

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 7.00 pm at Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Church Road, Watton, Norfolk

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

On behalf of herself and fellow Members the Chairman congratulated Councillor Wassell on his promotion to Leader of Breckland Council and wished him well for the future.

13/44 APOLOGY

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor J P McCarthy

13/45 INTERESTS

Item 13/47 – Planning - Councillor J Rogers declared a personal interest as a member of the Breckland Licensing Committee.

13/46 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 30 July 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13/47 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2013/0612 - Mr Wright, 2 Mary Shanks Close, Watton, Norfolk, IP25 6FB - To convert existing Garage to habitable room (Dining Room)

No Objection

3PL/2013/0690/F – Mr P Finnie, Cranswick County Foods, Brandon Road, Watton, IP25 6LW - Tray Store Extension

No Objection

3PL/2013/0622/0 - D Belham, Bramley, 26 Merton Road, Watton, Norfolk - Erection of 2 storey dwelling and access

It was proposed by Councillor K Gilbert, seconded by Councillor B Bunning and

RESOLVED

(Voting: 6 for with 5 against with 2 abstentions)

That refusal be recommended as the application was an over development of the site and not in keeping with the area.

30B/2013/0005/OB – Mr & Mrs Parnham, 3 Fairway Drive, Richmond Park Golf Club, Watton – removal of the 106 restriction – 28 day occupancy restriction

No Objection

3PL/2013/0786/F – Phillip Bierton – 5 Victoria Court, Watton – Conversion of double garage to working room and fitness room & new pitched roof

No Objection

3PL/2013/0790/ - Mrs Butcher, Marketing Force Ltd, Suite 113, Cliff House, Felixstowe, Suffolk – New illuminated sponsorship acknowledgement signs, roundabout junction, High Street/Brandon Road

No Objection

3PL/2013/0794 – Mr Edmonson, 14 High Street, Tittleshall, Kings Lynn – Change of use from amenity land to residential garden with fence and gate, 12 Stokes Avenue, Watton

No Objection

3PL/2013/9798 – S & A Jones, Demolition of ext bungalow & redevelopment of site with residential development & ancillary works, 119 Norwich Road, Watton

No Objection

3PL/2009/0118/D – Mark Chapman, Taylor Wimpey, Tartan House, Etna Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk – Re-plan and substitution of revised house types to plots 50-68 from previously approved planning consent, Beaufort Park, Phase 2C, Carbrooke

No Objection

Licensing Act 2003 – application for a grant of a premises licence at Wayland Convenience Store, 74a/b High Street, Watton

No Objection

13/48 DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER

The Chairman informed members that the two new play areas could not be added to the existing DPPO and would require a new application.

13/49 ALLOTMENT WATER SUPPLY

A request had been received from two allotment holders from the Thetford Road site for the provision of water on the site.

The owner of the land had no objection but the site would need to be investigated to see if connections could be made.

13/50 CO-OPTION

It was agreed that interviews would take place prior to the next meeting.

13/51 JUBILEE GARDEN

It was agreed that the official opening of the Jubilee Garden would be delayed until next year, to give the plants time to become established. The seats would be positioned prior to the opening.

It was also agreed that an invitation be sent to Kensington Palace to invite a member of the Royal household to attend the Official Opening.

13/52 PLAYGROUND – WATTON SPORTS CENTRE

The surface around the swings was becoming problematic and needed further investigation to see if an alternative surface could be installed.

It was agreed that the equipment supplier be contacted to inspect the area and recommend the most suitable surface.

13/53 STANDING ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This item stood adjourned from the last meeting (minute number 13/42 minute refers).

It was proposed that Standing Order No; 68:-

‘At all meetings of the Council the Chairman may at his discretion and at a convenient time in the transaction of business, adjourn the meeting so as to allow any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting’

be varied by the deletion of the wording:-

‘in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting’.

The proposal was lost (2 voting for and 13 against).

It was then proposed by Councillor J Rogers, seconded by Councillor M Holmes and

RESOLVED

(13 voting for and 2 against)

That Standing Order No:- 68 be not varied and the wording remain unchanged.

13/54 COMMUNITY REGISTER OF INTEREST - GAS HOUSE

Councillor Gilbert informed Members that the former gas house and land was for sale and felt that a Community Register of Interest should be made which needed to be submitted by 4 October 2013. He felt that the land could be used as a car park for the Community Centre.

It was proposed by Councillor M Holmes, seconded by Councillor J Rogers and agreed that further information be sought regarding health and safety issues, whether the house could be demolished and what the land could be used for.

13/55 BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Councillor M Wassell informed Members that Breckland had put forward their proposal to the Boundary Commission that Watton remain a three Member ward and suggested that Watton Town Council officially put forward their views.

It was proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor P Blackmore and agreed that the Council support Breckland's proposal that Watton remain a three Member ward.

13/56 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was Proposed by Councillor J Rogers, seconded by Councillor R Crabtree in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

RESOLVED:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted relating to proposed contractual issues and costs and it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

13/57 CAB

Members noted the proposed lease agreement put forward by the CAB and agreed that it should be passed to the Council's solicitors.

13/58 CHRISTMAS CARDS

It was proposed by Councillor M Holmes, seconded by Councillor P Cooper and agreed that Rollmark (Dieletlit) Limited, be awarded the contract to produce the Council's official Christmas cards.

13/59 RICHMOND GOLF CLUB

It was agreed that a new twenty year lease be offered to Richmond Golf Club at a cost of £480 per year with a two yearly rent review. Richmond Golf club to cover the Council's legal costs.

13/60 STAFFING

The Chairman reported that NALC had confirmed that a 1% pay increase backdated to 1 April 2013 had been agreed nationally.

The Meeting ended 8.10pm
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