

## **WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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
M Rosen	J Fulcher	A James
J Barrett		

Member(s) of the Public: 45

Cllr. Savage (NCC & SNC)

Cllrs Hurn & McConnell (SNC)

Councillor Nuri-Nixon in the Chair

028/24	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – None.
029/24	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> : Councillors lobbied by residents in respect of agenda item 8 – Public Realm Project.
030/24	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Nixon the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were unanimously approved as a correct record.</p> <p>Cllr. J Barrett requested the following addition to minute 024/24</p> <p>In the spirit of openness, as per the Nolan Principles, I must seek a correction to the minutes. After experiencing Cllr Holden’s behaviour, I suffered from a serious dissociative flashback, which necessitated me to temporarily withdraw from the meeting while Cllr Roberts presented his work on the Emergency Plan. This was a psychiatric emergency, and the record should reflect the reality facing disabled Councillors when their health conditions are aggravated by the improper actions of others.</p>
031/24	<p><u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u>:</p> <p><u>COUNCILS BUILDINGS, HEALTH &amp; SAFETY AND PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP</u> The notes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were noted. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. James it was unanimously resolved to approve the decisions therein in respect of the Risk Assessment Action Plans and the proposed Deputy Clerk/Project Manager job description and person specification.</p> <p><u>Emergency Plan</u> Cllr. Roberts advised that this was still being worked and that it had been activated on 18<sup>th</sup> February when there was a River Tiffey flood warning.</p>

032/24	<p>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were noted and upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Perry it was resolved to approve the proposed Fees &amp; Charges for the 2024/25 financial year.</p>
033/24	<p><u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Frosdick and seconded by Cllr. Fulcher it was resolved to pay accounts for February 2024, as per the submitted list in the sum of £33,215.04.</p> <p>In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the wages account to the sum of £10,649.69</p>
034/24	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of Greening Wymondham read out statement in support of agenda item 8 – Public Realm.</li> <li>• Cllr. McConnell (SNC) read out statement giving background information and supporting proposal in agenda item 8 – Public Realm.</li> <li>• A member of the public read out statement regards Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).</li> <li>• A member of the public spoke in support of agenda item 8 – Public realm.</li> <li>• A representative of businesses in Town Green spoke in support of agenda item 9 – Parking review and handed in a petition.</li> <li>• Cllr. Hurn (SNC) spoke in support of agenda item 8 – Public Realm.</li> <li>• Cllr. Savage (NCC) read out statement in support of Agenda item 8 – Public Realm.</li> <li>• Cllr. P Barrett – read out statement on behalf of Wymondham Access Group requesting that they are considered when the steering group is set up – agenda item 8 – Public Realm.</li> </ul>
035/24	<p><u>PUBLIC REALM PROJECT</u> Cllr. Rosen introduced his proposal re the funding to be provided by the Town Council. A number of Councillors read out statements and following discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Rosen and seconded by Cllr. Nixon it was unanimously resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To agree £250,000 funding to be earmarked as a reserve for the town centre regeneration works so that discussions about the detail of works and the nature of the partnership can proceed and Wymondham can benefit from the full value of the sale of the former offices on Middleton Street.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That this in principle agreement is conditional on South Norfolk District Council confirming in writing that the full proceeds of the sale of the former offices at 14 Middleton Street will be allocated to the town centre regeneration works spaces and that the £250,000 earmarked by Wymondham Town Council will be matched by a further sum of at least £250,000 from South Norfolk District Council to bring the total available close to the £1 million that was suggested would be available.</li> <li>3. That Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee will agree changes to the earmarked reserves to allow creation of the £250,000 reserve for the town centre regeneration works.</li> <li>4. That spending of the sum reserved for the town centre regeneration works is subject to agreement by the Town Council of the detail of works to be funded and the establishment of partnership arrangements that ensure the Town Council remains in control of how its contribution is spent.</li> </ol>
036/24	<p><u>TOWN GREEN</u> Discussion took place following a request from a local business to extend the on- street parking times in restricted bays. A number of Councillors spoke in support. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Batley and seconded by Cllr. James it was unanimously resolved that That the Clerk writes to the appropriate officers at South Norfolk Council (e.g. the Market Towns and Business Development Service Manager) and Norfolk County Council to request a review of the 30-minute time limit of the parking bays in the Middleton Street/Town Green area to consider extending it.</p>
037/24	<p><u>GRASS CUTTING DECK</u> Clerk presented paper and upon the resolution of Cllr. J Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Baker it was unanimously resolved to accept a quotation for £23,245 + VAT for the purchase of a Wessex RMX500 G Roller mower being the nett cost following the trade in the Councils existing cutting deck.</p>
038/24	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. J Barrett it was unanimously resolved to transfer £1305.31 from the General Reserve to the Neighbourhood Plan Reserve to bring the balance to NIL.</p>
039/24	<p><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></p> <p><u>Norfolk County Council</u> – None.</p> <p><u>South Norfolk Council</u></p> <p>Cllr. Roberts – Building material had been fly tipped and had been cleared away.</p>

040/24	<p><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>Cllr. Perry – Toad watch had been successful.</p> <p>Cllr. Batley – Allotment Association AGM 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm</p>
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*[The meeting closed at 20.24 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2024

SIGNED .....(Chairman)