

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 October 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Luncheon Club area, Wayland Hall, Watton

Councillors Present: P Blackmore L McCarthy
P Cooper – Vice Chairman J Rogers
R Crabtree R Rudling
J P McCarthy M Wassell - Chairman

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: District Councillor Claire Bowes

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

105 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Bunning, Gilbert, Ivory, Osborn, Turner, Holmes and Sergeant Lance Ogbourne

106 INTERESTS

Councillors Rogers and Wassell declared personal interests in Item 119 as a Members of Breckland Licensing Committee.

Councillor Rudling declared a prejudicial interest in item 109.3 as a business associate of the land owner.

107 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

108 COMMUNITY REPORTS

108.1 Police

Crime figures previously circulated.

108.2 District Councillors

Councillor Wassell reported that in the past month, he had attended a number of meetings, audit committee, treasury management course, overview and scrutiny committee and cabinet meeting. He had also attended WREN on behalf of Breckland District Council and visited Wayland High School with George Freeman MP, as both a Breckland District Council member and a town Councillor. They toured the school, conducted by the head girl and boy, and afterwards had a meeting with the Head Teacher to discuss the academy status, and future collaboration with the school.

Councillor Bowes presented a report.

108.3 County Councillors

Councillor Rogers reported that Highways would be checking the Tesco plans to sort out the boundary of the newly erected acoustic fence.

109 URGENT BUSINESS

109.1 The Chairman asked and it was agreed that the Council sponsor a prize of £25.00 for the Wayland Community High School 11th Year Presentation Evening.

109.2 The Chairman informed Members that the fence had now been erected at the Youth & Community Centre.

109.3 It was agreed that a letter be sent to the land owner declining the offer of part of the land due to the cost.

110CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported he had attended the following events:-

- ≡ Watton Art Groups annual exhibition, accompanied by the Vice Chairman.
- ≡ AGM of Watton Sports Centre.
- ≡ Air Training Corp Presentation Evening.
- ≡ Mayor of Wymondham Civic Service at Wymondham Abbey.
- ≡ SNAP meeting.
- ≡ The Watton Society AGM
- ≡ Opening Event of the Watton Festival
- ≡ Justice Service at Norwich Cathedral
- ≡ Peggy Spencer Tea Dance

111 VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Cooper reported that he had attended the recent SNAP meeting.

112CLERKS REPORT

112.1 VAS Signs

In relation to the funding from Norfolk County Council for VAS signs, the Clerk suggested that she contact the Clerk at Saham Toney Parish Council, and attend their Council Meeting, to discuss working together, to have two VAS signs on Saham Road.

The Clerk also reported that the office would open between the hours of 9am to 1pm from Wednesday 26 October to Thursday 3 November as she was on annual leave.

113 PAYMENTS

It was agreed that payments for October be approved

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor Crabtree and agreed that the Clerk return to the previous presentation of Income and Expenditure and monthly running budget as it was felt that it was better for Members to see the overall financial picture.

114TRANSFER OF PLAY AREA

Members discussed the problems with the fence at Lovell Garden site and were informed that there was a possibility that Breckland would do further repairs to the fence.

It was proposed by Councillor Crabtree and seconded by Councillor Rudling and agreed that the Council take over the transfer of the playgrounds at Lovell Garden provided that the fence is replaced and Stokes Avenue site.

115PLANNING REPORT

115.1 Planning and Forward Development

It was agreed that the minutes of Tuesday 18 October 2011 be adopted.

116GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW

It was agreed that the new Grant Form be approved with the following amendments:-

- a) That the grant money only be given when the project is finished.
- b) Grants will only be given quarterly.
- c) A maximum of £500 will be given to any one grant application.

117REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

117.1 Breckland CCTV

The Vice Chairman was appointed to represent the Council on the Breckland CCTV.

117.2 SNAP Group

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were appointed to represent the Council on the SNAP Group.

117.3 Wayland Luncheon Club

The Town Clerk and Councillor Rudling were appointed to represent the Council on the Wayland Luncheon Club.

117.4 Project Rainbow

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were appointed to represent the Council on Project Rainbow.

117.5 Twinning Association

Councillor L McCarthy was appointed to represent the Council on the Twinning Association.

117.6 Stevens Alms Houses

Councillor Holmes was appointed to represent the Council on the Stevens Alms Houses.

117.7 Wayland Partnership Development Trust

The Chairman was appointed to represent the Council on the Wayland Partnership Development Trust.

117.8 Watton Sure Start

Councillor Holmes was appointed to represent the Council on the Watton Sure Start Centre.

117.9 Watton Relief in Need

Councillors L McCarthy, Holmes and Rudling were appointed to represent the Council on the Watton Relief in Need Charity.

117.10 Watton Chamber of Commerce

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were appointed to represent the Council on the Watton Chamber of Commerce.

118 COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME UPDATE

The Chairman reported that at the recent Town Forum meeting it had been explained that governance measures had been put in place by Breckland Council as two national schemes had experienced problems and individual Councillors had been sued.

It was agreed that another meeting be arranged with Breckland Council and the co-ordinator to try to resolve the situation.

119 COMPLAINT (TESCO)

(Previously circulated)

It was agreed that a letter be sent explaining that the resolution of the Council had been to support the change of time for the sale of alcohol

The Meeting ended 9.15pm

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