

## WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise and Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6pm, in the Council Offices

Present: Councillor (Cllr) Annette James (Chair), Marlene (Joy) Batley, Julian Fulcher (substitute for Suzanne Nuri-Nixon) and Lucy Nixon.

Also Present: Laura Trabucco (Town Clerk) and two member of the public including Corinna Pharaoh (SNC Town Coordinator).

LE01/25	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> : Cllr. S Nuri-Nixon – other commitment.
LE02/25	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – None.
LE03/25	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> : <b>Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. Batley it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Leisure, Environment, Enterprise &amp; Tourism Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a correct record.</b>
LE04/25	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> : The Clerk gave a general update and informed the Committee that the Seed Library box has been fitted at the North Wymondham Community Centre and the four Bat Boxes from the Shed Wymondham will be ready in April 2025 to be installed at Becketswell.
LE05/25	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> : None
LE06/25	<u>PLANTLIFE MEMBERSHIP</u> : Cllr. Nixon gave a general background of the proposal explaining the concept of ‘No Mow May’ launched by the conservation charity Plantlife into a more mindful mowing as it is less prohibitive and takes into account some wildlife. In order to assist with the Town Council’s biodiversity policy action plan, it was mentioned that it would be beneficial to sign up to Plantlife for a membership annual fee of £39.00, and receive dedicated best practice guidance, examples of case studies and ideas. <b>Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr James it was unanimously resolved for the Town Council to become member of Plantlife.</b>
LE07/25	<u>SNDC NATURE CONSERVATION FUND</u> : Cllr. James advised that South Norfolk District Council (SNDC) are offering Town/Parish Councils grants from their Nature Conservation Fund to enhance green spaces and boost biodiversity including creating Miyawaki mini-forests and wildlife pond restoration. It was established that the Council Grounds team could start on this project in late this year should the grant become available. Greening Wymondham and other community groups could be consulted together with other stakeholders. <b>Upon the proposition of Cllr. James and seconded by Cllr. Nixon it was unanimously resolved that the Council submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) and attend an online meeting to discuss the Becketswell project with a member of SNDC.</b>

LE08/25	<p><b>SOLAR SCHEME:</b> Cllr. Nixon mentioned that South Norfolk District Council (SNDC) are offering a scheme called ‘Solar Together’ whereby businesses and individual households can register their interest online to take part in the next initiative to have a roof surveyed for suitability of possible solar panels.</p> <p><b>Upon the proposition of Cllr. Nixon and seconded by Cllr. James it was unanimously resolved that the Town Council register interest online for the next Solar Together Scheme and agree to pay £150 fee to have the Council offices roof surveyed for suitability.</b></p>
LE08/25	<p><b>TOWN CO-ORDINATOR:</b> Corinna (SNDC Town Coordinator) had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and gave a general update on progress to date.</p>

*[The meeting closed at 18.24 pm]*

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

SIGNED ..... (Chairman)

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