



# NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 27 April 2021, at the Sacred Heart Church, North Walsham

### Present:

**Town Councillors:** Cllr Bull (Chair); Cllr Felstead; Cllr Fryer; Cllr Gray; Cllr Heinrich;  
Cllr Hester; Cllr Melville; Cllr Murphy; Cllr Sims; Cllr Wright

**New Councillors** Cllr Covell; Cllr Cracknell; Cllr Golder; Cllr Read; Cllr Shaw

**Town Clerk:** Ms J Shields

**Members of Public:** 5

The meeting opened at 18.30

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gotts (ill)

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests: Cllr Heinrich - Item 7.2 Good Neighbour Grant

Pecuniary interests: None

### 3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – emailed with Agenda

(As per Standing Order 3t, to approve decisions/resolutions made as an accurate record)

#### 3.1. To approve minutes of the Council meeting 30 March 2021

As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Heinrich, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 30 March 2021 be agreed as an accurate record of the decisions made at the meeting

#### 3.2. To approve minutes of the Council meeting 15 April 2021

As proposed by Cllr Sims and seconded by Cllr Wright, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 15 April 2021 be agreed as an accurate record of the decisions made at the meeting

### 4. UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Decision/Action Log (Clerks report attached)

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

(As per Standing Order 3e Items on this agenda only; Standing Order 3f Total duration 15mins max; Standing Order 3g Max 3mins per person; and Standing Order 3h Questions don't require a response at this meeting)

To receive verbal reports from members of the public:-

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Murphy it was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders 3e & 3f

Each Co-option candidate was invited to introduce themselves

Candidate 1 – Born in North Walsham, trained in disabled accessibility, involved with Charities, helps organise North Walsham Live Aid

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- Candidate 2 – Comes from Swanton Abbott moved to North Walsham aged 21, has own business on Industrial Estate, wants to help the town move forwards
- Candidate 3 – Born in Cornwall, moved to North Walsham in 1999, has been a School Governor, interested in the growth of future infrastructure, has done a lot of Charity work, thinks North Walsham has a great future and would like to give back to the Town
- Candidate 4 – Has a passion to help young people, qualified youth worker, does voluntary work, goal is to offer support for the youth and be their advocate and their voice
- Candidate 5 – Lived in NW for 12 years, and Norfolk since birth, passionate about North Walsham, interested in moving the Town forward and promoting tourism and hospitality

### 6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORTS

6.1. District & County Councillors - deferred to next meeting

### 7. MATTERS ARISING FOR DECISION/DISCUSSION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

7.1. To consider & vote, to co-opt 5 new Councillors

The Councillors heard the co-option candidates introduce themselves during public participation and asked questions, before voting Candidates onto each ward as follows:-

**East Ward** Jo Cracknell & Jessica Read

**West Ward** David Covell

**Town Centre West** Sam Golder

**North Ward** Rebecca Shaw

The newly co-opted Councillors we asked to sign a 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' form and take their seats on the Council for the remainder of the meeting

As proposed by Cllr Felstead and seconded by Cllr Sims, it was **RESOLVED to approve the vote and accept the newly elected Councillors take their seat on the Council**

7.2. To consider a grant for the Good Neighbour Scheme - £500

It was discussed that this was a good cause and to award the grant. It was also mentioned making an annual grant award. To find out if they would like an annual grant, how much and what it would be spent on, before bringing back to Full Council

As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Melville , it was **RESOLVED to award a grant of £500**

Cllr Heinrich abstained declaring a personal interest

7.3. To consider whether a response is required for removal of BT telephone boxes at Brick Kiln Rd, Bluebell Rd & Station Rd (BW)

It was discussed that these are used for less than 1 call a month, but they could be needed in an emergency especially the one on Brick Kiln Rd as it has poor mobile network signal. They would probably be removed anyway and to try and think of other alternatives

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Murphy, it was **RESOLVED to respond to NNDC asking to keep all 3 boxes but especially the one on Brick Kiln Rd**

7:40 Cllr Melville left the meeting

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### 8. FINANCE

8.1. To approve income and expenditure for March 2021

As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Heinrich, it was **RESOLVED to approve income & expenditure for March 2021**

8.2. To approve expenditure up to 20 April 2021

As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Heinrich, it was **RESOLVED to approve expenditure up to 20 April 2021**

8.3. To receive comparison of estimated budget against actual Quarter 4 (Jan-Apr)

8.4. To receive Scrutineer Report for Quarter 4 (Jan-Apr)

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9.1. Attendance sheet (attached)

9.2. Clerk Decisions March 2021

### 10. UPDATES

10.1. Police Update 2021 (RM) - No major anti-social behaviour in Town, making sure shops and takeaway are following Covid rules. Doing regular walks through Trackside & Memorial Park

10.2. Skatepark (BH) – funding for new skatepark of £190K is almost complete

### 11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GROUPS – Available on NWTC website

11.1. Development & Amenities – 7 April 2021

### 12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA/LATE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

An additional 3 picnic benches are being supplied by North Walsham Play next to the Eco Gym

- Annual grant for Good Neighbours
- Flag Pole at Memorial Park, if s106 money has not come through

### 13. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

13.1. Annual Full Council – Tuesday 11 May 2021, 18.30, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The meeting closed at 19.50

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