

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held immediately following the Planning Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 to consider the CCTV consultation from the District Council.

PRESENT

- Mr. R. Sims (Chairman)
- Mrs. J.R. Belson                      Mrs. R.A. Rose
- Mr. G. Bull                              Mr. E. Seward
- Mr. B. Hester                          Mr. D. Spencer
- Mr. T. Morland                        Mr. A. Thirtle
- Mr. C. Peck                              Mr. D. Turner
- Mr. D. Robertson                      Mrs. B. West
- Mr. B. Wexler

**Apologies for absence**

Mr. F. Choudhury.

**CCTV**

It was reported that the consultation letter from the District Council had been received during the August recess and Mrs. Belson, Mr. Sims, Mr. Robertson and the Town Clerk had considered the papers. The consultation is due to end on 10<sup>th</sup> September but the District Council had agreed that the Town Council could delay replying until after the Planning meeting.

A précis of the report by Mr. Robertson was submitted for consideration.

It was suggested that Option 3 - 'keeping in house through Management and Technology changes plus camera rationalisation' could be recommended.

Although the change of technology would be expensive it was a one off payment. Camera rationalisation would work and would suggest that those cameras under used be switched off but the box remains thereby giving the impression that it was still live.

It was pointed out that although the report states that the Police will not subscribe to any funding, they have provided their own technological equipment at the station which allows them access to the Control Room without having to physically attend at Fakenham.

Members noted the paragraph relating to Fakenham Industrial Estate under 'other options 2'.

It was reported that the Town Council contributes £2,000 a year.

After much discussion the following proposal was approved.

1. Option 3 should be adopted - keeping in house through management and technology changes plus camera rationalisation.
2. The cameras should be removed from the Fakenham Industrial Estate if the businesses are not prepared to pay.
3. Each town should be responsible and pay so much per camera. Members noted that currently North Walsham pays half of the £4,000 contribution from towns even though it does not have the greatest number of cameras.
4. Members strongly object that the Police does not make any revenue contribution towards the system; like Local Government partners they are also public servants and should be supporting this community project.

It was further agreed that the Town Council would like to attend the District Council meeting when this is discussed to put the Town Council's point of view.

Eric Seward stated that he would be attending the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September and would be happy to voice the Town Council's considerations from tonight's meeting.

This was agreed.