

**Minutes of the meeting of WATTON TOWN COUNCIL held on Tuesday 26 November 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, P Cooper, R Crabtree, K Gilbert (for items 13/103 – 13/106. 1.2), M Holmes, R Ivory, J P McCarthy, R Turner, M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk  
M Craigie – Administration Assistant

Members of the Public Present: Two (2)

**13/103 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor County Councillor Stan Hebborn

**13/104 INTERESTS**

Item 13/115 1.2 and 1.3 - Planning Applications 3PL/2013/1046/F and 3PL/2013/1047/LB, Councillor B Bunning declared a personal interest due to the proximity of the application to her address.

Item 13/111 - Street Lights – Councillor M Wassell declared a personal interest as Leader of Breckland Council.

**13/105 MINUTES**

Councillor Gilbert queried the accuracy of minute 13/102 of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 12 November 2013.

It was agreed that further advice would be taken on the Resolution to exclude the press and public for consideration of working papers as part of the budget process.

**13/106 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**1.1 Police**

Crime Figures circulated

**1.2 District Councillor Keith Gilbert**

Councillor Gilbert reported that he did not think that the request for a roundabout on the Hopkins Homes development on Thetford Road would be agreed, as it would have to be built on land that the developer did not own. It was proposed to have a right turn access lane from the town.

Breckland had agreed that the Parish grant would not be passed to the Town and Parishes.

He was very supportive of work on Members Development for which Breckland held the Gold standard Charter Plus Award.

**1.3 District Councillor Michael Wassell**

Report submitted – Appendix 'A'

**13/107 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Watton Festival Event
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – War Graves Service, St Mary's Church
- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service at War Memorial followed by service at St Mary's Church
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Amorists Service, Chaston Place
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – ATC Presentation Evening at St Mary's Church
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Wayland Players
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Craft Fair, Methodist Chapel
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – Dance Unleashed production

**13/108 VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- November 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service at War Memorial followed by service at St Mary's Church

**13/109 CLERKS REPORT**

Letter received from the Senior Citizens Christmas Party organisers thanking Council for their grant.

Norfolk County Council Environment, Transport and Development had informed Council that they had looked into road closures in Watton and were prepared to allow up to four per year. This would include both the Carnival which had already been booked for 8 June 2014 and a Christmas Market.

Norfolk County Council Highways had agreed to repair the two pot holes in Church Walk free of charge. They had also arranged to accompany the Clerk on an inspection to look at the surface of the whole area which is pitted to recommend the best way forward for re-surfacing.

**13/110 PAYMENTS**

It was agreed that payments for November be approved

**13/111 STREET LIGHTS TRANSFER**

Members discussed costs of replacing, maintaining and running the Street lights if transferred from Breckland.

It was agreed that the costs calculated by the Clerk be sent to Breckland and that further developments which required street lighting should form part of the 106 agreement.

**13/112 CAB GRANT**

Members had further queries with the figures supplied and agreed that more clarification was needed before the grant was paid.

**13/113 DRAFT BUDGET**

The draft budget was submitted.

It was proposed by Councillor M Wassell, seconded by Councillor J P McCarthy and

RESOLVED

That the draft budget be agreed to go forward to be formally ratified by the Council in January 2014.

### **13/114            OPEN SPACE TRANSFER**

Members agreed that further investigation with regard to the attenuation system was needed before any decision could be made on the open space transfer from the development on Norwich Road.

It was agreed that Councillors R Crabtree, J P McCarthy and J Rogers would meet with the developer for this further investigation.

### **13/115            PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**1.1**        3PL/2013/1053/F – Mr Pointer, 113 Dereham Road, Watton – Bungalow roof raised to provide 1<sup>st</sup> floor accommodation, rebuild garages and garden room to replace conservatory.

The Council had no objection.

**1.2**        3PL/2013/1046/F – D Burdett, c/o 11 Charing Cross, Norwich, Norfolk – Divide shop to 2 smaller units extend use class to B1 Office and A1 Retail. Alterations to unit 2 (disabled toilet & kitchen) – 13 High Street, Watton.

The Council had no objection.

**1.3**        3PL/2013/1047/LB - D Burdett, c/o 11 Charing Cross, Norwich, Norfolk - Divide shop to 2 smaller units extend use class to B1 Office and A1 Retail. Alterations to unit 2 (disabled toilet & kitchen) – 13 High Street, Watton.

The Council had no objection.

**1.4**        3PL/2013/1080 – W Pointer, Old Timbers, Thompson Road, Griston, Norfolk erection of front single storey extension with landing area in roof space and side single storey extension, 38 Dereham Road, Watton.

The Council had no objection.

The Meeting ended 8.45pm  
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