

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG.

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: Sophie Willey – reporter, Eastern Daily Press

200 APOLOGIES

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

201 INTERESTS

Councillor Copper declared a personal interest in item 206 as a resident of Nelson Court.

Councillor Holmes declared a personal interest in item 203.2 as a trustee of the Luncheon Club.

202 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

203 URGENT BUSINESS

203.1 Watton Doctors Practice

The chairman table a notice from the Watton Doctors Practise relating to the new appointment system. Many members were unhappy with the changes and, were concerned that it would cause difficulties rather improvements.

It was agreed that the practise manager be invited to the next full council meeting to explain the changes and how it would work in practise.

Councillor Holmes said that the practice committee did not reflect the community as there was not a cross section of the public represented.

203.2 Luncheon Club

Councillor Holmes suggested that a letter, confirming that the council would continue to support to the Luncheon club financially for the financial year 2012-2013.

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by councillor Crabtree and RESOLVED

That a letter be sent confirming the Councils financial support to the Luncheon Club, to the current level during the financial year 2012 – 2013.

203.3

The Clerk informed members that the hedge had been cut and small trees had been removed from the allotment without permission.

She reported that having inspected the site it looked much better, but requested that in future the allotment holders must seek permission from the office, before any such work can be carried out.

204 TOWN MURAL

It was agreed to delay making any decision on the town mural until Rotary/Inner wheel had inspected the broken tiles, to see if they could be salvaged.

205 FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET SUPPORT

The Clerk confirmed that no replies had been received from shop keepers and businesses regarding help for the "Festive Christmas Market and Christmas lights.

206 DOG BINS

A request had been received from a resident of Nelson Court, for a dog bin to be placed at the entrance from Harvey Street to Nelson Court and, the beginning of the footpath from Nelson Court to the Sport Centre field.

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor L McCarthy that two dog bins be purchased for Nelson Court.

The Clerk pointed out that they would be purchased from next year's budget and licenses would be applied for.

207 FIRE ESCAPE REPORT

The Clerk informed members that a solicitors letter had been sent to the owner of the Kings Arms and that he had agreed not to remove the fire escape or the wall cladding.

The Fire Escape and building would be inspected and fire risk assessed in two weeks time. Tenders had been sought for a replacement fire escape.

208 PLAYGROUNDS TRANSFER

The Clerk explained that she and Councillor Cooper had been to both Playground sites with three different playground equipment suppliers. The Suppliers would submit plans which would then be given to the relevant school for the children to choose their preferred equipment plan.

209 CEMETERY LAND UTILISATION

The Clerk explained that land had been identified at the cemetery which was suitable for use. It would however need numbering in a different manner.

It was agreed that Brett's be asked to assist in the re measuring.

It was Proposed by Councillor Holmes and seconded by Councillor Crabtree that in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

RESOLVED

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

203 TRUFFLE SITE

It was agreed that any discussion be postponed and Ms French be invited to attend a meeting to explain further her request.

204 MEMORIAL GARDEN

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

RESOLVED

That TTSR be awarded the contract to carry out general pruning of the memorial garden.

The Meeting ended 8:15 pm
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