

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 7.00 pm at Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG in the Council Chamber

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: Doug Faulkner -Reporter, Eastern Daily Press.

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

At the Chairman's discretion he explained that it had been brought to his attention that the Candidate who had applied for the co-option vacancy had been informed by Breckland Council that the interview would need to take place either before 4pm on Friday 24 October 2014 or after the forthcoming by-election on Thursday 20 November 2014.

Councillor Wassell confirmed he had also been contacted by the Candidate and had spoken to the electoral office at Breckland Council and was given the same information. He explained that after the 4pm deadline the Candidate could not be interviewed as they were a Candidate for the by-election.

It was proposed by Councillor K Gilbert, seconded by Councillor K Birch and agreed (Voting: 7 for with 1 against and 1 Abstention) that the co-option meeting be held on a future date when all Members had been informed and best left until after the by-election.

14/186 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Bunning

14/187 INTERESTS

Item 14/189 - Budget - Councillors L McCarthy, P Cooper and R Crabtree declared personal, interests in the grant for the Sports Centre.

Item 14/189 - Budget – Councillor J P McCarthy declared a prejudicial interest in the grant for the Sports Centre.

14/189 BUDGET

Members discussed each item on the budget paper and agreed that 5% be added to utility bills with a query on the electricity usage at the public toilets.

Due to the forthcoming by-election £12,000 would need to be put into the budget to cover the forthcoming May election and replace the by-election amount.

Vehicle insurance costs to be queried and a replacement photocopier would be needed at some point in 2015/2016.

Additional costs to be included:-

Recording Equipment
Microphone System
Hearing Loop System
Tree Inspection - £1,000

The Meeting ended 8.00pm
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