

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2023

in the Council Offices at 7.00 pm.

Councillors Present

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

Member(s) of the Public: 3

South Norfolk Councillor: K Hurn & C McConnell

Norfolk County Councillor: R Savage

Councillor Nuri-Nixon in the Chair

153/23	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllrs James, Rosen & J Barrett.
154/23	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> : None.
155/23	<u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th November 2023 were unanimously approved as a correct record subject to three minor amendments.
156/23	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>PUBLIC REALM PROJECT</u> Cllr Baker advised that he had met with officers from South Norfolk Council and that sketches of possible work was being drawn up.• <u>TOWN CO-ORDINATOR REPORT</u> Cllr. Holden asked if report was on website. Clerk responded that it was under the minutes of the Council meeting it was discussed at.• <u>POLICIES & STANDING ORDER WORKING GROUP</u> – Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Nixon it was resolved to approve the revised staff handbook with the proviso that Appraisals would be discussed at the forthcoming Council Buildings, Health & Safety and Personnel working group.• <u>NEW CEMETERY</u> The notes of the meeting held on 24th November 2023 were noted and upon the proposition of Cllr. P Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher the recommendations therein were unanimously ratified.
157/23	<u>FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</u> minutes of meeting held on 15 th November 2023 were noted.
158/23	<u>LEISURE ENVIRONMENT ENTERPRISE & TOURISM COMMITTEE</u> minutes of meeting held on 21 st November 2023 were noted.

159/23	<p><u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Roberts it was resolved to pay accounts for November 2023, as per the submitted list in the sum of £66,746.68.</p> <p>In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £14,604.80</p>
160/23	<p><u>MEETING DATES 2024</u> The proposed schedule of meeting dates was noted.</p>
161/23	<p><u>MAYORS ENGAGEMENTS</u> – Noted.</p>
162/23	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives from Greening Wymondham commented on the Bio-diversity policy (agenda item 13) which they supported in principle but felt it could go further with timescales. Council was also encouraged to not use pesticides with the example of road gutters being sprayed to kill weeds. Clerk responded that this activity was undertaken by South Norfolk Council not the Town Council who do not use pesticides.
163/23	<p><u>MOTION RE DISABLED</u> Cllr. Roberts introduced his paper and after discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Barrett it was unanimously resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the Social Model of Disability, which says that people with impairments are ‘disabled’ by the barriers operating in society that exclude and discriminate against them. Work to raise awareness of disability issues and access needs in the Town. Making our Town a disabled-friendly place for both residents and visitors. Commit to working with the local Highways authority, local shops and business and service providers to ensure our area is accessible for everyone.
164/23	<p><u>4 YEAR PLAN</u> Cllr. Perry outlined the principles of the plan that was being developed re-iterating that individual members and Committees could still feed in ideas. It was agreed that this was a good start at a working model which required further refinement through the Finance & general Purposes Committee before being formally consider and approved, or otherwise, by the full Council.</p>
165/23	<p><u>BIODIVERSITY POLICY & ACTION PLAN</u> was discussed and upon the proposition of Cllr. J Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher it was unanimously resolved to adopt the plan with the proviso that it could be discussed and reviewed by the Leisure Environment Enterprise & Tourism Committee in due course.</p>
166/23	<p><u>SNC PRIDE IN PLACE</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher it was unanimously agreed to apply for a £300 grant from South Norfolk Council’s Pride in Place Community grant scheme.</p>

167/23	<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"> ○ Greater Norwich Local Plan – Had been consulted further on the Gypsy & Travellers proposals for land adjacent to the existing NCC waste tip. <p><u>South Norfolk Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hurn, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024 Business awards still open for nominations. ○ December – extra free hours parking in SNC car parks on Saturdays and after 4.00pm. ○ Public Spaces Protection Order renewed – prohibits dogs within fenced play areas and vehicle anti-social behaviour. ○ Contributed towards sport facility at Robert Kett School and still had small amount left in SNC Councillors grant budget.
168/23	<p><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr P Barrett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wymondham Old Grammar School Trust – distributed grants totalling £10,000 to 40 students. ○ Wymondham Fuel Allotment Charity – distributed grants totalling £4,200 to 60 residents. ○ Sustainable Wymondham meeting attended by 40 people – discussions and workshops. • Cllr. Perry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North Wymondham Community Centre 50th anniversary next year. Considering setting up a laundry. • Cllr. Holden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allotment Association – Constructed decking, didn't realise it needed planning permission (now applied for). Anglian Water (freeholders) & WTC (leaseholder) permission required. • Cllr. Nixon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wymondham Tennis Club portakabin at Ketts Park to be replaced in January 2024.
169/23	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> It was agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 9th January 2024.</p>

[The meeting closed at 20.36 pm]

DATED thisday of2024

SIGNED(Chairman)