

**Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 30 July 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, R Ivory,  
J P McCarthy, R Turner, M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk  
M Craigie – Administration Assistant

Others Present: County Councillor Stan Hebborn, Naill Horan and Paul Horan

**13/33 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor M Holmes, Rosa McMahon – Eastern Daily Press Reporter and Sergeant Marie Reavey – Norfolk Constabulary.

**13/34 INTERESTS**

Item 13/44 Blinds – Wayland Hall - Councillor B Bunning declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item as a Director of J & B Properties.

**13/35 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 16 July 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the amendment that Councillors B Bunning and R Crabtree declared personal interests as clients in Item 13/27.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the public to speak.

**13/36 COMMUNITY REPORTS**  
**1.1 Police**

Crime Figures circulated

**1.2 District Councillor Keith Gilbert**

Councillor K Gilbert submitted a written report (APPENDIX 'A'). He urged Members to read the two reports which were in the office.

He also reported that Breckland had decided to discontinue their pest control service at the end of April 2014. Environmental Health would deal with any pest control issues after that date.

**1.3 District Councillor Michael Wassell**

Councillor M Wassell submitted a written report (Appendix 'B'). He suggested and it was agreed that the Council discuss the Breckland submission to the Boundary Commission and that it be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**1.4 County Councillor Stan Hebborn**

County Councillor S Hebborn reported that he had attended a walk round with Highways to look at the proposed improvements to the parking on market days.

He also attended a site visit to look at the problem with the obstructive parking issue at the Watton Service Centre.

Highways, in discussion with the garage proprietor had proposed yellow lines on both sides of the road, from the roundabout to the garage exit point and then to the start of the first house on Brandon Road.

He also reported that the cut in funding for the school bus between Griston and Watton would mean that children who lived under three miles from school would be left vulnerable having to walk to school.

The Chairman brought the meeting back into session.

### **13/37 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

26 June	100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Dorrington House
30 June	Cream Tea for the Twinning Association
3 July	Alzheimer talk at the Queens Hall
5 July	Cocktail party at the Officers Mess at Stanton held by the Household Cavalry
6 July	100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday party for Mrs Fennel at the Sports Centre
7 July	Wisbech Civic Service and Rose Show
12 July	Civic Reception for the Leader of Norfolk County Council at Norwich Castle
13 July	Opened the High Street in Bloom celebration, judging of the children's fancy dress and opening of the flower festival at the Methodist Chapel
19 July	Photo Exhibition at Wayland House
21 July	Civic Service at the Methodist Chapel. The Chairman was very proud that her Grandson was asked by the Watton and Swaffham Times if he would take photos, which he did, and actually got one published in last week's edition.
27 July	Spent all day at the Redhill Mobile Home Park judging gardens. In the evening attended Civic Reception in Attleborough.

### **13/38 VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

12 July	Christian Community Centre – attended an Artist Exhibition
21 July	Watton Mayor's Civic Service at the Methodist Church

### **13/39 CLERKS REPORT**

A written report was given (Appendix 'C').

### **13/40 PAYMENTS**

It was agreed that payments for July 2013 be approved

### **13/41 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

3PL/2013/0636/F – Mr Whatling, 113 Brandon Road, Watton – Revision of pp 3PL/2007/1406, increase size of first floor ext, demo of s/s ext, 2-storey rear/side ext for new stairs

The Council had no objection to the planning application.

C/3/2013/222756 – Mr Shaun Mower, Trell Contractors Ltd., Neville Close, Saham Toney, Norfolk – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use: Crushing of inert rubble (on rented farmers yard) using mobile plant – storing in the short term before being reused on construction sites when sufficient volume is accumulated to warrant a crusher run – Land at Wood Far, Dereham Rod, Ovington.

The Council had no objection to the planning application.

Councillor K Gilbert proposed that Standing Order 68 be amended to delete the words ‘in relation to the business to be transacted at that meeting’ and invoked Standing Order 78 which was seconded by Councillor J P McCarthy

that ‘A resolution permanently to add, vary or revoke a Standing Order shall when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

It was Proposed by Councillor P Blackmore, seconded by Councillor J Rogers 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.

It was proposed by Councillor P Blackmore, seconded by Councillor K Birch and

**RESOLVED**

(Unanimous)

That the costings and the proposed lights plan including installation, but without the tree at Beechwood House be agreed and the work this year be awarded to Festivelite at a cost of £21299.64 (Standing Order 75 was varied in accordance with Standing Order 78).

It was proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor K Gilbert and agreed that J & B Properties be awarded the contract to supply Blinds for the rear of Wayland Hall.

The Meeting ended 8.40pm

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