

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices, Ketts Park, Harts Farm Road, Wymondham NR18 0TU.

**Present:** Councillor (Cllr) Suzanne Nuri-Nixon (Chair), Paul Barrett, Joy Batley, Peter Broome, Lowell Doheny, Rory Frosdick, Julian Fulcher, Annette James, Alex Perry, Dave Roberts.

**Member(s) of the Public:** Four members of the public were present including some members of the Wymondham Youth Council.

046/25	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</u> Apologies were <b>approved</b> for Cllr Nixon and Cllr Witt - other commitment. No apologies received for Cllr Rosen.</p>
047/25	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</u> None.</p>
048/25	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS:</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Broome the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were unanimously <b>approved</b> as a correct record.</p>
049/25	<p><u>PROGRESS UPDATES:</u> The notes of the Council Building, Health &amp; Safety Working Group meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were noted and upon the proposition of Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Fulcher the recommendations therein were unanimously ratified.</p>
050/25	<p><u>FINANCE &amp; GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were noted and upon the proposition of Cllr Barrett and seconded by Cllr Fulcher the recommendations therein were unanimously ratified.</p>
051/25	<p><u>SUNDRY CREDITORS:</u> Upon the proposition of Cllr. Barrett and seconded by Cllr. Roberts it was <b>resolved</b> to pay accounts for February 2025, as per the submitted list in the sum of £33,153.13 together with debit card payments totalling £471.99. In compliance with financial regulations the Clerk tabled a list of salaries paid from the account to the sum of £11,829.29.</p> <p>A comment was made to mention the recent credit note received from SNDC regarding payment for emptying dog bins, and thanks were expressed to Councils staff for the recent audit completed on the correct number of dog bins the Town Council should pay.</p>
052/25	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> None.</p>
053/25	<p><u>ROTHBURY PARK:</u> The Chair gave a general background explanation to confirm that Greening Wymondham has confirmed the new play equipment proposal which will see the company able to start working in removing the old play equipment and installing the new play equipment in May or June this year. The project manager was still yet to be confirmed but, further details will be given at</p>

	<p>the next meeting. The Town Council will be displaying the plan and design at the Rothbury Community Centre - dates were yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>Comments were made to confirm that it is great to see this project is coming to fruition after consultation with residents and the wider community.</p>
054/25	<p><b><u>BROWICK RECREATION GROUND:</u></b></p> <p>The Chair gave an update on the vandalised changing rooms and mentioned that a criminal report has been made. Costs to remove/replace were mentioned and as the cost was over £10,000 it was recommended to remove the redundant portal cabin and scrap the metal container, as they would be removed when the recreation ground will undergo refurbishment. Quotes will be sought from scrap companies if Council decide to go ahead. It was unanimously <b>agreed</b> for the Clerk to get quotes from scrap companies.</p>
055/25	<p><b><u>REPORTS FROM COUNTY / DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</u></b></p> <p><u>Norfolk County Council:</u> None</p> <p><u>South Norfolk Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Roberts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Go Fund man shed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
039/25	<p><b><u>REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr P Barrett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greening Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The River Group met with the UEA biologist to discuss the high level of E.coli on the River Tiffey.</li> <li>○ Discussion with NCC walking and cycle infrastructure plan, which will be presented to the LEET committee in future.</li> <li>○ Rothbury Park grant application is progressing well and an announcement will be made in March 2025.</li> <li>○ The next litter pick is on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sustainable Wymondham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reclaim the Rain meeting arranged with joint venture from Norfolk and Suffolk County Council mitigating flood and improving resilience in towns. Ideas of running water for Central Wymondham and have been passed to the Public Realm team.</li> <li>○ A map has been developed to show sustainable key points like recycling, cycle paths, etc.</li> <li>○ Spring Arts Festival this year will be from 19<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.</li> <li>○ A stall will be held at the Farmers Market on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and the theme will be on water.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Cllr Frostick gave an update on an article published on the Mercury on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in regard to this Council 'scrapped Winter Fest' and after a complaint made to the Independent Press Standards Organisation a correction has been published by those organisations.</p>
040/25	<p><b><u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS &amp; PUBLIC:</u></b> On the proposition of Cllr. Fulcher and seconded by Cllr. Roberts resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters</p>

	where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
041/25	<u>RISK ASSESSMENT</u> : The new Risk Assessment was reviewed and considered. Thanks were expressed to the Clerk for the work completed. Comments were made to introduce a Lone Working Policy and a play equipment maintenance schedule. Upon the proposition of Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr P Barrett the new Risk Assessment was unanimously <b>approved</b> .
042/25	<u>NCC ONSITE VISIT TO TOWN GREEN/MIDDLETON STREET</u> : The notes of the meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 were noted. After discussion upon the proposition of Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Batley it was proposed for the Clerk to give the information to the Public Realm team who will be in a better position to incorporate it within the public realm enhancement project, and it was also suggested to look at pavement parking enforcement.  For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 The motion was passed.  Clerk to give the information to the Public Realm team and suggest them to look at pavement parking enforcement.
043/25	<u>KETTS PARK LEASE WORKING GROUP</u> : The notes of the meeting held with South Norfolk on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 were noted and upon the proposition of Cllr Broome and seconded by Cllr Barrett the <b>recommendation therein was unanimously ratified</b> .
044/25	<u>ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP</u> : The notes of the meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 were noted and upon the proposition of Cllr Broome and seconded by Cllr Fulcher the <b>recommendation therein was unanimously ratified</b> .
045/27	<u>BUS SHELTER UPDATE</u> : It was mentioned that NCC are still deciding the location for the bus shelter. Suggestions were mentioned and the Clerk will inform NCC and the Public Realm team.

*[The meeting closed at 19.40 pm]*

DATED this .....day of .....2025

SIGNED .....(Chairman)