

**Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 29 October 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  
P Blackmore, B Bunning, P Cooper, R Crabtree, K Gilbert, M Holmes,  
J P McCarthy, R Turner, M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

**13/88 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors K Birch, R Ivory and PC Olly Button- Norfolk Constabulary

**13/89 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 15 October 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**13/90 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**1.1 Police**

Crime Figures circulated.

The following report had been sent to the office:-

Cycling offences in the town centre – The Police had spoken to over 30 cyclists suspected of offences thus far, and had held a successful cycle marking event at Watton Tesco which had been advertised in the local press. There had been a reduction of cycle related incidents reported to police patrols.

Portal Avenue Anti-Social Behaviour – regular patrols of the area continue and local youths had been spoken to. A meeting had been organised on Portal Ave with Bennett Homes who would be discussing issues on the land and their future plans.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the police requesting that crimes committed in Carbrooke are not accredited to Watton as this gave a distorted view of the Town.

**1.2 District Councillor Keith Gilbert**

Councillor Gilbert reported that Breckland Council's Deputy Chief Executive Mark Stokes had left the authority after twenty six years to become Chief Executive Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Breckland were looking to form a joint venture with a major private developer (LABV) Local Assets Backed Vehicle to look at all of Breckland's Assets.

Norfolk County Council were proposing to cut the opening hours of five waste collection centres, one being the local Ashill Centre and in 2016 would be making a charge of £2.00 to use the centres.

**1.3 District Councillor Michael Wassell**

Report given. Appendix 'A'

**13/91**

**BUS CONNECTION-WATTON TO NORWICH**

Councillor Bunning had been contacted by a resident with concerns about connection problems with the bus service to Norwich and the Hospital, which left ten minutes before the buses from the villages arrived into the town.

The bus company had been contracted and had stated that they could not change the timings due to other connections then being disrupted.

**13/92**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Opened the new Lloyds Bank
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Carnival Day
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Sponsored sing along at Methodist Chapel
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Watton Society AGM
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Thank you party at the Queens Hall for all who helped in the planning and organisation of the Watton Festival this year
26 <sup>th</sup> October	The turning of the organ in Chaston Place to launch the Watton Festival

**13/93**

**VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

29 September	Carnival - helped man the Mayors Tombola in the aid of the Air Ambulance, which raised £181.71.
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**13/94**

**PAYMENTS**

It was agreed that payments for October be approved

One Member asked for clarification of Ownership of the War Memorial.

The Meeting ended 7:40pm

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