

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2023
in the Council Offices at 7.00 pm.

Councillors Present

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

Member(s) of the Public: 13

South Norfolk Councillor: K Hurn

Councillor Nuri-Nixon in the Chair

070/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. Halls
071/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u> Cllrs. Nuri-Nixon, James, Rosen, Fulcher, P Barrett, Perry, Frosdick & Batley in respect of agenda item 9 (Rothbury Road) – lobbied by Greening Wymondham.
	Cllr. Rosen proposed that agenda item 9 (Rothbury Road) be brought up to No 3 on the agenda to as several of the public had attended for this item. Cllr. Nuri-Nixon advised that she preferred to deal with this after public participation. A recoded vote was requested on bring the item to Agenda item No 3. For: Cllrs Baker, Doheny, Perry, Holden & Rosen Against: Cllrs Batley, Frosdick, Fulcher, Nixon, P Barrett, J Barrett, James & Nuri-Nixon. The proposal was lost, and the item will be discussed after public participation.
072/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Nixon the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th May 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record.
073/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Holden – Communication Working Group, Brighter Future Group & Questions to Chair and asked for update. Clerk responded that the Communications working group had finished its work, the Brighter Future group had never operated as Working Group and the Council had no formal records of its meetings. In respect of the Questions to Chair this had been dropped after discussion with the presumed future Chair as it was agreed it would be trialled for 6 months and only a small number had been asked. • Cllr. Rosen – discussion re Financial Regulations at last meeting. Not yet taken place, wishes to discuss tonight. After discussion Cllr Rosen proposed that all non- contractual payments over £3000 be frozen until this matter is discussed and the way forward agreed. This was seconded by

	Cllr. Holden. Vote For:5 Against 8. Proposal was lost.
074/23	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. James it was resolved to pay accounts for May 2023, as per the submitted list in the sum of £59,571.80. In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £10822.06
075/23	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident noted in Annual Accounts that Market Income had increased. • Cllr. Hurn advised he fully supported Greening Wymondham proposal re Rothbury Road Recreation Area.
076/23	<u>INTERNAL AUDITORS</u> Letter from Larking Gowen was noted – ‘During the course of our work no matters came to light to indicate that the Council’s internal control objectives were not being achieved’.
077/23	<u>ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31.3.23</u> After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher it was unanimously resolved to approve the presented Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 st March 2023.
078/23	<u>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Frosdick it was unanimously resolved to approve the presented Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 st March 2023.
079/23	<u>ACCOUNTING STATEMENT</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Frosdick it was unanimously resolved to approve the presented Accounting Statement for the year ending 31 st March 2023.
080/23	<u>ROTHBURY ROAD RECREATION AREA</u> Representative from Greening Wymondham read out statement in support of their proposal for Rothbury Road Recreation Area. Stressed that they were not looking for funding at present only approval in principle. After discussion during which Councillors expressed their support for the proposals upon the proposition of Cllr. P Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Perry it was unanimously resolved to agree that a group made up of Greening Wymondham members, community nominees, selected sponsors and nominated Councillors shall work on a feasibility plan to determine timescales, funding, maintenance and community involvement. The working group will report back before October with recommendation to carry the proposal forward. Council nominees: Cllrs. P Barrett & J Barrett.
081/23	<u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u> <u>Norfolk County Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Hurn – on behalf of Cllr. Savage- read out a report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local cycling & walking infrastructure consultation launched and runs to 18th July 2023.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £2 a journey bus travel scheme has been extended to 31st October 2023 by central Government. ○ Pink Line bus service operated by First Eastern Counties has been extended beyond Hethersett and into Wymondham. New timetable available from www.firstbus.co.uk <p><u>South Norfolk Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr. Hurn – Neighbourhood plan referendum takes place on Thursday 8th June 2023 requiring 50% + 1 votes to be passed. ● Cllr. Rosen – Work to be undertaken to improve conditions for residents who rent property.
082/23	<p><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr. Holden – Allotment Association holding Bacon Butty event on Saturday. ● Cllr. Baker – Wymondham Business Group – attended meeting with Cllr. Holden – discussed how Town Team can be co-ordinated to give residents confidence. Report to be prepared.

[The meeting closed at 20.38 pm]

DATED thisday of2023

SIGNED(Chairman)