

Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 24 September 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, B Bunning, R Crabtree, M Holmes, M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: PCSO Rob Cootes -Norfolk Constabulary

13/61 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors R Ivory, K Gilbert, P Cooper, JP McCarthy, R Turner, District Councillor Claire Bowes, County Councillor Stan Hebborn and Sergeant Marie Reavey – Norfolk Constabulary.

13/62 INTERESTS

Item 13/72 1.1 - Grants - Councillor R Crabtree declared a personal interest as a member of the Carnival Committee.

Item 13/72 1.4 - Grants - Councillor R Crabtree declared a personal interest as one of the organisers of the Watton Senior Citizens Party.

Item 13/67 - Clerks Report - Councillor M Wassell declared a personal interest as a relative of the purchaser.

13/63 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 10 September 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13/64 COMMUNITY REPORTS

1.1 Police

Crime Figures circulated

PCSO Cootes informed Members that PC Button had replaced Sergeant Marie Reavey as the new SNT Beat Manager due to her promotion.

Police priorities were a BMX track at Portal Avenue, where problems were occurring. Councillor Wassell reported that Breckland Council were looking to arrange a meeting to include Bennett Homes, Breckland Council, the police and residents to discuss options.

The other priority was cycling on the pavements and it was stated that fixed fines would be given.

Members requested that the crime figures show crime per head of population.

1.2 District Councillor Michael Wassell

Report: Appendix 'A'

13/65 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

30 August	Weeze Twinning Visit
7 September	Watton Festival
	Opening of Claire's cabin at the Sports Centre
9 September	Total Health - Well Week – Blood Pressure Tests

11 September	RAFA Battle of Britain service
13 September	Concert - Methodist Church
15 September	Battle of Britain service at Thetford, Chairman of Wymondham Civic Service
16 September	Norfolk Scouts AGM –

13/66 VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

1 September	Dereham Civic Service
7 September	Hog Roast Redhill Park
11 September	RAFA Battle of Britain Service
14 September	Watton Community exhibition

It was agreed that a letter be sent to RAFA requesting that in future, invitations to the Battle of Britain Service be sent to the Council in advance so that Members could plan their diaries.

13/67 CLERKS REPORT

The Notice Board housing the scaled canvas print replica of the Watton Town Millennium Ceramic Tiled Mural had been positioned on the wall in Chaston Place.

The Clerk informed Members that a letter had been sent on behalf of the Council and residents of Watton congratulating the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of Prince George, A letter of acknowledgement had been received from Kensington Palace on behalf of the Duke and Duchess.

The Clerk reported that an offer had been received to purchase the old Christmas Lights.

It was proposed by Councillor K Birch, seconded by Councillor B Bunning and

RESOLVED

That the old Christmas Lights be sold for £500 and that the money be used as sponsorship for the Christmas Market.

13/68 PAYMENTS

Proposed by Councillor K Birch, seconded by Councillor B Bunning and agreed that payments for September be approved

13/69 MAYOR’S CADET

A request had been received from the Royal Air Force Air Cadets for the Mayor to have a ‘Mayors Cadet’ to accompany the Mayor on Civic Events.

Members discussed the request and agreed to wait for replies from other Towns.

13/70 INDUSTRIAL UNIT

The Chairman reported that the lease for the industrial unit was due to expire at the end of the month.

It was proposed by Councillor M Holmes, seconded by Councillor P Blackmore and agreed that the lease on the industrial unit be extended for a further six years and that the increase of £200 per annum be accepted.

13/71 GAS HOUSE

Report: Appendix ‘B’

Members noted Councillor K Gilberts report.

It was proposed by Councillor P Blackmore, seconded by Councillor J Rogers and

RESOLVED

That the Council is not interested in purchasing or registering an interest in the Old Gas House or Land.

13/72 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3PL/2010/2013/0858 – Mr Harvey, Dereham Road, Watton, Norfolk – Alterations to design of materials chosen (Bricks, Tiles and joinery details).

No Objection

13/73 GRANTS

1.1 A Grant application has been received from Watton Carnival Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Blackmore, seconded by Councillor J Rogers and

RESOLVED

That a grant of £500 be awarded to the Watton Carnival Committee.

1.2 A Grant application had been received from Watton Rugby Club

It was proposed by Councillor P Blackmore, seconded by Councillor M Holmes and

RESOLVED

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Watton Rugby Club

1.3 A Grant application had been received from Watton Netball Club

It was proposed by Councillor K Birch, seconded by Councillor R Crabtree and

RESOLVED

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Watton Netball Club

1.4 A Grant application had been received from Watton Senior Citizens Party

It was proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor P Blackmore and

RESOLVED

That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Watton Senior Citizens Party

The Meeting ended 8:05pm

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