

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Council
Held in the Council Chamber
On 25th June, 2013.

PRESENT

Mrs. J.R. Belson (Town Mayor)	
Mr. G. Bull	Mr. R. Sims
Mr. F. Choudhury	Mr. D. Spencer
Mr. B. Hester	Mr. A. Thirtle
Mr. T. Morland	Mr. D. Turner
Mr. C. Peck	Mrs. V. Uprichard
Mr. D. Robertson	Mrs. B. West
Mrs. R.A. Rose	Mr. B. Wexler

10722 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Uprichard declared an interest in the item relating to Town Team.

10723 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was submitted from Mr. E. Seward.

10724 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Town Council held on 28th May, 2013 together with the monthly meeting minutes held on 28th May, 2013 were approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

10725 MATTERS ARISING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(a) Market Street/King's Arms Street (10706)

It was reported that the Highway Engineer had added Market Street and King's Arms Street to the 2014/15 traffic programme for further investigation and a survey. In the meantime the public transport section would be asked to request Sanders Bus Company not to make use of Church Street unless it is a specified diversion route.

(b) Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau (10708)

A reply was submitted from Norfolk CAB confirming that the grant from the Town Council would be ring fenced specifically for the residents of North Walsham. It was reported that a copy of the Business Plan was still awaited.

10726 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. Spencer seconded by Mrs. Uprichard
It was **RESOLVED**

To adjourn the meeting to allow time for public participation.

10727 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

See memorandum.

10728 RECONVENING OF MEETING

On the proposition of Mr. Hester seconded by Mr. Thirtle
It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be reconvened.

10729 **POLICE**

PC Stoker submitted the monthly crime figures and it was noted that 19 non-crime domestic incidents had been logged. There had been a decrease in calls relating to anti social behaviour since it had been adopted as a priority. It was reported that youths were gathering in the evening on the Memorial Park and being rowdy; the situation is being monitored. A passive drugs dog joined officers on patrol around North Walsham on 21st June, 2013. The presence of the dog was welcomed by all members of the public spoken to and is an operation that will be carried out again during the summer months. The current SNT priorities for the North Walsham area continue to be antisocial behaviour in and around North Walsham.

Mrs. Uprichard asked if the press were given details of the crime figures as she was concerned that there was still the fear of going out in the evening from elderly people and it might help the town if these figures were given to the press.

PC Stoker was thanked for her report.

10730 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

A written report was submitted from Mr. Nigel Lloyd stating that he was becoming increasingly frustrated with the lack of progress in developing the HL Foods site on Norwich Road and the continued state was not acceptable for residents and visitors to the town. It is understood that planning would be submitted by the end of the month. A dog bin has been located at the top end of Wharton Drive. Fly tipping is a problem in the corner of the field adjacent to Acorn Road estate. The owner has erected a sign and fencing and the Environmental team have been asked to remove the rubbish. Safety mats under play equipment on Acorn Green have gone missing and the District Council have pledged to replace them. Reference was made to the new housing development on Mundesley Road where there is a problem with windows overlooking properties in St. Marys Way.

Mr. Spencer stated that he was still concerned that the developers would not provide any affordable housing on the HL Foods site.

Mrs. Belson submitted a report on events she had attended since taking office and two opening ceremonies to take place later this month. Mrs. Belson thanked those councillors who attended the Civic Service and said it was important that members attended civic functions.

10731 **TRANSPORT – LONG LIST**

Correspondence was submitted from the Norfolk and Suffolk Local Transport Body; a new body which received funding from the government for large transport schemes across the two counties. Members views were sought on an initial list of schemes that provide a starting point and which would then be assigned a priority. A copy of the Long List of schemes had been forwarded to members.

It was suggested that perhaps now was the time to ask for the Link Road – Norwich Road to Cromer Road and industrial estate – to be re-investigated due to the continuing problem of the low bridges in the town; Aylsham Road bridge being the only one high enough to take large vehicles to the industrial estate.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Long List be noted but the Transport Body be asked to re – investigate the much needed Link Road from Norwich Road to Cromer Road and industrial estate, avoiding the low bridges.

10732 POPPIES DAY NURSERY

A request was submitted from Poppies Day Nursery to hold their annual picnic for nursery families in the Memorial Park on 13th July and to use the area outside the front of the pavilion as in previous years. Members were reminded that Council has previously approved the request subject to the usual conditions relating to insurance and risk assessment.

It was **RESOLVED**

That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions of use being adhered to and copy of insurance cover.

10733 MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

It was reported that a request had been received to hold a medieval festival in the Churchyard on 13th July. The festival would consist of an exhibition of medieval life with demonstrations of handwriting, production of fake gunpowder, armour usage, coin coinage. Stools and tents would be transported by a van.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the request be approved subject to conditions of use for the Churchyard being adhered to and sight of public liability insurance from NANMA.

10734 DEFIBRILLATORS

It was reported that a defibrillator with stainless steel cabinet would cost approximately £1,900, guaranteed for 7 years, plus the cost of installation by a qualified electrician. The cost without cabinet would be approximately £1,000. There would also be on going costs for replacement pads and batteries.

Details of donations received to date were submitted. It was reported that a private donation had been received to purchase one defibrillator with cabinet and the Rotary Club would be prepared to make up the difference for a second one.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Town Council contributes £300 to the second defibrillator using Section 137 monies.

10735 CAR PARKS (10711)

It was reported that the Town Clerk had signed the Statutory Declaration served on the Town Council together with the Schedule of Conditions for Midland Road car park. The lease would be signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk at the end of the week with a press launch on site late morning on 1st July.

10736 NORFOLK ALC

It was reported that the AGM would be held on Saturday, 5th October and all members of the Association were invited to propose resolutions for debate at the AGM.

There were no resolutions proposed.

10737 TOWN TEAM

Mrs. Uprichard reported that negotiations were taking place with the owner of the former Barge Farm Shop to use the premises for a pop up shop.

10738 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

A detailed statement showing the payments and receipts amounting to £12,983.87 and £4,906.80, together with the comparison against actual expenditure for the current financial year. Both reports were approved.

10739 PLANNING

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th June 2013 was received. (App. A)

10740 FUNDAY

The minutes of the Funday Working Committee held on 11th June, 2013 were submitted and approved. (App.B)

10741 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy Sheringham Shoal Newsletter.
2. Copy of NALC Norfolk Link – June 2013
3. Diary date – NALC AGM to be held on **Saturday 5th October, 2013** –
4. Invitation to attend Larger Councils Meeting on Wednesday 10th July, 2013 at Sprowston Diamond Centre – 10.00 a.m. – 13.00
5. Leaflet Norfolk County Council “Managing flood risk”
6. Letter from County Council informing that funding had been secured for this financial year to undertake an investigation into the feasibility of providing a new bus interchange in North Walsham.
7. Information re: Heritage Lottery Fund.
8. North Norfolk CCG Stakeholder Event 2013 – 16th July, 2013 at Hickling Barn.
9. Notification that Mrs. Marie Millington, former Town Mayor, died on 7th June, 2013.

