

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**  
**in the TIFFEY ROOM CENTRAL HALL at 7.30pm.**

Councillors Present

S Nuri	P Broome	K Hurn
A James	Y Astley	I Flatt
P Hubble	A Holden	P Travis
D Roberts	R Savage	

Member(s) of the Public: 6

Councillor Hurn in the Chair

109/19	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Halls, Batchelor & Hornby
110/19	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – None.
111/19	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Travis and seconded by Cllr. Holden the minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019 were unanimously approved as a correct record.
112/19	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Office Build Working Group. The notes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were noted.</li> <li>• Post Office – Cllr Hurn advised that the Council had received an email requesting that a mobile facility is operated on the Market Place on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Discussions would take place to see what days/times were available for the unit to come and that this was a positive step forward until a new permanent facility could be established.</li> </ul>
113/19	<u>LEISURE ENVIRONMENT ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE</u> minutes of meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 were noted.
114/19	<u>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</u> minutes of meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 were noted.
115/19	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Broome it was unanimously resolved to pay accounts for July 2019, as per the submitted list in the sum of £174,232.00 In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £9,736.36
116/19	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Flatt and seconded by Cllr. Roberts it was unanimously resolved to pay accounts for August 2019, as per the submitted list in the sum of £119,997.80 In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,464.48
117/19	<u>MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS</u> were noted.

118/19	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Garwood – Board member of Wymondam Town Football Club Limited outlined the recent history of the club and the work undertaken by himself and committee members. Football costs were rising and £4000 has been expended on a new boiler. The ladies team were not able to play on Kings Head Meadow due to the pitch size and this had resulted in a pitch having to be hired at Ketts Park and the loss of bar income. The need to find new guarantors had curtailed people from joining the management team.</li> <li>• Richard Fowle introduced himself as a retired solicitor and Council taxpayer of Wymondham. He then explained the position that the Clubs board of Directors were legally bound to follow once they became aware that the Company was trading on an insolvent basis which is what the Accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 show. It is their duty to either seek advice from an insolvency practitioner and/or to produce a recovery plan to rectify the position as a matter of urgency.</li> <li>• Mr Garwood responded to Mr Fowle and accepted that action needs to be taken which has started giving the example that 8 new sponsors at £400 each has recently been signed up.</li> <li>• Councillors then asked a number of questions which Mr Garwood responded to.</li> </ul>
119/19	<p><u>WYMONDHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED</u> Cllr Hurn introduced report that was included with the agenda and outlined a meeting with football club representatives. He then expressed his alarm as to the financial position that was indicated by the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 which had been received on Friday and distributed to Councillors yesterday.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion the took place with concerns expressed by a number of Councillors during which it was clear that the Council wished to see the football club survive and continue to play on Kings Head Meadow. However, the financial position means that the club needs to produce a sustainable recovery plan for the Council to consider any requests for assistance. In terms of grass maintenance for the rest of the year and hedge trimming in late Autumn it was felt that the Council could undertake this as a gesture of goodwill. On the proposition of Cllr. Hurn and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was unanimously agreed That: All proposals to be deferred until a sustainable business recovery plan is received.</p>
120/19	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norfolk County Council – None.</li> <li>• South Norfolk Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllrs. Holden &amp; Nuri – Green infrastructure meeting had taken place with movement by South Norfolk Council. Issues being discussed include possible creation of Wildlife Park (Oxford Common) and effects of residential development on green sites.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
121/19	<p><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Roberts -Central Hall – attended AGM – were talking to the Post Office Counters about establishing a Post Office.</li> <li>• Cllr. Holden – Ketts Day – had been advised it was under budget and had been attended by 3500 – 4000 people.</li> <li>• Cllr. Hurn – Wymondham in Bloom – Thanked them for fantastic display’s and work undertaken. Results are to be announced on 19<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>

*[The meeting closed at 20.24 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2019

SIGNED .....(Chairman)