

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council
Held on 21st June, 2011.**

PRESENT

Mrs. V. Uprichard (Town Mayor)

Mrs. J.R. Belson	Mr. E. Seward
Mr. F. Choudhury	Mr. D. Spencer
Mrs. E. Cornwall	Mr. D. Robertson
Mr. T. Cornwall	Mr. D. Turner
Mr. B. Hester	Mrs. B. West
Mrs. R.A. Rose	Mr. B. Wexler

10146 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

10147 CO-OPTION

Members had previously received letters of interest from 5 candidates wishing to be considered for co-option onto the Town Council. Mrs. Farquharson, Mr. Peck, Mr. Rose, Mr. Sims and Mr. Thirtle had been invited to the meeting for an informal chat. Mr. Peck had submitted apologies due to ill health.

A closed vote was undertaken.

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the following candidates were duly co-opted to the Town Council
Mr. C. Peck; Mr. R. Sims; Mr. A. Thirtle**

Mrs. Cornwall left the Chamber at this point of the meeting.

10148 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

Correspondence was submitted from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council and Mrs. S. Lake of Norfolk ALC. Mr. Bailey of Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council had written to parish and town councils putting forward a proposal which he considered could assist in deliberations on all planning applications. The proposal is that we (parish and town councils) use the rights and powers given to us under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (the SCA) and the Sustainable Communities Act (Amendment) Act 2010. The resolution passed by his Council was submitted. After discussion it was agreed that the North Norfolk District Council does communicate well with the Town Council on all large planning applications. The Planning Officers are always willing to attend meetings and explain the application criteria and answer questions. It is usual practice for large planning applications to come before the Town Council through a pre-presentation report before being submitted to the Planning Authority. The Planning Authority does carry out all the necessary checks/inspections to satisfy the criteria laid out for large planning applications. It was suggested that the Clerk informs Mr. Bailey of the Council's experiences and express surprise that this is not happening with his Planning Authority.

It was **RESOLVED**

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That Leiston-cum Sizwell Town Council be informed that the Town Council is satisfied with the way that the North Norfolk District Council briefs the Town Council on large planning applications and does not feel able to support the proposals set out in the correspondence.

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