



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 31 October 2023, at 18 Kings Arms Street, North Walsham

Present:

Town Councillors: Cllr Wright (Chair); Cllr Spall; Cllr Beach; Cllr Dibben; Cllr Eastwick; Cllr Gray; Cllr Hester
Cllr Richardson; Cllr Covell;

District Councillors: None

County Councillors: Cllr Penfold

Lead Officer: Cllr Eastwick

Members of Public: 8

The meeting opened at 18.30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Heinrich

Cllr Shires

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - (Standing Orders: 13b-pecuniary interest; 13c-personal interest if the code of conduct requires; Councillors will leave the meeting for the item, unless a dispensation is granted)

Personal interests: None

Pecuniary interests: None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - (Standing Order: 3t vii-approve resolutions made as an accurate record; Standing Order: 12a-emailed with agenda, taken as read)

As proposed by Cllr Richardson and seconded by Cllr Spall, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 September 2023

4. UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – Decision/Action Log

5. PUBLIC FORUM - (Standing Orders: 3e-Items on this agenda; 3f-Total duration max 15mins; 3g-Max 3mins per person; 3h-Questions do not require a response at this meeting)

Hopkins Homes Presentation – HH have taken the residents' concerns regarding environmental issues on board and extensive and relevant surveys are being undertaken.

Cllr Wright confirmed that the Council will respond to the residents' concerns.

Cllr Hester proposed that standing order 3f be suspended to allow the discussion to continue, seconded by Cllr Wright.

Resident Nigel Lloyd voiced concerns over the effect of the increased traffic on the current highways in the town if the development was to go ahead and on the environmental and ecological aspects of the development on the existing woodland/ scrub habitat

Cllr Penfold recognised the issue and confirmed that NCC will be looking into it.

The Neighbourhood Plan was also discussed

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6. **FINANCE**

6.1 As proposed by Cllr Covell and seconded by Cllr Spall, it was **RESOLVED To approve income since September meeting**

6.2 As proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Richardson, it was **RESOLVED to approve the expenditure September meeting**

7. **TO RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORTS**

7.1 **County Councillors** – Cllr Penfold updated on Grammar School Road & Kings Arms Street & suggested a donation of £5000 towards improvement on Kings Arms Street. Cllr Penfold also passed on a question from Sheringham Town Council regarding Public Wi-Fi to which Cllr Gray confirmed that it remains an area of discussion.

8. **MATTERS ARISING FOR DECISION/DISCUSSION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL**

8.1 **Music Event Permission**

As proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Spall it was **RESOLVED that the acceptance of this event be DEFFERED until a confirmed date for the event has been received**

8.2 **Donation to St Nicholas Church Hall**

As proposed by Cllr Beech and seconded by Cllr Richardson, it was **RESOLVED to donate £50 to the Church Hall**

8.3 **Donation to Bugler for Remembrance events**

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Gray, it was **RESOLVED to donate £100 to the Bugler, who has asked for the money to be paid to the Matthew Project in his name.**

8.4 **Christmas Craft Event**

As proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Beech, it was **RESOLVED to cancel the Christmas Craft Event**

8.5 **Production of Neighbourhood Plan**

As proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Hester, it was **RESOLVED to defer the item and gather information and costs relating to the Plan**

8.6 **Four Year Plan**

Ideas discussed were **the Cemetery, a Multi Sports Pitch, Illuminated Board. This item is ongoing**

8.7 **Formal response to Hopkins Homes**

It was agreed to respond repeating concerns raised in previous applications.

8.8 **Station Road Payphone**

As proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Spall, it was **RESOLVED to agree with the removal of the payphone on Station Road**

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8.9 Addition to Assets

As proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Gray, it was **RESOLVED** to support the addition of the Bowls Club to NNDC assets of community value register.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9.1 Correspondence – None

9.2 Clerk's decisions - (by either Financial Regulation 4.1-In conjunction with Council Chair or Vice Chair, or Committee Chair within budget under £1,000; OR 4.5-Urgent, essential, health & safety or if the Clerk deems necessary)

None

10. TO RECEIVE UPDATES

10.1 Employment of Clerk – Moved to Part Two

10.2 Employment of RFO - Moved to Part Two

10.3 Co option of new Councillors - Moved to Part Two

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Deferred to November

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA/LATE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY - (Standing Orders: 9b-Agenda items to be received at least 7 clear days before the meeting; 9f-The Proper Officers decision whether to include the items on the agenda shall be final. The deadline to accept items for the next agenda is 18.7.23)

Neighbourhood Plan

13. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

D&A 14th November

Finance 21st November

Full Council 28th November

14. TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS, UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 for confidential matters

Discussed were:

Employment of Clerk

Employment of RFO

Co option of new Councillors

The meeting closed at 8pm

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