better spent.
- Mr Travis. Item 10. He had a copy of the email from the Football Club sent to the working group which stated that the area behind the goal was the least desirable. This has not been formally ruled out yet. It is still up for discussion. The newspaper report was inaccurate.
- Mrs Bell. No equipment to be moved. Happy for equipment by the fence to be moved, but need to compromise.
- Karen Savage. Item 10 – Was the acoustic fence that has been mentioned before been dismissed?

Cllr Mooney asked for any queries such as the ones outlined above are sent to the chair of the working group Amy Brooke to investigate.

Ms Lee from NCC said that she had made a note of people's comments and would ask Amy Brooks to look into them.

010/17 KING'S HEAD MEADOW WORKING GROUP – Cllr Mooney summarised the report from Amy Brooke of Norfolk County Council which recommends that all the play equipment is moved to a new location behind the football pitch goal at the Central Hall end. Cllr. Underwood pointed out that this recommendation was a majority view of the working group and that not everyone on the group necessarily agreed with it. Cllr Savage asked what criteria, including cost, was used to assess the viability of this location. Debbie Lee responded that cost was no object. Cllr. Hornby advised that a budget had already been approved by Council.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Councillors were happy for the working group to continue in accordance with the proposed next steps in the report.

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

011/17 PRECEPT 2017/2018

Cllr. Savage introduced the budget that has been recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Projected income is £69,300, expenditure of £374,353 and allocations to earmarked reserves of £121,250 leaving a funding requirement of £426,303. A transitional grant of £12,920 has been offered by South Norfolk Council leaving a precept requirement of £413,383 which with a tax base of 5,360 dwellings results in a band 'D' property being charged at £77.12 pa an increase of £1.52 pa on last year. Cllr. Savage advised that the rate had been kept low over the last few years but costs were rising and more funds were needed to be placed in earmarked reserves for

future projects such as a new Cemetery and new Council Office build. Cllr. Underwood said that the County Council, the District Council and the Police Authority were also raising their precept and that we should be aware that people on low incomes cannot afford extra costs so there is a need to continue to look for future savings. *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.* Upon the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. L Hornby it was resolved to approve the budget and precept as outlined.

11 for
2 abstentions

012/17 NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – REVISED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Cllr Savage read out a statement of his thoughts on the parking restrictions. After a lengthy discussion on the amended proposals for the various schemes it was resolved to respond as follows:

Becketswell – approved	12 for 1 against
Browick Road – approved	7 for 6 against
Ayton Road – no lines to be approved	unanimously
Arundel Road/Clifton Road – no lines to be approved	10 for 1 against 2 abstentions
Rustens Manor/Ketts Avenue – approved	unanimously
Chestnuts – approved	unanimously
Snowdrop Street – approved	unanimously

Cllr Mooney confirmed that Norwich Road lines outside Morrisons had been removed from proposals.

The Clerk is to inform Mr Reilly of NCC of the decisions made.

013/17 GRANT- CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Cllr L Hornby said the CAB would be moving to Norwich as South Norfolk Council has set up its own Help Hub and that there are no specialist advisors at the Wymondham branch now. Meetings had tried to be set up with CAB but so far had not been possible. It was decided to defer the decision until this could be checked by the Clerk.

014/17 REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL – Cllr. C Foulger.

- Gave an update on the NCC gritting procedures as outlined on Norfolk County Council's website.

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL – Nothing to report.

015/17 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES None.

016/17 SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Cllr Halls said that he was working his way through the surveys that went out in March last year and hoped to be able to put the findings on the next agenda. Cllr Underwood thanked Cllr Halls for taking on the task of collating the information.

[The meeting closed at 20.58 pm]

DATED thisday of2017

SIGNED(Chairman)