

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th October 2022
in the Council Offices at 7.00 pm.

Councillors Present

R Elliott	P Broome	K Hurn
K Cross	S Nuri-Nixon	K Carsok
A James	J Halls	R Savage
A Holden		

Member(s) of the Public: 2

Councillor Hurn in the Chair

A one minute silence was observed in respect of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II

130/22	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Flatt, Astley & Hubble.
131/22	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Cross- NCC Western Link Consultation – Owns business on Barnham Broom Road.
132/22	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Halls the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th September 2022 were unanimously approved as a correct record.
133/22	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr. Holden – Is a Policy Review Working group meeting to be held – yes.• Cllr. Elliott – Who has undertaken Civility & Respect training – two Councillors.• Cllr. Carsok. – Present position re Town Co-ordinator post at South Norfolk Council – Job advert being posted today.• Cllr. Cross – Chandlers Hill – Spoken to Contractors new quote awaited.
134/22	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Broome it was resolved to pay accounts for September 2022, as per the submitted list in the sum of £524,658.55 In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £10,169.41
135/22	<u>MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS</u> – Noted.
136/22	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative of Greening Wymondham read out statement in support of funding for further work by the Norwich Fringe Project in respect of the woodland area at Ketts Park.

137/22	<u>GRANT APPLICATION</u> received from North Wymondham Community Centre for the sum of £2880 towards the £5,761.25 cost of providing a garden and seating area. After discussion no Councillor would submit a proposal and therefore the application is declined.
138/22	<p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL WESTERN LINK CONSULTATION</u> Further discussion took place on the consultation and upon the proposition of Cllr. Savage and seconded by Cllr. Halls it was resolved to respond as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wymondham Town Council supports the completion of the Western Link Road for the benefits that it brings to travel from Wymondham to the north of the County and for Norfolk as a whole. 2. Wymondham Town Council supports the proposals to the south of the A47 relating to reductions in speed limits. 3. Wymondham Town Council opposes the proposal to prohibit through traffic along Barnham Broom Road to the North of Tuttle Lane and Low Road (as detailed on page 21 of the Pre-Planning Application Consultation document) and considers that other mitigation measures such as a reduction in speed limits should be considered. 4. Wymondham Town Council requests that roads in Wymondham likely to be affected by additional traffic flows, particularly Barnham Broom Road to the south of Tuttle Lane, Melton Road and Chapel Lane should have permanent speed awareness machines installed to advise drivers of the local speed limits. 5. Wymondham Town Council requests consideration is given to the installation of priority signage on the Carleton Forehoe Bridge.
139/22	<u>CHRISTMAS TREE – MARKET PLACE</u> Cllr. Hurn advised that discussions had taken place with a Structural Engineer and a plan had been designed for the installation of a facility for a Christmas tree with a maximum height of 20ft. A quote had been obtained from a local builder in the sum of £1800.00 + VAT to complete the work by the end of November. After discussion it was decided to proceed with the Clerk authorising the work under his delegated powers in accordance with financial regulations.
140/22	<u>KETTS PARK – WOODLAND AREA</u> Request for further funding from Greening Wymondham/Norwich Fringe project to undertake further work was discussed and upon the proposition of Cllr. Carsok and seconded by Cllr. Elliott it was unanimously resolved to approve a total of 8 workdays at a rate of £350 per day for the coming winter/spring seasons.
141/22	<u>NORFOLK ALC LTD</u> Cllr. Hurn explained that the Council were members of this co-operative organisation and along with other Council members had been allocated one share. Nobody came forward to be the Councils nominated representative and it was agreed that it would be the Town Mayor.

142/22	<p><u>COUNCIL BUILDINGS, HEALTH & SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP</u> Cllr. Holden presented his paper following which discussion took place in respect of the above working group and the work it undertakes and whether this should be a formal Committee. Upon the proposal of Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Carsok it was proposed that the current Buildings, Health and Safety and Personnel working group is disbanded and replaced by a standing committee composed of 5 Councillors, who will meet regularly at least once every second month.</p> <p>For: 4 Against: 6</p> <p>The proposal was defeated.</p>
143/22	<p><u>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> Cllr. Holden presented his paper in respect of the future options for Christmas Lights in the Town Centre. The Town Council installs lights in the Market Place and the Town Team (under the guidance of Mr D Hodges) install the remainder throughout the Town centre. After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Cross it was resolved that a Time and Task Working Group to include Mr Hodges is established to examine options for Christmas lights in the Town, it will report its findings and preferred option to the full Council for further action no later than April 2023.</p>
144/22	<p><u>CHAIRPERSONS QUESTIONS</u> Cllr. Hurn advised that two questions had been received within the agreed timeframe.</p> <p>1)Cllr Hurn -Could you please give an update on the recruitment of the town coordinator, and if any efforts have been, or could be made to speed up the process? – answered under minute 133/22</p> <p>2)Cllr. Carsok - As chair of LEET I would like to ask you the following the death of her majesty, has any thought been given to the renaming of the as yet to be created garden on Chandlers Hill formerly referred to as the Jubilee gardens? If so, I would like to suggest ' the Queen Elizabeth 2nd gardens' may be an appropriate alternative. – answered Yes - I have been speaking to Cllr. Cross. Cllr. Hurn then advised that if royal terms are used then it may be that official permission is required.</p>
145/22	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p><u>Norfolk County Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Savage – A11 – closed overnight on 4th October for barrier repair work. Further report on NCC matters to follow. <p><u>South Norfolk Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Halls – Horizon building being joint offices for South Norfolk & Broadland District Councils had been purchased. South Norfolk House at Long Stratton will not be used from 4th November 2022.

146/22	<u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. James – Wymondham Access Group disappointed that Platform 2 Railway Station Access project has stalled. • Cllr, Carsok – Greening Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orchard work at Browick Road Recreation Ground continues. ○ Green week was a success. ○ Design work re Rothbury Road continues. ○ Hedgehog Haven want charity stall on 16th October 2002 on the main market.
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[The meeting closed at 20.48 pm]

DATED thisday of2022

SIGNED(Chairman)