

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Watton

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

34 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Holmes, Osborn and Rogers

35 INTERESTS

Councillor JP McCarthy, Crabtree and Cooper declared personal interest in Item 38 as Trustee of the Watton Sports Centre.

Councillor L McCarthy, declared a personal interest in Item 38 as a Member of the Watton Sports Centre.

Councillor JP and L McCarthy, declared personal interests in Item 43 and 45 as suppliers to one of the contractors.

36 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

37 URGENT BUSINESS

37.1 Planning Committee

The Chairman reported that Councillor Rogers had resigned as a Member of the Planning Committee, and that a new Member needed to be elected.

No Members came forward, so the number of members on the planning committee would be reduced to eight.

37.2 STREET NAMING

The Chairman reported that Breckland Council were reducing the amount of days from twenty to ten for the consultation period for street naming and numbering.

It was agreed that a letter of objection be sent to the Buildings Control officer, the Portfolio Holder and the three District Councillors.

38 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND SECURITY

The Vice Chairman asked that the Council make a decision on the locking and unlocking of the Children's Playground at the Sports Centre.

Members discussed the constant problems with youths going into the playground at night and the difficulty in finding someone to lock and unlock the playground seven days a week.

It was agreed that the gate be left unlocked for period of three months, and that the police be asked to patrol on a regular basis. It was further agreed that CCTV coverage be looked at.

39 PARISH LITTER WARDEN

A request had been received from a member of the public to become a Parish Litter Warden. Council's approval was needed.

It was agreed that the Council had no objection, to the request for the member of the public to become a Litter Warden for Watton on the understanding that there was no responsibility or liability to the Council.

40 NO CYCLING SIGN

The Chairman stated that there was a 'NO CYCLING' sign at the end of Church Walk/Dereham Road, and suggested that it was removed, as motor vehicles had access to Linden Court but not cyclists or motor cyclist.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor L McCarthy and

RESOLVED

Voting: 5 for with 4 Against

That the sign be removed.

41 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

A request had been received from a member of the public, requesting permission from the Council to set up a Community Speed Watch, in the area of Bluebell Close to cover Norwich Road.

It was agreed that permission be given for the request, on the understanding that there would be no cost to the Council.

It was Proposed by Councillor Ivory and seconded by Councillor Crabtree and

in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted concerning Tenders, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

42 TENDER SPECIFICATION MEMORIAL GARDEN

Councillor Ivory submitted a specification for the work on the fountain, and replacement of the lights. The Clerk was asked to obtain three quotations.

It was agreed that the councils Tender Policy be agreed at the next Full Council meeting.

43 PUBLIC TOILETS TENDER

It was agreed that the Clerk contact Breckland Councils Building Control Inspector and obtain two more quotations.

44 COMPOSTING BIN TENDER

It was agreed that three quotations be obtained to remove the compost from the Thetford Road Allotment site.

45 CEMETERY WORK TENDER

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

That TTSR be awarded the contract to carry out the work at the cemetery.

The Meeting ended 8.15pm
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