

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG.

Councillors Present: K Birch
P Blackmore
B Bunning
P Cooper – Chairman
R Crabtree
K Gilbert
M Holmes
R Ivory
J P McCarthy
L McCarthy- Vice Chairman
A Osborn

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: Two (2)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Rogers, Wassell and Turner

2 INTERESTS

Item 4.2 Councillor J P McCarthy declared a personal interest and left the room due to a previous experience with the member of staff.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes of Tuesday 29 May 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4 URGENT BUSINESS

4.1 Town and Parish Forum

The Chairman informed members that the meeting on the 18th June had a change of venue.

4.2 Staffing

It was agreed to act upon the advice of the H R consultant with regards to staffing matters and contracts.

5 IT CONTRACT

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Crabtree and

RESOLVED

Voting: 10 for with 1 Against

That Julian Horn be awarded the Councils IT Contract.

6 PLAYGROUND BARK

It was agreed by Councillor Ivory and seconded by Councillor Blackmore and

RESOLVED

Voting: 9 for with 1 against and 1 extension

That TTSR be awarded the contract to top up the bark at the playground at the Watton Sports Centre.

7 THETFORD ROAD ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE

Members were informed that the allotment holders at the Thetford Road site had been contracted and had agreed that they did not wish the communal compost bin to remain.

It was therefore agreed that it would be removed.

8 PLAYGROUND TRANSFER REPORT

The Clerk reported that the transfer of the two play areas at Lovell Gardens and Bridle Road had been completed, and that the Council's solicitor was in the process of registering the land with the land registry.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk look at the access to the playground at the Lovell Gardens site which was currently being used as a walkthrough by local residents.

9 PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION

Members had the opportunity to view the plans for both play areas, Lovell Gardens and Bridle Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor Blackmore and agreed that the plans be taken to the school.

Members watched a presentation which had been submitted by Simon Blackwell relating to Callanetics which is an effective exercise program, and which they would like to incorporate into the general play equipment.

It was agreed that Simon Blackwell be asked to attend a meeting with members to give further information.

10 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was proposed by Councillor J P McCarthy and seconded by Councillor Birch and

RESOLVED

That steam cleaning on a quarterly basis be added to the Public Toilets cleaning contract.

11 ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Annual meeting dates previously circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Gilbert and unanimously agreed that the draft meeting dates be approved.

12 NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS INFORMATION REPORTING REQUEST

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor J P McCarthy and

RESOLVED.

Voting: 8 for with 2 abstentions

that it be deferred to the next meeting.

13 VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN COUNCILLOR OSBORN

The Chairman stated that the item had been deferred from the meeting of Tuesday 15 May 2012 where it had been proposed by Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Rogers that a vote of no confidence be called for in Councillor Osborn due to the content of Item 248 of these minutes.

A Councillor made a statement about an ongoing standards matter.

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Blackmore and

RESOLVED

Voting:9 for with 1 Abstention

that the vote of no confidence in Councillor Osborn be dismissed.

The Meeting ended 8.45pm

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