

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.00 pm

Held at Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG in the Council Chamber.

Councillors Present: J Rogers Chairman, K Birch Vice Chairman, P Blackmore, B Bunning, P Cooper, R Crabtree, K Gilbert, S Hebborn, M Holmes, J P McCarthy, L McCarthy, R Turner and M Wassell

Officers Present: J Scarrott - Locum Clerk for the meeting

Members of the Public Present: (6) Six

14/263 APOLOGIES

No Apologies for Absence received as all present.

14/264 INTERESTS

Councillors JP McCarthy and L McCarthy declared a prejudicial interest in planning item 3PL/2015/0040/F

Cllr K Gilbert declared a personal interest in item 4 on the agenda, relating to the Post Office.

14/265 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 27th January 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14/265 PARKING IN HARVEY STREET

Some discussion took place regarding issues around postal vans parked in Harvey Street causing congestion in the mornings. It was agreed to contact Royal Mail to request that the vans be better organised. The owner of the Post Office, who hires the premises to Royal Mail as a sorting office, will also be made aware of the concerns.

14/266 DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is noticeably a problem in Merton Road.

It was suggested people need to report problems to Breckland Council. This can be done via the website: www.breckland.gov.uk

Some discussion took place regarding whether a dog bin is needed in this location as the nearest bin is in East Road. Investigation will be undertaken regarding whether another bin should be erected.

14/267 PRESENTATIONS FROM PLANNING DEVELOPERS

It was agreed any developer wishing to give a presentation to the Council would be invited to do so on the evening of Full Council Meetings.

14/268 PLANNING MEETINGS

It was agreed that as above any developer would be invited to address the Council at Full Councils meetings. Arrangements will thus be made with developers of Beechwood House, Watton and developers of Woodpecker Drive and Mallard Road, Watton to discuss outline planning permissions.

It was also decided a public meeting should be organised inviting interested parties to hear presentations from planners and developers. Cllr. Gilbert will check the availability of Queens Hall for such a meeting and co-ordinate the event assisted by others including the Chairman and Cllr Wassell.

14/269 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1.1 3PL/2014/1336 – Fascia signs for the Sue Ryder Shop, High street, Watton

The Council had no
objections

1.2 3PL/2015/0056 – Proposed new bungalow to the rear of amenity space at No. 50
Norwich Road, Watton 6AL

The Council recommended refusal

Cllr JP McCarthy and Cllr L McCarthy left the meeting for the following planning item:

1.3 3PL/2015/0040/F – Proposed extension and alterations to Lancaster House, 2 Portal
Avenue, Watton

The Council recommended refusal

1.4 The application received for Beechwood House, Watton was not considered as the developer will be invited to give a presentation to the Council before comment on the application is submitted.