Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 11 June 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, P Cooper, R Crabtree, K Gilbert, M Holmes, R Ivory, J P

McCarthy, R Turner, M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

1 APOLOGIES

An apologies for Absence was received from Councillor Bunning

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3.1 3PL/2013/0336/F, Mr & Mrs Hefford – erect a part two storey rear extension to provide dining/utility room on the ground and en-suite on the first floor of 61 Merton Road, Watton

No Objection

3.2 3PL/2013/0362, Natures Menu Ltd - single storey extension to unit 2 chilled dispatch area and replacement freezer on side of unit 1, including improved staff car park entrance.

No Objection

3.3 Revised plans for Hopkins Homes, Land West of Thetford Road. Information only.

Letter to be sent stating that the Council would support a roundabout situated at the bend by Barn Ruche as had previously been discussed.

3.4 Revised plans for proposed extension to Redhill Residential Park, Redhill Lane

Letter to be sent stating that the Council would support a footpath being installed from Redhill Park along Church Road as had previously been discussed.

3.5 Norfolk County Council, Civil Parking Enforcement - Watton Market Place.

Norfolk County Council needed to implement necessary changes to the existing parking arrangements at the Market Place in order to remove existing constraints during operational hours and sought the view of the Council.

Members had no objection.

4 DPP ORDER

The Chairman suggested that both Lovell Garden and Bridle Road play areas needed to be covered by the DPP Order as evidence of the drinking of alcohol had been found.

Breckland Council had been asked to investigate whether a new order would need to be applied for, or whether the play areas could be added to the existing order.

It was proposed by Councillor K Birch, seconded by Councillor M Holmes and agreed that the playgrounds be covered by a DPP Order and that an application be made to Breckland Council.

5 TOWN TEAM UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS EVENT

Deferred.

It was Proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor K Birch 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 tenders, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

6 BRIDLE ROAD GRASS CUTTING COSTS

It was proposed by Councillor K Gilbert, seconded by Councillor K Birch and agreed that the contract to cut the grass at Bridle Road play area be awarded to Serco.

7 GUTTERING/ROOF UPDATE – WAYLAND HALL

It was reported that the guttering was being worked on and that the stonemasons would commence the work on the windows in early July 2013 having liaised with the scaffolding company.

8 MILLENNIUM GARDEN FENCE

It was proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor K Birch and agreed that Trell Contractors (Watton) Ltd be awarded the contract to erect the fence at the Millennium Garden

The Meeting ended 7.37pm JS

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6 BRIDLE ROAD GRASS CUTTING COSTS

It was reported that the grassed area where the goal posts were situated was no longer covered under the Breckland grass cutting agreement. Serco were prepared to continue to cut the grass at a cost of £50.00 per month for the period June to October 2013.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Birch and agreed that the contract to cut the grass at Bridle Road play area be awarded to Serco.

7 GUTTERING/ROOF UPDATE – WAYLAND HALL

It was suggested that an asset register of all the costs relating to Wayland Hall be put together.

It was reported that the guttering was being worked on and that the stonemasons would commence the work on the windows in early July 2013 having liaised with the scaffolding company.

8 MILLENNIUM GARDEN FENCE

Two quotations were received to replace the wall at the Millennium Garden with a wooden fence:

Trell Contractors (Watton) Ltd £1066.45 + VAT

Anglian fencing Ltd £1575.00

It was proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor K Birch and agreed that Trell Contractors (Watton) Ltd be awarded the contract to erect the fence at the Millennium Garden