

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th December 2021

in the Council Offices at 7.00 pm.

Councillors Present

S Nuri	P Broome	K Hurn
K Cross	A James	Y Astley
R Elliott	K Carsok	I Flatt
A Holden	R Savage	J Halls
P Hubble		

Member(s) of the Public: 13

Councillor Hurn in the Chair

113/21	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Murrell.
114/21	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – None.
115/21	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Astley and seconded by Cllr. Broome the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd November 2021 were unanimously approved as a correct record.
116/21	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allotment Ditch - on Grounds keeping list for winter.• CIL: Funds not yet formally allocated to Cemetery earmarked reserve.
117/21	<u>LEISURE ENVIRONMENT ENTERPRISE & TOURISM COMMITTEE</u> minutes of meeting held on 16 th November 2021 were noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Database: Cllr. Carsok advised that she had forwarded 98 invitations using her Wymondham in Bloom database and 15 replies had been received to date.
118/21	<u>OUTSIDE BODIES</u> It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Nuri-Nixon as the Councils representative to Wymondham Town Football Club Limited.
119/21	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Savage it was resolved to pay accounts for November 2021, as per the submitted list in the sum of £74,491.80 In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £8,664.86
120/21	<u>MAYORS ENGAGEMENT (S)</u> – noted.
121/21	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town Team representative read out statement in support of proposed Co-ordinator position.• Resident supported proposed Co-ordinator position and proposal for Chandlers Hill gardens to become the Queens jubilee garden.• Greening Wymondham representative was against Chandlers Hill as the Jubilee gardens as they were unambitious plans preferring the pond area at Becketswell.

122/21	<p><u>JUBILEE GARDEN</u> After a lengthy discussion encompassing different aspects of how the garden should be laid out including trees, bushes, flowers, plaques, signage and seating upon the proposition of Cllr. Cross and seconded by Cllr. Carsok it was resolved to dedicate this area as the Queens Platinum Jubilee Gardens and to consult with local volunteers and to engage a garden designer and carry out the work within a maximum budget of £5,000.</p>
123/21	<p><u>TOWN CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR</u> Cllr. Holden outlined his paper for the appointment of a part time (2 days per week) Co-ordinator and their role.</p> <p>A detailed discussion then took place on the merits of the proposal together with concerns such as should this be the role of South Norfolk Council, the cost and what the role will entail. How would success be achieved and measured? Does the Council have the ambition to move to the next step?</p> <p>Original Proposal by Cllr. Holden seconded by Cllr. Elliott:</p> <p>This council agrees to employ a town co-ordinator on an initial 12month contract for a flexible 16 hours per week. The job description, person specification and salary level are to be determined by the Town Council Personnel group.</p> <p>Upon the resolution of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Savage the following amendment to the original resolution was proposed and voted upon:</p> <p>For the position of Town co-ordinator, the job description, person specification and salary level are to be determined by the Town Council Personnel Group. The Personnel Group shall report back to the Full Council for ratification of their decision, and degrees of measurement will be included in the job specification.</p> <p>A recorded vote was requested.</p> <p>Those For: Cllrs. Hubble, Hall, Nuri-Nixon, James, Broome, Hurn, Astley & Savage</p> <p>Those against: Cllrs. Elliott, Carsok, Cross, Flatt & Holden.</p> <p>The amended resolution was passed.</p>
124/21	<p><u>PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2022</u> – Noted.</p>
125/21	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u> <u>Norfolk County Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Savage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Wymondham railway station access improvements ○ B1172 resurfacing – Elm Farm roundabout to The Drive to commence on 8/12/21 ○ New recycling centre had open at Harford and Kettering depot closed. ○ Budget consultation had started.

	<u>South Norfolk Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Halls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns that consideration was being given to 3 new settlement sites (Hethel, Honingham Thorpe & Silfield) despite the existing allocations for Wymondham. Wymondham Area Action plan lists 2200 new dwellings but actual number is 3335.
126/21	<u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. James – Wymondham Access Group have recommenced meetings and are still concerned about disabled access at the railway station. • Cllr. Halls – attended the Old Grammar School Trust meeting to award education grounds. More recipients were required. • Cllr. Hubble – Town Team Wynterfest – praised volunteers. • Cllr. Holden – Allotment Association – 9 plots had been marked and 2 more were in progress. • Cllr. Hurn – Draft neighbourhood plan had been published and was now in a consultation stage. Copies could be viewed online or at the Council Offices/Library. • Cllr. Elliott – Greening Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Browick Recreation Ground orchard project was progressing, 4 sessions to date with 20 participants. ○ Litter pick had been a success. ○ NCC million tree project was there going to be a stage 3. Cllr. Savage advised he thought there would be, but where will the trees go.

Cllr. Hurn wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year

[The meeting closed at 20.47 pm]

DATED thisday of2022

SIGNED(Chairman)