

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
Held in the Council Chamber
On 17th December, 2013.

PRESENT

Mrs. J.R. Belson (Town Mayor)
Mr. G. Bull Mr. D. Spencer
Mr. C. Peck Mr. A. Thirtle
Mr. D. Robertson Mr. D. Turner
Mrs. R.A. Rose Mrs. V. Uprichard
Mr. E. Seward Mrs. B. West
Mr. R. Sims Mr. B. Wexler

10850 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

10851 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Mr. F. Choudhury, Mr. B. Hester, Mr. T. Morland.

10852 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November, 2013 were approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

10853 MATTERS ARISING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(a) Grit Bins (10803)

It was reported that three of the bins had been collected and put in place.

(b) Cromer Road Railway Bridge (10831)

It was reported that the activated height sign could be dealt with through the Partnership Scheme. It was agreed to put this on the agenda as urgent business for discussion.

(c) Market Cross (10835)

A verbal quotation was submitted amounting to £380 plus VAT for the stone only.

10854 POLICE

PC P. Gwynn submitted the monthly crime figures to the meeting. It was noted that there were 26 crimes in total in comparison to 43 for the same period last year. The next priority setting meeting would be held on 15th January, 2014 at 1900 hours held at the Atrium. Current North Walsham priorities are support the drink drive campaign over the festive season and speeding on Happisburgh Road, North Walsham. Current issues include speeding on Thirlby Road, North Walsham.

10855 PUB WATCH

A written report submitted by Mr. Hester of a meeting held on 2nd December, 2013 was received.

10856 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A written report was submitted from Mr. Seward giving information about better broadband for Norfolk programme, County properties in North Walsham, highways issues, Acorn Green Toddlers Play equipment and the feasibility study on revised bus stop location at junction of New Road/Yarmouth Road. It was noted that the site meeting scheduled for 17th December had been postponed.

Mrs. Uprichard referred to the very poor reception in North Walsham for broadband.

Mr. Seward confirmed that speeding in Acorn Road was on the list.

Mr. Lloyd stated that he had been busy with the coastal disaster.

Mrs. Belson submitted a written report on the engagements she had made since the last report and suggested that Mr. Storey be invited to attend the Town Meeting in April to give information on the Griffon Guide. This was agreed.

10857 **CCTV (10833)**

A written report was submitted from Mr. Sims stating that a meeting would be held on 19th December, at Cromer when the District Council and members of the Town Council Consortiums would discuss the detailed report.

It was agreed that Mr. Bull attend with Mr. Robertson.

10858 **LICENSING POLICY FOR SEX ESTABLISHMENTS**

It was reported that the District Council had adopted the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 section 2 and schedule 3 on 19th December 2012. This enabled the Council as Licensing Authority to control and regulate the operation of certain kinds of sex establishments within the North Norfolk District and no sex establishment can operate in the district unless it has been granted a licence from the Licensing Authority. In line with statutory requirements and government guidance, the Council has drawn up a draft Policy relating to applications for licences under this legislation. The draft policy had been published for consultation which will end on 17th February, 2014.

It was agreed that the document be circulated to members for discussion at the January meeting.

10859 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 22**

It was **RESOLVED**

To suspend Standing Order 22 to allow further discussion on Norfolk CAB.

10860 **NORFOLK CAB (10843)**

Mr. Seward submitted further information regarding the recent Norfolk CAB AGM; the first meeting had been cancelled due to insufficient numbers and six north Norfolk residents went to Wymondham for the re-scheduled AGM. Members were informed that no opportunity was given to ask questions and a further six volunteers had resigned, all from North Walsham. It was reported that at the end of February 2014 there would be no paid staff. Reference was made to Mr. Cheshire's statement at a previous meeting that the building required a lot of repair work. Services seemed likely to be centred in Norwich with part-time surgeries in North Walsham. Correspondence was submitted from Mr. Cheshire.

On the proposition of Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Seward

It was **RESOLVED**

That clarification be sought in terms of

(a) whether there will be any paid staff at North Walsham after February and if so how many.

(b) Whether the CAB will continue to use the existing building.

10861 **HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP WORKING (10829)**

Mr. Seward reported on a meeting held with the County Highways Officers and it was suggested that the Town Council might like to make a bid for height activated warning signs and speed awareness signs. It was suggested that the speed awareness message signs could be portable and moved about the town.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk be given authority to liaise with the Highways Officer to make a bid no more than £10,000.

10862 **ACORN ROAD (10847)**

This item was deferred to the next meeting to await further information.

10863 **TOWN TEAM**

Mrs. Uprichard reported that to date 6 Easter Bunnies had been ordered but 16 orders were required by the end of the month to make the project viable.

10864 **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

A detailed statement showing the payments and receipts amounting to £12,542.80 and £7,023.67 was submitted and approved, subject to the amendments as submitted to the meeting.

10865 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014**

A draft of the Calendar of meetings for 2014 was submitted. It was noted that the date for the Town Meeting had been changed to 1st April, 2014.

10866 **MEETING (10825)**

It was confirmed that Mrs. Oxtoby and Mr. Fitzpatrick would attend the Planning Committee meeting on 7th January, 2014 and members were asked to consider questions they wished to discuss.

1. Council Chamber – decoration. 2. NNDC – coastal areas for wild flower planting will it extend to other areas. 3. CCTV. 4. Precinct – ground maintenance. 5. CAB – District Council's contribution. 6. Issues in the town and planning applications, Marrick Ropes Council not listened to.

10867 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 26th November, 2013 and 10th December, 2013 were received. (Appx. A)

10868 **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 10th December, 2013 were submitted and approved. (Appx. B)

10869 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from NNDC stating that the Council has not taken any steps to acquire the land at St. Nicholas Court. The Crown Estates have given some indication that they would be willing to vest ownership to a public body if an approach was made. As the Council has not looked to acquire the land, no legal problems have been encountered.
2. Information from Trading Standards re: safety alert – imported dolls.
3. Information received from Mr. Chambers re: WW1 Project.
4. Copy of the Agenda and papers for the NNDC meeting on 18th December, 2013.

10870 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

1. Helicopters – it was reported that Mr. Ritchie had sent in correspondence regarding his concerns of helicopter safety following the Glasgow disaster. Mr. Bull reported that he had spoken to Mr. Ritchie who wanted to bring the matter to the Town Council's attention.