

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 11 March 2014 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, B Bunning, R Crabtree, M Holmes, J P McCarthy and
R Turner

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: District Councillor Claire Bowes

13/137 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors P Cooper, K Gilbert, R Ivory and M Wassell

13/138 INTERESTS

Item 13/145 – Councillors L McCarthy and JP McCarthy declared personal interests in planning applications 3PL/2014/0002/OB and 3PL/2014/0003/OB as suppliers to the Golf Club.

Item 13/145 – Councillors L McCarthy and JP McCarthy declared personal interests in planning applications 3PL/2014/0181/F as they have property adjacent to the building.

Item 13/145 – Councillor B Bunning declared a personal interest in planning application 3PL/2014/0135 as she owns property adjacent to the building.

13/139 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 25 February 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13/140 CAB GRANT

Figures previously circulated.

It was agreed that the grant of £2000 be paid to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

13/141 JUBILEE GARDEN TREE

The Chairman explained that as the tree had a Preservation Order on it the owner of the land had to give permission for any work to be carried out. This had not yet been received.

13/142 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT GRANT

The Chairman reported that the total amount proportioned to reflect each Council's reduction in tax base would equate to £18,156.40 to Watton Town Council.

13/143 BRECKLAND WORLD WAR ONE HERITAGE FUND

The Chairman reported that grants of up to £500 can be applied from Breckland for a Community project which explores, shares and conserves the heritage of the First World War in Breckland.

The deadline for the grant application is Friday 9 May. Grants will not be assessed until after this date and projects cannot be funded retrospectively.

It was agreed that the Council give their support to the Wayland Partnership should they apply for a grant for their project.

13/144 LABV REPORT

Councillor Holmes gave an update on the meeting which she had attended with Councillor Birch and the Clerk. A list of Breckland owned sites had been presented that would be included in the LABV for possible future development.

Members agreed that all sites should be visited and then brought back to the Council for further discussion.

The Clerk was asked to arrange maps and organise site visits.

13/145 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

30B/2014/0002/OB – Mrs E Caines, Westfield, Main Street, Gumley, Leicestershire, LE16 7RU – To remove the 28 day consecutive occupancy clause – No 1 Fairway Drive, Richmond Park Golf Club, Saham Road, Watton, IP25 6DT

The Council had no objection.

30B/2014/0003/OB – Mr Geoffrey Severn, DC2 Estrela Da Luz, Praia Da Luz, Lagos, Algarve, Portugal 8600-128 – To remove the 28 day consecutive occupancy clause - No 2 Fairway Drive, Richmond Park Golf Club, Saham Road, Watton, IP25 6DT

The Council had no objection.

3PL/2010/2014/0135 – Mr D Burdett, c/o 11 Charing Cross, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 4AX – Conversion of premises to rear of shop to 3 units of accommodation – 13 High Street, Watton

The Council recommend refusal as they consider it to be an overdevelopment of the site and are extremely concerned that there is no access for emergency vehicles.

3PL/2014/0184/F – T R Scott Properties, The Hollies, Church Road, Griston, IP25 6QU – Conversion of existing building, containing 2 Residential units to 4 residential units (retrospective).

The Council recommends refusal as they consider it to be an overdevelopment of the site and the Council's policy is to recommend refusal for any retrospective planning applications.

3PL/2014/0181/F – Nature and Nurture Childcare Ltd, 5 Tottington Terrace, The Green, Merton, Norfolk – Unit 1 Capital House currently has planning consent for use B1 offices. Change of use is required to allow use D1 class XV to allow the unit to be used as a Day Nursery provision. The

requirement for change of use is for the ground floor of Capital House. The floor (as identified on floor plan) has no planned change of use.

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Bunning with five voting for and four against that the Council recommends refusal. They realise that there is a need but do not think an industrial site is a suitable or safe place for a Children's Day Nursery.

The Meeting ended 7.45pm

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