



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

held on Tuesday 5th February 2025 at Cedar House, 3 New Road, North Walsham NR28 9DE

Present:

Town Councillors: Cllr Wright (Chair), Cllr Heinrich, Cllr Beach, Cllr Dibben, Cllr Richardson, Cllr Seward,

District Councillors: Cllr Shires, Cllr Gray, Kate Leith

County Councillor: Cllr Shires

Town Clerk: Jasmine Dewbery (Assistant Clerk)

Members of Public: Russell Stock & Geoff Lyon (NNDC Planning), + 23 public

The meeting opened at 19.00.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - any apologies received by the Proper Officer for absence.
Cllr Covell, Cllr Brand, Cllr Bunton, Cllr Ginbey, Cllr Spall

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
Dispensation: None
Pecuniary interests: None

3. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Public - (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)
As proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Heinrich, with all in favour, it was RESOLVED to suspend 3f to allow for longer public participation.

Introduction provided by Russell Stock giving an overview of factual and procedural elements. The Planning Committee will make the decision after consulting various organisations, getting advice and receiving comments. The current determination date is 14th April 2025.

Geoff Lyon clarified why the Local Plan is being re-assessed. The required figures for housing provision over the next 5 years have been increased by central government, therefore they are needing to revisit sites that were previously not accepted into the Local Plan.

Cllr Seward clarifies that when the 2008 Local Plan was signed off, the land in question was marked agricultural and not for housing. The developers have likely put the plans in due to the area’s increased need for housing.

Cllr Heinrich explained that Nutrient Neutrality (effects of discharge of sewage) along with the coast and areas of outstanding natural beauty, mean that there is very limited area in North Norfolk to build the required additional housing which is now required by the government.



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Cllr Shires explained that in the NNDC area we do not receive CIL, but receive Section 106 payments instead as this will be guaranteed to return investment to North Walsham. Examples of services needed include extra fire hydrants, more library services, SEN school services, better health facilities.

Russell Stock, Geoff Lyons and Lucy Shires answered questions from members of the public.

Questions and comments included:

- Junction onto the Bypass will not be safe – no comments received yet from NCC Highways.
- The new link road proposed will be too close to listed buildings.
- Concerns raised over access, traffic volume, parked cars etc on both Mundesley Road and Lyngate Road.
- Member of the public surveyed traffic and suggested that 8000 cars pro-rata in 18hrs along Mundesley Road, due to the other Highways works on the Norwich by-pass.
- Lack of infrastructure
- Only 15% affordable housing in the plans.
- Noise, congestion and disturbance caused by the development for potentially 7 years.
- Loss of wildlife, habitats, biodiversity and other wildlife related issues.
- Flooding, drainage, sewage.
- Emergency services access and public transport.
- Public safety.
- Thank you to Cllrs who are present for being transparent and formulating a response based on the needs and comments of North Walsham residents, but disappointed for low turnout of Cllrs.

4. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE RESPONSE FOR MUNDESLEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT PO/24/2717

Outline summary of objection read out by Cllr Heinrich.

As proposed by Cllr Wright, and seconded by Cllr Dibben with all in favour, it was RESOLVED to accept the grounds for NWTC objection, with a more detailed response based on Cllr Heinrich’s summary being written in the next few days.

[ACTION JD/Cllr H]

5. 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)

None

6. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Finance 6th February 18.30

Events and Tourism Working Group 13th February 18.30

Full Council 25th February 18.30

The meeting closed at 20.25

Signed:

Date: