

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**  
**in the Council Offices at 7.10 pm.**

Councillors Present

S Nuri-Nixon	P Barrett	L Nixon
A Perry	D Roberts	T Baker
A Holden	R Frosdick	M Batley
A James	J Fulcher	M Rosen
J Barrett		

Member(s) of the Public: 2  
 South Norfolk Councillors: Cllr. McConnell  
 Town Co-ordinator – C Pharoah

Councillor Nuri-Nixon in the Chair

128/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Doheny
129/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> : None.
130/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Nixon the minutes of the meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.
131/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Policies &amp; Standing Orders Working Group</u> Clerk advised that a meeting had been held and the staff handbook reviewed. The revision is now being considered by the group members.</li> <li>• <u>New Cemetery</u> Clerk confirmed that residents would be consulted in due course. Present delay to be reported to the nominated officer at South Norfolk Council in accordance with the S106 agreement to see if they have any leverage progressing the project.</li> <li>• <u>Members Interests</u> Council website not up to date. Clerk advised that South Norfolk Council were not responding to requests for information. Cllr. Rosen advised he will make enquiries of SNC in his capacity as a district Councillor.</li> </ul>
132/23	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. P Barrett it was resolved to pay accounts for September 2023, as per the submitted list in the sum of £44,261.51 In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £10,683.92
133/23	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident requested that Councillors make individual decisions not party-political ones.</li> </ul>

134/23	<p><u>BUILDINGS, HEALTH &amp; SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP</u>  Cllr. Holden introduced his motion and rationale for amending the present working group to a committee. Discussion then took place with differing views including the number of members on the working group and the frequency of meetings.  The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Rosen.</p> <p>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: 8  Abstentions: 1  The motion was lost.</p>
135/23	<p><u>REFERRAL</u> Cllr. Rosen introduced his motion as follows:  Council notes</p> <p>(1) the delay in progressing the plans for a new cemetery with the earmarked reserves now not likely to be spent in 2023/24 financial year.</p> <p>(2) the risk of missing the opportunity to receive up to £1 million for substantial improvements to public areas in the Town if the Council is unable to identify funds for a financial contribution to these works of up to £250,000.  Council resolves that within its budget planning process for 2024 onwards, and as part of its strategic development plan, it will consider redirecting earmarked reserves from the cemetery project to ensure the benefits of a partnership with South Norfolk District Council can be secured. This matter will be considered at the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee on 17th October to ensure the Council is in a position to take any decisions required at its meeting on 7th November.</p> <p>Proposer: Cllr. Rosen  Secunder: Cllr. Baker</p> <p>After discussion during which differing views were expressed in relation to the current new cemetery earmarked reserves and that a fully worked up and costed Town centre realm project was only just starting the motion was put to a requested recorded vote.</p> <p>For: Cllrs. Baker, Perry, Rosen and Holden  Against: Cllrs. Fulcher, Roberts, Batley, Nixon, J Barrett, P Barrett, James &amp; Nuri-Nixon  Abstention: Cllr. Frosdick</p> <p>The motion was lost.</p>
136/23	<p><u>ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS</u> Following the outcome of a Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee meeting yesterday Councillor Rosen withdrew his motion.</p>

137/23	<p><u>STREET LIGHTING</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Batley it was resolved to authorise the Mayor &amp; Deputy Mayor to sign the legal agreement in respect of a performance Bond in respect of the street lighting on the Lovell (Gunvil Hall Farm) Williams Park Development site as approved by the Councils solicitors.</p>
138/23	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u>  <u>Norfolk County Council – None.</u></p> <p><u>South Norfolk Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Roberts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Residents Association to be set up.</li> <li>○ Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September with Network Rail who should know by 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 if planning will start on making platform 2 accessible at Wymondham station.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
139/23	<p><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr.P Barrett- Greening Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rothbury Road Pride in Place grant application was successful. Awaiting outcome of grant application to the Greater Norwich Growth Board and potentially the National Lottery.</li> <li>○ Working continuing on Friarscroft Wood and Browick Road Orchard.</li> <li>○ Litter Pick on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cllr.P Barrett – Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sustainable Wymondham CIC established.</li> <li>○ Public event being planned for 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cllr. James – Lizard Trustees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Following a grant from SNC work has been carried out on the Oxford Common.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cllr. Baker – Town Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Help with obtaining a road closure order and site set up map for Wynterfest was required. Cllr. Frosdick suggested that the Vintage Day organiser may be able to help.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

*[The meeting closed at 20.20 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2023

SIGNED .....(Chairman)