

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting
Held in the Council Chamber
On 28th June, 2011.

PRESENT

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

PRESENTATION – YOUTH CIVIC AWARD

The Town Mayor welcomed Amy Chare and her relatives and friends to the meeting. Amy was presented with a Civic Youth Award for her voluntary work with the St. John Ambulance. Mrs. Uprichard congratulated Amy on her work.

10149 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

10150 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31st May, 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

10151 **MATTERS ARISING – FOR INFORMATION**

(a) **War Memorial Park – Accounts (10139)**

It was reported that Mr. Millward had examined the accounts and there were no matters to bring to the Council's attention.

10152 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 21st June, 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Town Mayor.

10153 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

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

10154 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

See memorandum

10155 **RECONVENING OF MEETING**

On the proposition of Mrs. Rose seconded by Mrs. Belson

It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be reconvened.

10156 **POLICE**

PCSO Imogen Palmer submitted the monthly crime figures which showed a reduction from the same period last year. During July PCSO's will assist with a road safety walk for children at Poppies Day Nursery. On 14th July officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be present at a Fun Day being held by Norfolk Housing Alliance on the green area near to Sadlers Wood. Applications have been invited for persons interested in joining Street Watch. Officers are completing speed checks along Greens Road following a complaint regarding speeding vehicles.

The current SNT priorities for the North Walsham area are ASB, vandalism and drug dealing in Gimingham; Speeding – B1150 at the Worstead/Swanton Abbott junction; ASB and criminal damage near to Millfield Primary School. The next SNAP street briefing will be held on 27th July at Mundesley and the SNAP panel would meet at the Police Station on 17th August. Figures for the new policing model were submitted and a news report regarding the discovery of a body at Trunch was also submitted.

PCSO Palmer stated, in answer to a question about the problem of play equipment and a complaint against noisy children, that she had been on leave and had no information to give out, but promised to investigate the matter and contact Mr. Minton who had taken part in the public participation session.

Mrs. Uprichard stated that she had received a number of complaints from residents of White Horse Common regarding speeding vehicles coming from the coast. It was reported that complaints had been received regarding parking over the dropped kerbs in the Market Place. The problem regarding ball games at Woodville would be submitted to the SNAP panel.

10157 **COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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A written report was submitted from County Councillor Paul Morse stating that the problem of the flooding outside the Fire Station was the responsibility of the County Council and a scheme to address this would be programmed for 2012/13 subject to funding. Also included in the programme for 2012/13 is a scheme to improve parking and access for residents around Pound Road/Happisburgh Road junction. He had been involved with final year children at the Junior School regarding their move to the High School. The High School Governors had decided to 'pause' on the Astroturf proposal for a year or so. Mr. Robertson expressed concern at this action stating that it was important that the town should have an Astroturf pitch for clubs to avoid them having to travel to Cromer. Work to the junction of Fairview Road would be carried out in due course. White lining in the town would be commencing shortly.

Mrs. Cornwall commented on the extra street lights being supplied and asked if they were cost effective. It was reported that the lamps were cost effective and better for the environment.

A report on the Bird's Close play area was submitted from Mrs. Gay stating that the bars had been removed and as far as the original complainants are

concerned the matter is now closed. She would keep the Council informed of any further developments.

Mr. Seward, District Councillor submitted a written report stating that he had been involved with various case work including the problem with ball games at Woodville. The Clerk stated that enquiries were being made of the Football Foundation regarding a grant to supply goalposts for this play area. The Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement departments were seeking more information with regard to Melbourne House. Cllr. Lloyd had been advised by the Environmental Health that the cycle patrols were for a trial period in coastal towns to assess the effectiveness of the scheme. If successful they would be extended to other parts of the District. The Scrutiny Committee would be looking at the cleansing contract with Kier following complaints about the poor cleaning of the town centre. The District Council's new administration had fully embraced the Leadership of Place Project and a report would be submitted to the July Cabinet. The Town Mayor asked for a update on the pigeon situation. Mr. Seward reported that the District Council was continuing with the preventative measures and the other matter is being progressed and is reaching a satisfactory solution. For clarification, he stated that a cull did not mean kill but removing the pigeons to a sanctuary and kept there so that they lost their flight direction to the town.

Reference was made to the cycle shop in the Precinct and the District Council's promise to provide signage to the area.

Reference was also made to the recent District Planning meeting but it was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next Council Planning meeting.

A report was submitted from Mrs. Moore on a meeting of members of the District Council and officers with ATLAS on 8th June, 2011 regarding the development of the group of sites included in the Sites Specific Development Plan, numbers NW01, NW04 to NW07 and NW30.

10158 JOINT MEETING

The minutes of the Joint meeting with the Griffon Area Partnership and Town Council held on 14th June, 2011 were approved. (Appx. A)

10159 WEAVER'S WAY UPGRADE

A letter and plans was submitted from the County Council stating that the installation of the street lights will start on or as soon as reasonably possible after the 6th June, 2011. The letter was received.

10160 RECREATION ROAD

Mrs. West reported that she was waiting further information regarding the history relating to requests for dropped kerbs in Recreation Road. It was agreed to defer this item until further information was available.

