

**WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August 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	M Rosen
L Nixon		

Member(s) of the Public: 7

South Norfolk Councillor: K Hurn  
Norfolk County Councillor: R Savage

Councillor Nuri-Nixon in the Chair

A one minute silence was observed in respect of the passing of the late Councillor Julian Halls and eulogies were read out by Cllrs Nixon, Hurn, Savage and the Mayor Cllr. Nuri-Nixon.

095/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – None.
096/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> : None.
097/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. J Barrett and seconded by Cllr. James the minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 were approved as a correct record subject to an addition to min 088/23 in respect of the Cemetery.
098/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Holden – Old Council Offices at 14 Middleton Street now on the market for sale.</li> <li>• Cllr. Holden – Town Centre Realm project – Meeting held with SNC officer who is preparing report hopefully for the September meeting of the Council.</li> <li>• Cllr. Holden – Town Co-ordinator Audit – anticipated this will be discussed by the LEET Committee.</li> <li>• Cllr. Holden – Town Centre CCTV – unable to get agreement to site camera, clerk understood that Cllr. Holden had asked the Town Co-ordinator to pursue this.</li> <li>• Cllr. James – Visit Wymondham Website (Facebook etc) agreed by LEET. Town Co-ordinator to populate with 17 of her 19 action points having a relationship to the site.</li> <li>• Cllr. Baker – Wynterfest – 26.11.23 – Wymondham Business Group have agreed to fund a local group (Clear Company) to organise in conjunction with the Town Team.</li> </ul>
099/23	<u>LEISURE ENVIRONMENT ENTERPRISE &amp; TOURISM COMMITTEE</u> minutes of meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 were noted.

100/23	<p><u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Nixon it was resolved to pay accounts for July 2023, as per the submitted list in the sum of £24,508.85.</p> <p>In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £10,779.79</p>
101/23	<p><u>MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS</u> – Noted.</p>
102/23	<p><u>MEMBER VACANCY</u> for the South Wymondham Ward following the passing of Cllr. Julian Halls was noted.</p>
103/23	<p><u>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</u> Cllr. Nuri-Nixon called for nominations to fill the current vacancy. Cllr. Rosen seconded by Cllr. Baker nominated Cllr. Holden. Cllr. Nixon seconded by Cllr. Fulcher nominated Cllr. James.</p> <p>Cllr. Holden received 1 vote, Cllr. James received 9 votes and with 3 abstentions Cllr. James was appointed onto the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee.</p>
104/23	<p><u>POLICIES &amp; STANDING ORDERS WORKING GROUP</u> Cllr. Nuri-Nixon called for nominations to fill the current vacancy. Cllr. Rosen seconded by Cllr. Baker nominated Cllr. Holden. Cllr. Fulcher seconded by Cllr. Nixon nominated Cllr. Frosdick.</p> <p>Cllr. Holden received 4 votes, Cllr. Frosdick received 8 votes and with 1 abstention Cllr. Frosdick was appointed onto the Policies &amp; Standing Orders Working Group.</p>
105/23	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident read out statement in support of agenda item 13 – climate change declaration.</li> <li>• Representative from Greening Wymondham read out statement in support of agenda item 12 – Rothbury Road Recreation Park proposal.</li> <li>• Resident of Wymondham read out statement in support of agenda item 13 – climate change declaration.</li> <li>• Representative from Greening Wymondham commented that as the centre of the Town was an historic area attention should be paid to the type of Bus shelter installed – Agenda item 14 – Gold standard bus stop in the Market Place.</li> </ul>
106/23	<p><u>ROTHBURY ROAD RECREATION PARK</u> Cllr. Nuri-Nixon outlined the proposal to establish an earmarked reserve to support grant applications for the improvements to the park in accordance with the plans drawn up by Greening Wymondham. After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Rosen and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher it was resolved that Wymondham Town Council agrees to establish a Rothbury Road Recreation Park earmarked Reserve of £20,000 with source funding to be discussed by the Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee.</p>

