

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 7.30 pm

Held at Wayland Hall, Middle Street, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6AG in the Council Chamber.

Councillors Present: J Rogers Chairman, K Birch Vice Chairman, P Blackmore, B Bunning, R Crabtree, K Gilbert, M Holmes, J P McCarthy, L McCarthy, R Turner

Officers Present: J Scarrott - Locum Clerk for the meeting
Member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team

Members of the Public Present: 3

14/271 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from P Cooper, J Fishlock, S Hebborn, M Wassell.

14/272 INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest made.

14/273 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th February 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14/274 REPORTS

Report from Community Police

An update on the priorities set at the last Safer Neighbourhood Team Meeting was given. Anti-social behaviour in Lime Tree Walk, Harvey Street and Church Walk has been targeted with patrols being undertaken. Littering concerns seem to be improving in Harvey Street and seven people have been stopped within the designated no alcohol areas and alcohol has been confiscated.

Cycling on the pavement and bikes without adequate lights are issues that have been addressed with 25 cyclists having been stopped in the town since January 14th. Tickets have been issued and fines can be in the region of £60.

It was noted a homeless person who has been of concern in the town has recently been jailed. It is hoped he will be found accommodation when he is released from prison.

It was also noted that hatching markings are worn on an area of the car park opposite Tesco's which is resulting in cars parking inappropriately and blocking pedestrian access. Issues reported to the PSCO attending the meeting were a problem with litter in Church Road and rubbish in ditches.

Report from District Councillor Keith Gilbert

Cllr. Gilbert reported that he had attended the Breckland Planning Meeting at which he spoke against planning application 3PL/2014/0672/F (development at Red Hill Park). The application was refused planning permission.

14/275 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was asked when development of Thetford Road East is likely to be on the Town Council meeting agenda.

14/276 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman has attended the Twinning Association Annual Dinner at Richmond Park Golf Club.

14/277 VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Attended Twinning Association Dinner as above.

14/278 PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Payments as previously circulated were approved by all.

14/279

No presentation as had been on the agenda was given as Mr Edwards who was to give the presentation was unable to attend.

14/280 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATE

It was agreed by all that the next Full Council Meeting will be held on March 17th instead of the original date set.

14/281 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1.1 3PL/ 2015/0175/F – Erection of a new dwelling (revised scheme) 2 South View Close, Watton, Norfolk IP25 6HE - retrospective application

The Council had no objections

1.2 3PL/2015/0164/F – Extension of property at 258 Lovell Gardens, Watton

The Council had no objection

1.3 It was noted planning application 3PL/2014/1314/O has been amended with the full details of access and the footpath link through open space removed.