

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Town Council
Held in the Council Chamber
On 27th March, 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. A. Thirtle
Mr. C. Peck	Mr. D. Turner
Mr. D. Robertson	Mrs. B. West

10339 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. E. Seward and Mrs. V. Uprichard declared an interest in all District Council matters.

10340 **APOLOGY**

An apology was submitted from Mr. B. Wexler.

10341 **INTERNAL NORTH WALSHAM PROJECT GROUP**

The Town Mayor welcomed Cllr. Trevor Ivory to the meeting and invited him to give more information on the proposed project group. Mr. Ivory explained that he was looking for a way to make sure that the District Council worked closely with the Town Council and District Councillors. With the Leadership of Place project it was important to try and pull together a common thread. He was concerned that there was not a direct link into the Town Council to talk about issues affecting the town, but it was acknowledged that there were 3 groups active with the Leadership of Place. At District level meetings were being held with officers representing each of the departments which have an impact on the big issues. Mr. Ivory felt that a regular talking group would be a good thing and asked for Council's views.

Town councillors raised various points from reading newspaper reports and learning of matters secondhand; Localism and planning issues; asking for our views but would the District listen? In answer to a question as to why another business study was being carried out it was stated that this was a retail report arising from Nigel Morgan's report to see what the scope is for the retail future for the town. If there is little scope we may have to think of alternatives..

Mr. Ivory concluded by stating that one size did not fit all and a forum on a regular basis would overcome some of the problems.

Mr. Ivory was thanked for attending the meeting.

10342 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February, 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

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10343 **MATTERS ARISING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

(a) Market Barriers (10321)

It was reported that the County Council had agreed to continue to pay the Town Council for moving the barriers for the Thursday market.

(b) French Twinning (10324)

It was reported that Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Uprichard and Mrs. Moore would be visiting Saint Paul les Dax at the May weekend.

(c) Exclusion of the Public

It was reported that a media training session for all councillors would be arranged after the Annual meeting and the Standing Orders amended.

10344 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED**

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

10345 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

See memorandum

10346 **RECONVENING OF MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be reconvened.

10347 **POLICE**

PC Gwynn and PCSO Alex Spinks attended the meeting but PC Gwynn left prior to submitting the monthly reports. PCSO Spinks gave the crime figures since the last report and it was noted that the next Priority Setting meeting would be held on 16th May with the community surgery on 12th April at the Market Place or at Mundesley on 14th April. A small spate of mindless damage to plant pots had recently occurred. No reoccurrence of the spate of small bin fires which had been seen last month. There had been approximately 426 calls to the Police in the catchment area. The SNT priorities were: 1. ASB from groups of youths on Sadlers Way cut through to Nelson Road; 2 Dangerous obstructions by vehicles at school drop off and pick up times on Marshgate and 3. Underage smoking outside North Walsham High School.

It was reported that several taxis had been parked on double yellow lines outside the school. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the taxis asking them to take more care where they parked at the school.

10348 **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

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A written report was submitted from District Cllr. N. Lloyd stating that he had been involved with the proposed increase in car park charges and which gave details of the recommendations that were made to Cabinet. Reports of dog fouling on the Hadfield Road playing fields had been taken up with the relevant officer. Agreement had been reached with Flagship Housing to re-grade the three ramps accessing the main car parks in the Ashfield Road area. Comments had been submitted on Mace's Yard. No further complaints had

been received regarding Melbourne House since the District Council had issued an abatement order. It was understood that the owners were seeking the advice of planning consultants to address concerns raised by residents and the District Council. Sainsbury's had been asked to tidy up the area between their wall and the new path.

A written report was submitted from County Cllr. P. Morse stating that the finances were now in place for Kickz to continue in North Walsham well into the autumn. Bids were being made to three national sources of funding to secure a longer future for the scheme. The Governors Federation at the two Manor Road schools would be in operation on 1st June. Upgrading the traffic lights on Cromer Road to incorporate pedestrian crossing lights in all directions would cost in the region of £100,000. Mr. Morse and Mrs. Clarke were due to meet the appropriate Cabinet member to discuss the scheduling of the town centre improvement works.