107/23	<p><u>CLIMATE CHANGE</u> Cllr. P Barrett introduced the paper in respect of declaring a Climate Emergency. After discussion the following amendments were discussed and proposed.</p> <p><u>AMENDMENT 1</u>: Replace Resolution Point 2 with following. Proposed by Cllr. Doheny and seconded by Cllr. Rosen.</p> <p>‘Council resolves that the Town Clerk work with the community to co-produce a Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan’.</p> <p>For:4    Against:8    Abstention:1</p> <p>Amendment 1 was lost.</p> <p><u>AMENDMENT 2</u>: Add the following to the motion.</p> <p>2(i) Proposed by Cllr. Baker and seconded by Cllr. Rosen.</p> <p>‘Council notes the continuing pressures on residents from the increasing cost of living and resolves to ensure we do not create additional financial burdens on residents through measures to reduce and adapt to climate change.’</p> <p>For: Cllrs. Rosen, Baker, Perry &amp; Doheny Against: Cllrs. Batley, Nixon, Frosdick, Fulcher, James, Nuri-Nixon, P Barret &amp; J Barrett Abstention: Cllr. Holden</p> <p>Amendment 2(i) was lost.</p> <p>2(ii) Proposed by Cllr. Baker and seconded by Cllr. Doheny</p> <p>‘Council notes that recently approved Neighbourhood Plan will need strengthening in respect of climate change issues for its next review and resolves that the Town Clerk should prepare a report for full Council with proposals for improvements to the Plan’.</p> <p>For: Cllrs. Rosen, Baker, Perry, Doheny &amp; Holden. Against: Cllrs. Batley, Nixon, Frosdick, Fulcher, James, Nuri-Nixon, P Barret &amp; J Barrett.</p> <p>Amendment 2(ii) was lost.</p> <p>2(iii) Proposed by Cllr. Baker and seconded by Cllr. Perry</p> <p>‘Council notes the increase risk of fire and flood and resolves that the Town Clerk write to the County Councillors for Wymondham and Forehoe Wards to request that Norfolk County Council review the Fire &amp; Rescue Services resources, proposals for further housing development, and possible alterations to land use adjacent to residential areas with the aim of ensuring the safety of Wymondham residents, and that County Councillors be asked to report back to Town Council on the progress of such review’.</p>
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For: Cllrs. Rosen, Baker, Perry, Doheny & Holden.  
Against: Cllrs. Batley, Nixon, Frosdick, Fulcher, James, Nuri-Nixon, P Barret & J Barrett.

Amendment 2(iii) was lost.

2(iv) Proposed by Cllr. Baker and seconded by Cllr. Perry  
‘Council resolves to use its role in the planning process to advocate for conditions on development that promote adaption and mitigation of climate change and its consequences’.

For: Cllrs. Rosen, Baker, Perry & Doheny  
Against: Cllrs. Batley, Nixon, Frosdick, Fulcher, James, Nuri-Nixon, P Barret & J Barrett  
Abstention: Cllr. Holden

Amendment 2(iv) was lost.

Discussion then took place on the substantive motion contain in the original paper and it was proposed by Cllr. Holden and seconded by Cllr. Rosen that the 4 parts of the motion be voted on individually rather than en-bloc.

For: Cllrs. Rosen, Baker, Perry, Doheny & Holden.  
Against: Cllrs. Batley, Nixon, Frosdick, Fulcher, James, Nuri-Nixon, P Barret & J Barrett.

This proposal was lost.

Proposed by Cllr. J Barrett and seconded by Cllr. P Barrett it was resolved to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency to be a catalyst for change in Wymondham towards carbon neutrality.
2. Facilitate and develop a constituted group made up of Town Councillors, Community Groups. Local Businesses and interest Residents to co-produce and set the Climate Emergency Strategy followed by an Action Plan to deliver this Strategy.
3. Ensure Carbon Neutrality is core to decision making and its impact is addressed in all committees and working groups.
4. Appeal to District, County, and National Government to provide the powers and resources to drive Carbon Neutrality.

For: Cllrs. Batley, Nixon, Frosdick, Fulcher, James, Nuri-Nixon, P Barret & J Barrett.  
Against: Cllr. Holden  
Abstentions: Cllrs. Rosen, Baker, Perry, Doheny.

Motion was passed.

108/23	<u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL- GOLD STANDARD BUS STOP</u> scheme was discussed for the stop near the Co-op in the Market Place. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Frosdick and seconded by Cllr. Barrett it was unanimously resolved to request Norfolk County Council to proceed with this brief at the specified location together with the possibility of upgrading the bus stop outside Big Fry on Market Street.
109/23	<u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u> <u>Norfolk County Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Savage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A11 road due to finish in late August/ early September</li> <li>○ Children designed speed sign to erected near Browick Road School.</li> <li>○ If enough interest, he can arrange a visit to the Wymondham Fire station.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <u>South Norfolk Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Hurn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wymondham Neighbourhood Plan formally adopted.</li> <li>○ Part of the A47 taskforce Easton -Tuddenham bypass scheme will result in 30 mph speed limits for all Tuttlles Lane and full length of Chapel Lane together with cycle lane on Tuttlles Lane.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
110/23	<u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Nixon – attended Tennis Club meeting – were seeking to promote Tennis in the community and were seeking new members.</li> <li>• Cllr. Holden – Allotment Association Bacon Butty morning 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>• Cllr. Perry – North Wymondham Community Centre - he had circulated minutes of a recent meeting.</li> </ul>

*[The meeting closed at 21.00 pm]*

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

SIGNED .....(Chairman)