

Minutes of the Full Council Business Meeting held on Tuesday 10 April 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG.

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

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: Marie Anne French

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

A Minutes Silence was held in Memory of Councillor Roy Rudling, who had served as a Member of Watton Town Council, from 1970-1989 and 2003-2012, and was Town Mayor and Chairman in 1977/8 and 2005/6.

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Rudling.

217 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Rogers, Ivory and J P McCarthy

218 INTERESTS

Councillor Cooper declared a personal interest in Item 221 as a resident of Nelson Court.

Councillor Holmes declared a prejudicial interest in Item 222 as a Trustee of the Luncheon Club.

219 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record, with the amendment to item 207.2 to read (Councillor Gilberts report) development not developer.

219 URGENT BUSINESS

219.1 Busking

Councillor Bunning asked and was agreed that the council give permission for buskers to perform in the town.

The Chairman explained that the authority to allow buskers to perform was with the Town Council and not with the District Councils.

The Clerk was asked to look at the law for Busking.

220 PRESENTATION ANNE MARIE FRENCH

Ms French explained that her scientific work into truffles had led her to find various species in and around Watton area, and was requesting that the council look into leasing land, for the growing of truffles and a confidential report was presented to Council of the proposed site.

It was agreed that the Council could not make any decisions as they did not own the land in question.

221 NELSON COURT, YELLOW LINES

Councillor Cooper stated that if double yellow lines were auctioned on Nelson Court, they would need to go a considerable length.

Councillor Blackmore expressed concern that highways had only partly re-painted the yellow lines on Sharman Avenue, which caused many problems to residents with parking.

The Clerk was asked to contact Norfolk County Council to request that the lines be looked at, in both Sharman Avenue and Nelson Court.

222 LUNCHEON CLUB, GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT

Councillor Cooper stated that he had attended the Luncheon Club public meeting along with Councillor L McCarthy and the Clerk. He felt that Watton Town Council had not been given due credit for the yearly funding support which had been given from the beginning.

Councillor Holmes reported (and then withdrew from the meeting) that the response from the town for Trustees, committee members and volunteers had been very poor.

Various alternative facilities in the town had been suggested, such as, the Sports Centre and Babicos, who were prepared to offer meals, but to date it was understood that none had been contacted.

It was agreed that the Clerk put together suggested governance for the funding support from the Council to the Luncheon club.

223 JUBILEE GARDEN DESIGN

Members had previously been circulated copies of the plans for the proposed Jubilee Gardens on Thetford Road.

The Chairman suggested that the Council contact local businesses and the general public to invite them, to donate/sponsor seats and rose bushes.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by councillor Birch and

RESOLVED

Voting: 8 for, with 1 Abstention.

That Tenders by sought and contractors be asked for their suggestions.

224 FIRE ESCAPE UPDATE REPORT

A report was previously circulated.

The Chairman suggested that once the actions of the report had been put together, that the council awards the contract to one contractor to project manage the whole project.

225 CLEANING CONTRACT, PUBLIC TOILETS

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

RESOLVED

That GCM cleaning services be awarded a 1 year contract for the cleaning of the public toilets.

226 CIVIC DONATION

The Chairman requested and was agreed that the remaining £580 from the civic fund be donated to St Marys Church to purchase something for the new renovation.

The Meeting ended 8:37pm

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