

**Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 15 July 2014 at 7.00 pm at Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Church Road, Watton, Norfolk**

Councillors Present: J Rogers - Chairman  
K Birch - Vice Chairman  
P Blackmore, B Bunning, P Cooper, R Crabtree, K Gilbert, R Ivory,  
L McCarthy, J P McCarthy, A Osborn, R Turner

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: Doug Faulkner - Reporter, Eastern Daily Press

Members of the Public Present: Two (2)

**14/33 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Holmes and M Wassell

**14/34 INTERESTS**

Item 14/42 – Planning - Councillors JP and L McCarthy declared personal interests in this item as neighbours of the property and left the meeting when this was discussed.

Item 14/42 – Planning – Councillor R Turner declared a personal interest in this item as he is a friend of the applicant and left the meeting when this was discussed.

Item 14/43 .2 and 3 – Watton Sports Centre – Councillor P Cooper declared a personal interest in this item as an employee of the Watton Sports Centre.

Item 14/43 .2 and 3 – Watton Sports Centre – Councillors JP and L McCarthy declared personal interest in this item as Members of the Watton Sports Centre.

Item 14/43 .2 and 3 – Watton Sports Centre – Councillor R Crabtree declared a personal interest in this item as Trustee of the Watton Sports Centre.

**14/35 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 15 July 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**14/36 CHURCH WALK SIGN**

Norfolk County Council Highways had given permission for a sign to be mounted on the gates at the entrance to Church Walk junction with Dereham Road as long as it does not cause a distraction or obstruction to the highway or public right of way.

Linden Court had offered to fund part of the cost for the sign if they could be included on the sign.

It was agreed that the wording of the sign be as follows:-

CHURCH WALK  
Leading to LINDEN COURT  
IP25 6ET

#### **14/37 FUNDING – CHARLOTTE HARVEY TRUST**

Councillor Bunning asked on behalf of the Charlotte Harvey Trust if the Council would consider giving the £18,156.00 Tax support grant as a grant to the Charlotte Harvey Trust (Youth and Community Centre) towards much needed repair and maintenance.

It was proposed by Councillor P Blackmore and seconded by Councillor R Turner and

**RESOLVED**

(Voting: 10 for with 2 Against)

That the Tax Support Grant be made available up to £18,156.00 to the Charlotte Harvey Trust.

#### **14/38 WATTON MUSEUM**

A letter had been received from Bonnie Robertson explaining that there is interest in the town in a museum for Watton.

It was proposed by Councillor K Gilbert, seconded by Councillor P Blackmore and agreed that the Council gives their support to a feasibility study and suggest that a group is formed to carry this out.

#### **14/39 COMMONWEALTH DAY**

All Town and Parish councils had been invited to take part in the Raising of the Commonwealth Flag each year on Commonwealth Day commencing on 9 March 2015. Commonwealth flags are being provided free of charge to Councils which wish to take part.

It was proposed by Councillor P Cooper, seconded by Councillor K Birch and

**RESOLVED**

(Voting: 11 for with 1 Abstention)

That the Council take part in the raising of the flag on Commonwealth Day.

#### **14/40 HOT WATER CYLINDER – WAYLAND HALL**

The electrical parts need to be replaced as soon as possible.

It was proposed by Councillor J Rogers, seconded by Councillor R Crabtree and agreed that the hot water cylinder be repaired.

#### **14/41 LOVELL GARDEN PLAY AREA – LITTER**

Councillor Bunning had requested that the Council re-look at the litter problem at the Lovell Garden play area due to the amount of litter and school holidays approaching.

It was proposed by Councillor R Ivory, seconded by Councillor B Bunning and agreed that Serco be asked to litter pick on Monday and Friday each week during the school holiday period.

#### **14/42 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

3PL/2014/0640 – Mr Patel, Four Crest Care (Watton) Ltd, 4 Tercell Path, Chigwell, Essex - Minor material amendment to pp 3PL/2012/0491/F - revised design

No objection

3PL/2010/0511/F – Mr & Mrs Draycot – Demolition outbuilding and erection of two storey rear extension, 44 Brandon Road.

Application has been withdrawn.

### **Attenuation Tank Fence Height – Abel Development – Norwich Road**

Mr Abel produced photographs of the fence which had been passed by Breckland Council for a site in Swaffham which was three foot high. Members felt that his was more attractive than a five foot fence.

It was proposed by Councillor P Cooper, seconded by Councillor R Ivory and

**RESOLVED**

(Voting: 10 for with 1 against and 1 abstention)

That a three foot fence was acceptable around the attenuation tank site at the Abel's Development on Norwich Road.

### **14/43 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor J Rogers, seconded by Councillor R Crabtree 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 and Staffing Matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

1. To agree the Tender for the new heating system Wayland Hall

It was proposed by Councillor R Ivory, seconded by Councillor R Crabtree and agreed that MCL be awarded the contract at a cost of £3829 plus VAT.

2. To agree the Tenders for the fence at the Watton Sports Centre play area

Members discussed the necessity to replace the fence.

It was proposed by Councillor K Gilbert, seconded by Councillor R Turner and

**RESOLVED**

(Voting: 8 for with 4 abstentions)

That the fence would not be replaced.

3. To agree the grant conditions for Watton Sports Centre

This was deferred until legal advice had been received from the Council's solicitor.

The meeting ended 8.10pm

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