10161 BUSINESS REGENERATION

Mrs. Cornwall submitted a motion suggesting that the Town Council should be trying to put some pressure on relevant bodies to try and regenerate the businesses in the town and proposed a meeting with the appropriate officers of the District Council, the Chamber of Trade. Information was also submitted of issues arising from a small survey undertaken in the town centre. Mr. Seward supported the concerns and stated that the Leadership of Place report

contained much of what was included in the survey findings. He gave the history of 4 Market Street and the problems still ongoing preventing this area from being developed. It was reported that Mrs. Oxtoby, Deputy Chief Executive would be happy to meet Town Councillors to discuss the Leadership of Place on Tuesday, 19th July, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

On the proposition of Mrs. Cornwall seconded by Mr. Seward
It was **RESOLVED**

That the motion be tabled and a copy sent to Mrs. Oxtoby, and that at the meeting on 19th July, the Council press the District Council to unlock some money for the town to reconfigure Market Street and other areas of concern.

10162 **VICTORY HOUSING TRUST**

Mrs. Cornwall stated that as local councillors, we need to know more about the remit of Victory Housing. They give monies in various grants throughout the district and don't seem to concentrate on affordable housing and repairs for their tenants. It was suggested that the Council should ask a representative of Victory Housing to discuss their approach to affordable homes and estate infrastructure. It was reported that Victory Housing would be prepared to meet with Councillors to explain the matters raised.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Chief Executive of Victory Housing be invited to meet the Town Council to discuss the matters raised.

10163 **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

A statement giving details of the payments and receipts to 28th June, 2011 amounting to £17,568.96 and £7,276.96 respectively was submitted and approved together with the Comparison of Actual Payments and Receipts with estimates. It was noted that the Clerk had signed the overall bank reconciliation statement as at 8th June, 2011.

10164 **SERVICE CHARGE AGREEMENT**

A report was submitted on a meeting with District Council officers regarding the proposed lease following the Council's move to the ground floor, including the creation of an information point. It was suggested that a charge could be made for the use of the Council Chamber.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the report be approved and that the office be closed for 2 days to facilitate the move.

10165 **FUNDAY**

The minutes of the Funday Committee meeting held on 14th June, 2011 were submitted and approved. (App. B) Mr. Robertson reported that the afternoon had been a great success and thanked those councillors who had helped. Thanks were recorded to the members of the Committee for their hard work.

10166 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The minutes of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 14th June, 2011 were submitted and approved. (App. C)

10167 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 31st May, 2011 and 14th June, 2011 were received. (App. D) Reference was made to site meetings and appointment of representatives. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next Planning Committee.

10168 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Invitation to attend Sweet End to Ellen's Fund Garden Party on 17th July at 2.00 p.m. at Corbiere, Anchor Road, Spa Common.
2. Norfolk Older Peoples' Forum invitation to attend meeting at Costessey on 7th July, 2011.
3. North Walsham in Bloom Report from Mrs. Cornwall following meeting held 7th June. Mrs. Cornwall's suggestion that an increase in grant should be considered was deferred to the Estimates meeting in November. It was also suggested that a part of the grant increase no charge be made for the Committee's use of the Council Chamber.
4. Invitation to attend Norfolk RCC AGM on 18th July at Swanton Novers.
5. Copy of Norfolk Link, and poster re: celebrating the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.
6. Invitation to attend Summer Picnic and Sustainability Event on 27th July at Thorpe St. Andrew hosted by NALC, Broadland District Council and Thorpe St. Andrew Town Council.
7. Invitation to attend service of thanksgiving for the Old War Memorial Cottage Hospital and looking forward to the new 24 bed war memorial hospital on 11th July, 2011 at 2.30 p.m. at the hospital.
8. Report on Village Games held on 12th June, 2011.
9. Letter from County Council re: Part night lighting in North Walsham. To be submitted to the Planning Committee on 12th July.
10. Notification of public consultation re: proposed zebra crossing in Mundesley Road.
11. Copy of Local Policing Plan summary 2011/12
12. Invitation to attend Citizens Advice North Norfolk AGM on 7th July, 2011.
13. Request for dog bin at Green Road entrance to football field – deferred to Estimates meeting.
14. Letter requesting regular performances in the town centre by North Walsham High School pupils. The Clerk gave further information.

10169 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

1. Recreation Road (Mrs. West)
2. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

10170 PUBLIC ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the discussion on the next item

10171 PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Details were given of a meeting of the Parks & Cemetery Committee held on 21st June, 2011 regarding the tenancy of Cemetery Lodge. It was reported that following an interview on 28th June, 2011 a joint tenancy had been offered and subject to bank references approved.

10173 CO-OPTION

A letter of complaint was submitted from Mr. Rose regarding questions posed at the informal meeting he had been invited to attend to fill the three vacancies on the Town Council, asking for written apologies from the councillors involved and the Town Council. After discussion the councillors involved agreed to write a letter of explanation. It was further agreed that as the complaint did not involve the Town Council as a whole no apology would be written.

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