

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Luncheon Club Area of Wayland Hall, Watton

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

120 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor J P McCarthy

121 INTERESTS

Councillor Wassell declared a personal interest in Item 123.1 as the Colin McKenzie Centre was his Mayors Charity.

Councillor L McCarthy declared a personal interest in Item 124 as a Member of the Sports Centre.

122 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record with the amendment that Items 117.2, 117.4 and 117.10 be amended to read Chairman or Vice Chairman.

Councillor Osborn queried Item 117.1 as to why the Chairman and Vice Chairman were on the Committee.

The Chairman explained that no one else had put their names forward.

Councillor Holmes requested and was agreed that the minutes be changed to read Chairman or Vice Chairman.

It was agreed that Representatives on Outside Bodies be put back on the Agenda.

123 URGENT BUSINESS

123.1 Allotments

The Chairman explained that the Colin McKenzie Centre had applied for a Community Allotment and suggested that if Council agreed that it should be at no cost.

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

RESOLVED

Voting: 11 for with 2 Abstentions and 1 Against

That the Colin McKenzie Centre be allocated an Allotment for the groups use, free of charge, with Mrs Jan McKenzie being fully responsible for adhering to the Terms and Conditions.

It was further agreed that as it would be used by a number of people, that the other Allotment Holders be sent a letter of explanation.

123.2 Luncheon Club

The Chairman gave a brief report of the meeting held earlier that day with the Luncheon Club Trustees, Norfolk County Council Representative, himself, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk, relating to the funding from Norfolk County Council.

Many things were discussed regarding the different opportunities to be looked at, once the funding from Norfolk County Council ceases in 2012.

123.3 Queens Jubilee

The Chairman reported that the Wayland Partnership was looking at ways to celebrate the Queens Jubilee, and would like to work with the Council to put the Celebrations together. Either the Partnership could take the lead as they were more in contact with the villages or the Council could.

It was agreed that both the Council and the Partnership work jointly together on the celebrations for the Town.

123.4 Green Open Space – Thetford Road

The Clerk reported that she had now sorted out the problems with the Green Open Space at the Thetford Road Allotment site.

She had informed Mrs Toulson that as had been agreed with her on the taking over of the site that the remaining part would be left as a Green Open space, and that local businesses would be contacted to ask if they wished to make a donation towards or sponsor seats for the area.

She had also had to contact the Contractors to ask why there was no access to the field, and to remind them that the agreement with Tesco had been that a vehicle access gate would be installed and that there would be a 'Kissing Gate' for pedestrian access. This had been agreed so that motor cycles could not enter the field.

The work on this would now commence the week beginning 21 November 2011.

It was agreed that wire fencing be put all the way round the inside of the fence to prevent animals from entering the field.

123.5 Platform staging for New Council Chamber

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

RESOLVED

That the contract be awarded to Graham Ashman to build a full raised platform to the rear of the hall in movable sections.

124 PLAYGROUND SECURITY

It was agreed that since the Children's Playground at the Sports Centre had been left unlocked, there had been no reported trouble.

It was agreed to leave the playground unlocked.

125 BUDGET 2012/2013

The Chairman explained that part of the discussion on the budget involved staffing matters.

It was Proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor Cooper, that in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business relating to staffing 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

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

RESOLVED

Voting: 6 for with 5 against

That £25,000 be added to the staffing budget.

The Clerk presented the budget.

It was agreed that the £600 for salt bins be removed and reduce the petty cash to £1000.

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor L McCarthy and

RESOLVED

Voting: 8 for with 2 against and 1 abstention

That £1000 be added to the Ambulance fund.

The Meeting ended 8.56pm

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