

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th November 2023

in the Council Offices at 7.00 pm.

Councillors Present

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

A one minute silence was held in respect of the passing
of former Councillor Jordan Murrell.

Member(s) of the Public: 4

South Norfolk Councillors: K Hurn

Norfolk County Councillor: R Savage

Councillor Nuri-Nixon in the Chair

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| 140/23 | <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Holden. |
| 141/23 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> : None. |
| 142/23 | <u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Roberts the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd October 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record. |
| 143/23 | <u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>POLICIES & STANDING ORDER WORKING GROUP</u> – revised staff handbook to be brought to December Meeting.• <u>NEW CEMETERY</u> Clerk confirmed that a report has been sent to the nominating officer at South Norfolk Council in accordance with the Section 106 agreement.• <u>BROWICK ROAD RECREATION GROUND WORKING GROUP</u> Clerk confirmed that the next phase was to seek additional funding. Discussion took place during which it was re-iterated that young people had originally requested update skateboard facilities, and this had resulted in a review of the whole site. It was noted that there were competing schemes for the funds the Council had and that these could be reviewed and 'virements' made if necessary. It was resolved to note and ratify the proposals contained in the notes of the Working Group held on 17th October 2023.• <u>PLAY EQUIPMENT</u> Cllr. Perry mentioned that equipment needs to be painted and maintained. |

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| 144/23 | <p><u>APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS & OUTSIDE BODIES.</u> After discussion on each individual amendment, it was resolved to approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance & General Purposes Committee – Resignation of Cllr. James and appointment of Cllr. Roberts. 2. Council Buildings Health & Safety Personnel working group – Appointment of Cllr. James following the passing of the late Cllr. J Halls. 3. New Cemetery working Group – Appointment of Cllr. Nixon following the passing of the late Cllr. J Halls. 4. Old Grammar School Trust – Appointment of Cllr. P Barrett following the passing of the late Cllr. J Halls. 5. Farmers Market – Appointment of Cllr. Nixon following the resignation of Cllr. J Barrett. 6. Policies & Standing Orders working Group – resignation of Cllr. Frosdick and appointment of Cllr. Roberts. |
| 145/23 | <p><u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. James it was resolved to pay accounts for October 2023, as per the submitted list in the sum of £92,927.11. In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £11,182.29</p> |
| 146/23 | <p><u>MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS</u> – Noted. A list of attendees to the recent volunteer’s/ community groups night to be provided to Cllr. Perry.</p> |
| 147/23 | <p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two residents commented in support of Skatepark facilities being considered for Browick Road Recreation Ground. |
| 148/23 | <p><u>TOWN CENTRE- PUBLIC REALM</u> A request has been received to appoint 2 Councillors to the propose Public Realm Project steering group. Cllrs. J Barrett & T Baker volunteered and were duly appointed.</p> |
| 149/23 | <p><u>ACCESSIBLE FORMATS</u> Motion to add the following words to Standing Order 9 (c) – along with formatting the motion into an accessible format, e.g. sans serif size 12 font was proposed by Cllr. J Barrett and seconded by Cllr. P Barrett. It was unanimously resolved to adopt this.</p> |
| 150/23 | <p><u>MICROPHONES</u> Proposal from Cllr. J Barrett -The Council notes that Councillors and Council Staff will commit to making proper use of the microphones to ensure we remain accessible to all. This means we will ensure that microphones are switched on and pointed at us when we speak and that we will support each other – and the public – by politely making it known if the audio is not being captured – was noted.</p> |

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| 151/23 | <p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p><u>Norfolk County Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Savage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consulting public on proposals for 2024/2025 Council Tax – 2.99% + Social Care 2.00% = 4.99%. ○ Following central funding increased bus services from 29th October 2023 particularly enhanced evening and Sunday service. ○ Public consultation on Walking, Wheeling & cycling strategy open until 24th November 2023. ○ Western link funding approved by Central Government to complete orbital route around Norwich. <p><u>South Norfolk Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. K Hurn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western Link scheme mitigation features include 30mph speed limits on Tuttle Lane & Chapel Lane. ○ Some SNC Councillors for Wymondham still had ward grant budgets uncommitted. • Cllrs. Rosen/Roberts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recent rainfall flooding had affected properties on Norwich Road – joint agency discussion to try and resolve issue. Details passed to G Freeman MP (Cllr. Frostdick) ○ SNC had difficult financial decisions to make in respect of coming years budgets. ○ Urged NCC to consider increases carefully in view of burden on residents. |
| 152/23 | <p><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. P Barrett – Greening Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greater Norwich Growth Board grant application for Rothbury Road scheme had not been successful. Application to be made to National Lottery. ○ Trees had been distributed to Children again this year. ○ Work was taking place in Friarscroft Wood. ○ Work was taking place in Browick Road Recreation Ground orchard. • Cllr. P Barrett – Sustainable Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting being held in Fairland Church – Sunday 19th November 2023. |

[The meeting closed at 20.14 pm]

DATED thisday of2023

SIGNED(Chairman)

