

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee of Watton Town Council
held on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at 7.00 pm at Wayland Hall, Watton.**

Members Present: Councillor Anderson Councillor Osborn
Councillor Harvey – Chairman Councillor Rudling
Councillor Ivory

Officers Present: Town Clerk - J Seal

Others Present: Councillor: J P McCarthy

62 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Holmes

63 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

64 MATTERS ARISING

64.1 Item 59 – The Royal Mail had spoken to their vehicle drivers and had instructed them not to cause any disruption to traffic flow. It had been explained that there was a short period when a problem had been caused by a van from Thetford but that this had now been sorted out.

Item 59 – Lings had responded to the Council stating that they would monitor any problems with water on the highway. Breckland Council were looking into any breach of planning law. No answer had been received from Norfolk County Council Highways.

65 URGENT BUSINESS

Members discussed the government's decision to look at selling off the national forests. It was suggested that resident be given the opportunity to sign a petition in support of NOT selling off the National Forests.

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor Anderson and

RESOLVED

That a letter be written to the Forestry Minister and local MP stating that the Council do not agree with the government's decision to sell off the National Forests.

It was agreed that a Petition be available for the public to sign at the Councillors surgery stall at the forthcoming Farmers Market.

66 CORRESPONDENCE

66.1 A letter of complaint had been received from a member of the public stating their disappointment at the pollarding of the lime trees in Church Walk

It was agreed that a letter be written explaining that the trees needed to be pollarded regularly, for their general health and maintenance, and that the police had complained that the trees were a part of the shelter that encouraged the anti social behaviour, which was a serious problem on Church Walk.

67 GRITTING ROUTES

Members discussed the recent bad weather which had caused many problems with roads in the town, and suggested that Norfolk County Council be asked to add the following roads to the list for gritting: Wayland Avenue, Norwich Road Industrial site entrance, entrances to all major estates, School Routes, George Trollop Road, Old Thetford Road, Gregor Shanks Way and Ovington Road from the Ovington Crossroads to Swaffham Road in Saham Toney.

A Member also asked if Norfolk County Council had any regime for cleaning pavements at the end of the gritting season.

68 PLANTER REPLACEMENT

The damaged brick and steel flower planter in the High Street was reported, and agreed that Abbey Plumbing be contacted to ascertain if they had any information on the make or model of the lorry which caused the damage.

The Clerk was asked to inspect a further damaged planter and report back to the committee for decision on repair or replacement.

The Meeting ended at 7.37pm
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