

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT,
ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM
COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 17th January 2023
in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm**

Present:

Cllrs	K Carsok (Chair)
	P Hubble
	R Savage
	K Cross
	P Broome (substitute for Y Astley)

Also Present:

3 members of the public.
Cllr. Hurn
SNC -Town Co-ordinator

LE01/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Astley.
LE02/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Carsok – Volunteer with Wymondham In Bloom. • Cllr. Hubble – Member of Greening Wymondham.
LE03/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Cross it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise & Tourism Committee meeting held on 15 th November 2022 as a correct record.
LE04/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Cross – Chandlers Hill start date – Not yet known. • Tourist Information Notice Board – No further information from Heritage Museum. They are meeting next week. • Ketts Park Grass Cutting – No further contact from South Norfolk Council.
LE05/23	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening Wymondham /Wymondham in Bloom representatives – spoke in favour of agenda item 9. outlining the thoughts and proposals therein. • Resident – agenda item 9 – audit of all green spaces should be considered. • Resident – agenda item 6 – name should reflect what building is doing. • Resident – agenda item 7 – invited Council to oversee events re Coronation. Suggested Market on the same day from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. • Cllr. Hurn – agenda item 6 – opposed name change. Cost of amending signage publications etc. Visitors look for Tourist Information Centre. New Town Co-ordinator is promoting tourism. • Cllr. Hurn – agenda item 8 – wants to see improvements to playgrounds but no funds available as Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been allocated to other projects and improvements will have to wait until further funds are available.

LE06/23	<p><u>TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE</u> Discussion took place on the consideration of changing the name to Town Information Centre and what information is provided. Cllr. Hubble suggested that the Information Centre only could be used. Cllr. Savage commented that ‘Tourism Information Centre’ is a well-known brand all over the country and any change would cause confusion, there was also the costs of changing signage, leaflets etc. The Town Co-Ordinator could talk to the staff and review the information available.</p> <p>Cllr. Carsok then withdrew her suggestion, and the facility will continue to be the Tourist Information Centre.</p>
LE07/23	<p><u>KING CHARLES III CORONATION</u> Cllr. Carsok advised that she had spoken to South Norfolk Council (SNC) and they had no further information re-funding or organizing events. Cllr. Hubble expressed disappointment with SNC and commented that the Town Team would not be organizing anything, and street parties could be organized by residents. Cllr. Savage commented that King Charles III wanted a low-key event and that whilst the Council could support individual events there was no financial funding available. Cllr. Cross advised that flags and bunting should be put up and a market from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm should be organized. After further discussion as to the validity of a market upon the proposition of Cllr. Cross and seconded by Cllr. Hubble it was agreed that Cllrs Carsok/Cross would produce a leaflet to be placed on the Council’s Face book page and existing Market traders would be asked if they wanted a market organized. If so, then further discussion would be needed as to who will organize the event and what road closures (if any) would be required.</p>
LE08/23	<p><u>COUNCIL PLAYGROUNDS</u> Cllr. Carsok presented list of Council owned open green spaces including those with play equipment. Discussion then took place on the process for replacing equipment which has been funds received from housing developers. Cllr. Savage then commented that CIL money recently received and funds due in the future have already been allocated and therefore are not available to refurbish the play areas. There is a small reserve to effect economic repairs. If equipment needs to be replaced the Council would have to look for outside funding.</p>
LE09/23	<p><u>MANAGEMENT OF PLAY AREAS</u> Cllr. Carsok presented a paper prepared by Greening Wymondham outlining their initial thoughts for the future and how improvements could be made through co-operation between the Councils grounds care staff and volunteers. It was made clear that the Council has only limited resources and there are pressures on budgets. The difficulty in recruiting and retaining more volunteers was noted. Cllr. Hubble suggested that a full audit of all green spaces should be undertaken. Cllr. Broome advised that he had compiled a list of play areas, a number of years ago, by walking around the Town and invited Cllr. Hubble to carry out an open spaces audit. It was resolved that if Greening Wymondham wanted to set up an informal group, to include any Councillors who wished to take part, to undertake some research and report back to the Committee then this was acceptable. Councillors Hubble, Cross & Carsok indicated their willingness to be part of the group.</p>

[The meeting closed at 20.33 pm]

DATED this day of2023

SIGNED (Chairman)