Mrs. Cornwall referred to the problem in Bacton Road where there had been a water leak and the number of times the area had been repaired.

10349 **LEADERSHIP OF PLACE**

Mr. Seward submitted a written update on the Leadership of Place and stated that progress was being made on the former H:L food site with a view to submitting plans in the autumn. Mr. Seward reported that the Waitrose planning application had been received at the District Council and the public consultation for the Marrick Ropes site would be held on 29/30 March. Discussions were being held to try and resolve the drainage problem on the former Crane Fruehauf site. The report was received. (App. A)

10350 **AYLSHAM ROAD – PARKING**

It was reported that a request has been received from an HGV driver working for Starling Transport asking if the parking bays on the Aylsham Road could be moved further back towards the junction of Park Lane. He has to use Aylsham Road to access the industrial estate and Swafeld travelling from Aylsham in order to avoid the low bridge at Cromer Road. The last bay nearest the town is where the road narrows and large vehicles and buses have great difficulty getting past parked vehicles without either damaging the parked car or the driver's vehicle on the adjacent hedge. It was reported that the County Council's budget had been heavily reduced and there was a considerable backlog for traffic order work. The Council's support was requested.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the County Council be asked to realign the parking spaces as requested.

10351 **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

A statement giving details of the payments and receipts to 27th March, 2012 amounting to £24,604.58 and £4,848.09 respectively was submitted and approved.

10352 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th March, 2012 were received. It was noted that Mr. Sims was present at the meeting. (App. B)

10353 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The minutes of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 6th March, 2012 were submitted and approved. (App. C) Members were reminded that the Continental Market would be held on 1st April.

10354 **FUNDAY**

The minutes of the Funday Working Group meeting held on 6th March, 2012 were submitted and approved. (App. D)

10355 **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on 13th March, 2012 were received and approved. (App. E)

10356 **DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The minutes of the Diamond Jubilee Working Group meeting held on 20th March, 2012 were received and approved. (App. F). A letter is to sent to Mrs. Harrison in acknowledgement of the work that she had carried out to the fishmonger's shop in the Market Place.

10357 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notification that works to the boundary wall and resurfacing of Mundesley Road car park will commence on 19th March and, weather permitting, be completed by April 27th. The car park will remain operational throughout the works except for the last week (23rd – 27th April) when it will be necessary to close for the resurfacing phase of the programme. Signage advising of the works will be displayed shortly.
2. Notification that patching works will be undertaken which will need closures of Aylsham Road/Market Street and the junction area of Church Street on Sunday 15th April, then moving to Vicarage Street/Church Street on Monday 16th which will be carried out under two way working. Surface dressing works will be carried out later in the spring of the one way system, Market Place and Yarmouth Road.
3. Invitation to attend Team 61 Prince's Trust Final Presentation on 12th April, 2012.

10358 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

1. Leadership of Place Update

10359 **TENNIS COURTS**

It was reported that the Town Council had been awarded a grant of £32,926 from the Inspired Facilities Places People Play to refurbish the tennis courts with new fencing, all weather surface and extend to take in a small grassed area in order to "square off" the courts. It was noted that this had been a joint effort working with the Griffon Area Partnership. A vote of thanks was recorded to Rebecca Matthews for her work in the project.

10360 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **RESOLVED**

That due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed relating to car parks and Tennis Courts the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

10361 **CAR PARKS (10310)**

A verbal report was submitted on the meeting held on 22nd March 2012 with the Town Council and District Council on the District Council's proposal to hand over the Midland Road and Mundesley Road car parks for a peppercorn rent.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Town Council enters into an agreement with the District Council to include a fixed sum in order to keep the two car parks unchanged.

10362 **TENNIS COURTS**

Three quotations were submitted for the work to the tennis courts. These being from ETC Sports, Norse and DoeSport. It was reported that DoeSport had supplied the Aylsham and Acle tennis courts.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the contract be awarded to DoeSport in the sum of £30,893 + VAT, and that Standing Order 42 be suspended.

V. Upchurch

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