

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Council
Held in the Council Chamber
On Tuesday, 24th April, 2012.

PRESENT

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

10374 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. E. Seward and Mrs. Uprichard declared an interest in all matters relating to the District Council.

10375 **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence was submitted from Mr. Thirtle.

10376 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 27th March, 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

10377 **MATTERS ARISING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

(a) Aylsham Road – Parking (10350)

It was reported that the parking request had been added to the 14/15 programme.

(b) Tennis Courts (103~~5~~2)

It was reported that due to the inclement weather the work would not commence until mid-May.

10378 **TOWN MEETING**

The minutes of the Town Meeting held on 3rd April, 2012 were submitted for accuracy. The minutes were received.

10379 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be adjourned to allow time for public participation.

10380 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

See memorandum.

10381 **RECONVENING OF MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be reconvened.

10382 **POLICE**

PCSO Alex Spinks submitted the monthly crime figures and it was noted that there were 23 crimes, an increase of 3 for the same period last year. It was reported that there were a number of reports of rowdy crowds in North Walsham and reports of plants being uprooted. Members of the public were encouraged to report incidents as soon as possible after the event to allow the Police the relevant time to deal with things positively.

The current SNT priorities remained the same.

Mrs. Belson referred to cars parking within the curves of the roundabout at Morris Road and to anti social behaviour along Cherry Tree Lane. PCSO Spinks confirmed that no calls had been made to the Police.

Reference was made to underage smoking at the High School and the legal definition was explained.

10383 **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

A written report was submitted from Mr. Morse stating that Anglian Water had thoroughly checked their surface water system in Brick Kiln Road area and reported no problems but had raised some issues for discussion with the District and County Councils about the whole system. A site meeting would be held in Spa Common. Highways had finally properly investigated a gully at the bottom of Park Avenue and found a cracked pipe. It would be necessary to partially close the road to repair it. A resident had offered to supply free of charge land to extend the pavement on the school side of Marshgate to alleviate the congestion problems. The cost of providing the extension was being investigated. Both Mr. Seward and Mr. Morse had met with Jonathan Denby from Greater Anglia to discuss a range of issues including the time of the late train. It was agreed that this service should be improved.

Mr. Peck referred to work being carried out at Spurdens Crescent and Mrs. Cornwall referred to the continual digging up of the road in Bacton Road following the recent resurfacing of this area.

Mr. Seward and Mr. Lloyd submitted a written report stating that the planning officers had expressed concerns with the applicants of Mace's Yard about the proximity of the proposed layout of buildings to neighbouring residential properties. The section of the B1145 from the Cromer Road traffic lights to the boundary with Swafield had been omitted from the annual litter picking of verges. Ward councillors continue to monitor the Melbourne House situation. Issues around 121 Mundesley Road standing derelict for sometime were being pursued. It was suggested that it might have been helpful to put out a leaflet drop informing the public of the situation regarding the brown bins.

It was reported that the neighbours had complained about 121 Mundesley Road. The property was owned by the NSPC and RSPB. The District Council had been contacted regarding this property.

It was reported that the speeches from the Town Mayor and Lewis and Eloise had received very good reviews. It was reported that almost £117 had been raised at the dinner/dance for the hospital.

10384 **LEADERSHIP OF PLACE (10349)**

A written report was submitted giving up to date details of the Leadership of Place projects. (Appx. A) It was reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the next steps regarding the Portas Bid. An explanation was given regarding the financial shortfall relating to the town centre improvements. It was pointed out that the improvements were a County Council responsibility but the District Council had agreed to fund some of the money for car park signing. Mr. Seward offered to seek a meeting with the District Council to find out what money is available and report back to the next meeting. It was suggested that a District Council officer should also attend the meeting.

10385 **INTERNAL NORTH WALSHAM PROJECT GROUP (10341)**

Members were reminded of the suggestion put forward by Trevor Ivory to form an internal liaison group between the Town Council and District. Details were given of the current structure within the Leadership of Place and how the Town Council plays a role within the various groups. It was suggested that the Town/District/officer group should continue with more town councillors attending and six, two from each ward, were suggested. It was **RESOLVED**

To discuss this further at the Annual Meeting.

10386 **TOWN GUIDE 2012/13**

It was reported that the Town Guide for 2012/13 was due to be printed but with the closure of Express Printing members were asked to consider going to local printing firms to ask them to quote for the work. It was agreed that enquiries be made of the local printing firms in North Walsham.

10387 **RETAIL BUSINESSES**

Mrs. Cornwall reported that she had spoken to two businesses in the town centre who were experiencing difficulties with regard to the VAT and postage increases and suggested that a letter be sent to the Member of Parliament asking him to take these matters on board as soon as possible. It was suggested that this was a matter for the Chamber of Trade to discuss and that the Town Council should then support them with these and any other problems raised.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Chamber of Trade be asked to discuss this matter and also any other issues impacting on the town for consideration by the Town Council at the next meeting to enable a common agenda to be drawn up for a meeting with the Member of Parliament.

10388 **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

A statement giving details of the payments and receipts to 24th April, 2012 amounting to £20,271.83 and £5239.43 respectively was submitted and approved.

10389 ACCOUNTS 2011/12

A report and statements showing details of the actual expenditure and income against both the original and revised estimates were submitted for consideration together with a statement detailing the main reasons for the differences between the revised estimate and the actual figures.

It was **RESOLVED**

(a) That the statements comparing the actual income and expenditure for 2011/12 with the revised estimates be received.

(b) To carry forward to 2012/13 the sum of £4,230 in respect of expenditure not made in 2011/12. Of this sum £2,795 would be met, as intended, from earmarked reserves.

(c) To transfer

i) the underspend of £600 on mowers maintenance to equipment reserve (1).

(ii) £2,910 (the lower cost of footway lighting) to footway lighting reserve (3) to provide a sum for major repairs/replacement columns in the future.

(iii) Christmas lighting extra income (£1,825) and lower cost (£310) to Christmas lights reserve (4).

(iv) £1,285 (lower cost of play equipment maintenance on park and amenity areas) to play equipment reserve (5)

(v) lower cost of buildings maintenance (totalling £1,095) in respect of the park, Cemetery Lodge and Market Cross to premises reserve (6).

(vi) the underspend of £860 on the skatepark repair provision to the skatepark reserve.

10390 PLANNING

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10th April, 2012 were received. (App. B).

10391 DIAMOND JUBILEE

The minutes of the Diamond Jubilee Working Group meeting held on 17th April, 2012 were submitted and approved. (App. C)

10392 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter re: Armed Forces Day – Fly a Flag – Saturday 30th June, 2012.
2. Notification of “Feeding the Future: Developing a resilient food system for Norwich and Norfolk” event at Dragon Hall on 9th May.
3. Letter from NHS re: Addition to the Pharmaceutical List of Birchwood Pharmacy.
4. Invitation to attend the Archive Film in the Community opening evening on 15th May.

10393 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. To consider venue for future Town Meetings.
2. To consider state of derelict site at Laundry Loke (Mrs. West)
3. To consider using spare land at the entrance to the town for planting as wildflower areas. (Mr. Spencer)