

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 11 October 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Luncheon Club Area, Chamber, Wayland Hall, Watton

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Members of the Public Present: one (1)

90 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Rogers, Blackmore and District Councillor Claire Bowes

91 INTERESTS

Councillor Cooper declared a Personal Interest in Items 98 and 102 as a Trustee of Loch Neaton.

Councillors JP McCarthy, Crabtree, Gilbert and Holmes declared Personal Interests in Item 103 as Members of the Twinning Association.

Councillor Holmes declared a Personal Interest in Item 101 as a Trustee of the Luncheon Club.

92 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

93 URGENT BUSINESS

The Clerk reported that she had received notification from Breckland Council, that a complaint had been made against both Councillors L and J P McCarthy by a member of the public, relating to a breach of the code of conduct, on 22 February 2011, when an interest should have been declared.

The Hearing Sub-Committee found that the code had been breached, and a Personal Interest should have been declared.

Councillor L McCarthy was sanctioned with a partial suspension, from being a Member of Watton Town Council, at the next meeting of the Full Council.

Councillor JP McCarthy was sanctioned, that he be censured for Breach of the Code.

The Chairman reported that the temporary entrance to Tesco would be closed at the forthcoming weekend. The Clerk was asked to check that the road markings were also removed.

He also informed Members that Breckland Council were not happy with the Co-ordinator taking over the running of the Community Car Scheme. The Chairman was concerned, and was agreed by Members, that only the Watton Town Council funded part of the scheme and not Breckland's part should be paid to the drivers until clarification on payment from Breckland had been received.

The stair lift drawings were put before Member for approval. The contractor had advised and was agreed by Members, that the left hand handrail be removed.

The Chairman read out a letter from Mrs Ann Harvey, thanking the Council and the Clerk for their support during and after the death of her late husband, Councillor Alf Harvey.

The Contract awarded to Julian Horn for IT and Web Support had been withdrawn by the contractor, due to the recent remarks made by a Member at a previous meeting.

94 MARKET TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It was agreed that the Market Terms and Conditions be reviewed at the next Full Council business meeting in October as Members had not received them prior to the meeting.

95 DOG BIN

A request had been made from a Member of the public for a dog bin on Church Road. The Clerk had contacted both Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council Highways, to ascertain whether they would give a license for a bin to be placed on Church road.

96 DELIVERING LOCAL HIGHWAY

Members discussed the letter from Norfolk County Council, and questioned the costs involved. The Clerk was asked to look at the funding for further VAS signs with the possibility of a sign on Dereham Road and Saham Road.

97 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REVIEW

It was agreed that the Grounds Maintenance contract, be reviewed at the next Full Council business meeting in October, as Members had not received them prior to the meeting.

98 GRASS CUTTING SPECIFICATION REVIEW

Members agreed that the Loch Neaton agreement be looked at, and adjusted to follow the contract period for the grass cutting.

It was agreed to look at the specification further and report back to the next Full Council meeting.

99 PUBLIC TOILETS SPECIFICATION REVIEW

It was pointed out that the opening times should state, from 7am to 4pm and to remove the steam cleaning on a quarterly basis.

100 CEMETERY FEE REVIEW

Members compared the cemetery fees of the other Towns, and agreed to increase the fees from 1 April 2012 as follows:-

Burial Plot with exclusive right for 100 years	£100
Cremated Remains with Exclusive Right for 100 years	£ 75
Burial Plot	£100
Ashes Plot	£ 75
Headstone with original inscription	£ 60
Additional Inscription	£ 30
Ashes Tablet	£ 30

101 WAYLAND LUNCHEON CLUB UPDATE

The Chairman informed Members that the Wayland Hall Luncheon Club, had been given an extension to their contract until 30 September 2012.

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor Crabtree and

RESOLVED

That the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman arrange a meeting with Norfolk County Council, to clarify the future of the Luncheon Club funding.

It was agreed that the Clerk would attend the next Luncheon Club meeting, to represent the Council.

102 LOCH NEATON TREES

A request from the Loch Neaton Management Committee to pollard trees on the Old Railway Embankment had been received.

It was agreed that permission for the work to be carried out, be given.

103 INVOLVEMENT – TWINNING

Councillor J P McCarthy asked for more time for him to research into Councils involvement into Twinning.

The Clerk reported that there was very little information held in the office relating to Twinning, and no original documents had been produced except the Charter, which did not specify any Council involvement.

Councillor Crabtree was asked by the Chairman if he had any original information about Twinning, and if so that it should be returned to the office.

Councillor Crabtree assured Council that he did not hold any original information on Twinning.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Weeze, to seek further information, and to contact the Norfolk Records Office, to view past minutes when the agreement would have been made.

104 WIRE REMOVAL – WAYLAND HALL

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Ivory and

RESOLVED

Voting: 8 for with 3 against

That the contract to remove the redundant wires from Wayland Hall be awarded to Open Reach.

The Meeting ended 8.40pm

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