

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Watton

Councillors Present: P Blackmore J P McCarthy
B Bunning L McCarthy
R Crabtree A Osborn
K Gilbert J Rogers
M Holmes R Rudling
R Ivory R Turner
M Wassell - Chairman

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: Three (3)

**A Minutes Silence was held in Memory of Councillor Alf Harvey who has served as a Member of Watton Town Council for twelve years, and was Town Mayor and Chairman in 2005/2006.
The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Harvey.**

59 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Cooper

60 INTERESTS

Councillor Bunning declared a prejudicial interest in item 75 as a director of the company J & B Properties.

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in Item 64 as a Member of Norfolk County Council who owned land to three sides of the Lovell Garden site.

Councillors J P McCarthy and Crabtree declared personal interests in Item 66 as Trustees of the Watton Sports Centre.

Councillor Turner declared a personal interest in Item 72 as a friend of the applicant.

61 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

62 ARMY CADET SIGN

Members discussed the retrospective request from the Army Cadets for the sign on the Walsingham Gates.

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

RESOLVED

Voting: 13 for with 1 against

That the Army Cadets be given permission for the sign to remain in place for one year, on the condition that the area be kept clean and tidy, and that there be no damage to the Walsingham Gates.

63 SWIMMING POOL REPORT

Councillors Turner and Bunning reported that they had held meetings with The Chamber of Commerce, Wayland Partnership and local Builders Clayland Estates.

They suggested, that once they had gathered all the information, including cost of building and running cost, that they call a public meeting, to be held at the Queens Hall, in order to gauge if the public supported the idea.

It was unanimously agreed that the Council support a public meeting, and that the Chairman of the Council, Chair the meeting.

The Chairman complimented Councillor Turner, for all the work that he had carried out at the Youth and Community Centre, in upgrading the kitchen.

64 PLAYGROUND TRANSFER

The Chairman informed Members that he had attended a meeting along with the Vice Chairman, the Clerk and the Land Management Officer from Breckland Council, to discuss the transfer of the playgrounds.

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

RESOLVED

That the Council accept in principle, the takeover of the playgrounds, with the commuted sum, once the outstanding queries had been answered.

Outstanding Queries to be reported to Council:-

- a) The condition of the fence at the Lovell Garden site (part had been replaced in the last three months).
- b) Enquire if there was 106 money available for Watton.
- c) Speak to planning department to ask when 106 money designated by Bennett's development of the former Radar site would be available.
- d) Enquire how much it would cost to replace the fence.
- e) Confirm ownership of large grassed area at Bridle Way play area adjacent to area offered by Breckland District Council.

65 GRASS CUTTING IN WATTON

The Chairman expressed his concern at the quality of the grass cutting, carried out by Serco/Breckland in Watton. He reported that he had contacted an officer at Breckland, and would be going out with Serco on the next cut.

66 SKATEBOARD REPORT

The Chairman explained that the Skateboard Park issue would be discussed, at the Watton Sport Centre Annual General Meeting, which he would be attending, and wanted to know what the Councils position was. He would then speak on behalf of the Council.

Members agreed that a committee should be formed, to look at costs and equipment. The Council would give their full support to the project, and assist the committee if needed.

67 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

This was deferred to the Next Full Council meeting.

68 COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME UPDATE

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with the Co-ordinator of the present scheme and she was willing to take on and run the new scheme, provided that the Council paid the expense of her becoming Data Registered.

Members unanimously agreed that the Council pay for the data protection cover, needed by the Co-ordinator, that an approved list of journeys be drawn up, approval of each journey made, be sought from both Watton Town Council and Breckland Council before payment is made, so as not to leave Watton Town Council exposed to over payment.

It was proposed by Councillor Rogers, seconded by Councillor Holmes

in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business relating to Tenders about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

Councillor Rogers left the meeting.

69 PUBLIC TOILETS

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor Crabtree

That Trell Contractors Watton Ltd be awarded the contract to carry out the re-construction work on the drainage system in the public toilets.

70 MEMORIAL GARDEN

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Blackmore

That Trell Contractors Watton Ltd be awarded the contract to carry out the work on the fountain on the Memorial Garden.

71 COMPOST REMOVAL ALLOTMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor Ivory

That T.T.S.R. Ltd be awarded the contract to carry out the removal of the compost bin at the Thetford Road Allotment site.

72 DECORATING – WAYLAND HALL

It was proposed by Councillor Ivory and seconded by Councillor Gilbert

That Millprior Estates Ltd be awarded the contract to carry out the decorating of Wayland Hall Council chamber.

73 STAIR LIFT – WAYLAND HALL

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Holmes

That Norfolk Stair Lifts be awarded the contract to fit a Stair Lift to comply with DDA regulations.

74 FURNITURE – WAYLAND HALL

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

That the Clerk research the furniture to obtain the best value not exceeding £1000.

75 CURTAINS – WAYLAND HALL

Councillor Bunning withdrew from the meeting after declaring a prejudicial interest.

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

RESOLVED

Voting: 11 for and 1 Abstentions

That Fabrictrader be awarded the contract to supply and fit the curtains to Wayland Hall.

The Meeting ended 9.06pm

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