

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at
7:00pm in the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton IP25 6AG

Councillors Present: J Rogers – Chairman
K Birch – Vice Chairman
R Crabtree, J Fishlock, K Gilbert, S Hebborn, R Turner, M Wassell, M Holmes

Officers Present: Jane Scarrott – Locum Clerk, Michelle Craigie – Administration Assistant,
Natalie King – Recruitment Consultant

Members of the Public Present: Approximately 50 +members of the public were in attendance

APOLIGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Cooper, L McCarthy, JP McCarthy, B Bunning

INTERESTS

Councillor S Hebborn declared a personal interest in the 864 (Watton) Squadron ATC as he was a precious instructor for the squadron.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th February and Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on Thursday 5th March were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

GRANTS

1.1 A Grant Application has been received from 864 (Watton) Squadron ATC

It was agreed that a grant of £485.00 be awarded to the 864 (Watton) Squadron ATC.

1.2 A Grant Application has been received from Watton United Football Club

It was agreed that a grant of £280.00 be awarded to the Watton United Football Club.

1.3 A Grant Application has been received from Happy Feet Day Nursery

It was agreed to not issue the grant to Happy Feet Day Nursery due to it being a commercial running Business

1.4 A Grant Application has been received from Age UK Norfolk

It was agreed that a grant of £485.00 be awarded to Age UK Norfolk.

1.5 A Grant Application has been received from Watton Netball Club

It was agreed to not issue the grant at this time to Watton Netball Club as the Grant Application was not supported by accounts, and that Watton Netball Club should be informed to apply again but with accounts submitted to back up their application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2015/0219/F – Mr Chris Smith – Hopkins Homes Limited, Melton Park House, Scott Lane, Melton, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1TJ – Land west of Saham Road – Residential Development comprising the erection of 73 Dwellings together with associated open space.

It was agreed to recommend refusal of this application as the same concerns remain as were noted with the previous proposed development of this site which was refused permission.

3PL/2014/1253 – Gladman's Developments Ltd – Land off Thetford Road, Watton – Outline application for residential development, involving up to 180 dwellings, provision of open space with recreational facilities, site access and all with associated highways and infrastructure works.

All agreed to recommend refusal.

3PL/2015/0254 – Mr Mark Dakeyne, Janet Strickland – Miller, Nicholas Rickett & Tesni Properties Ltd – Bidwells – Outline Planning Application for residential development of up to 177 dwellings on Land South of Mallard Road and Woodpecker Drive Watton, Norfolk.

All agreed to recommend refusal.

EXCUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor J Rogers, Seconded by Councillor R Turner 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 Staffing and contractual matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting

1.1 Staffing Matters

1.2 IT Contract

1.3 Invoices received from Christmas Lights Contractor

1.4 Serco Grass Cutting, Litter Picking Contracts of Lovell Gardens and Bridle Road Play areas

The Meeting ended at 8:50pm