

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON  
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** A Winnington (acting Chairman)  
K Dunbar G Smith R Bird T Bishopp M Large  
S Ellis G Wilby S Tong C Earnshaw W Croucher

**Also present:**

Fthr J Bloomfield  
BCllr Beal and BCllr Bird  
L Powell Town Clerk and J Roomes Deputy Clerk  
Members of the Public x 9  
Press x 1

**Prayers:**

Fthr Bloomfield led the Council in Prayers.

1. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from the Mayor Cllr Johnson who was attending a prior engagement, Cllr Murray who was at a Civic Voice Congress and Cllr Jones who was unwell.  
Apologies were also received from BCllr Bower.
2. Public Question Time  
There were no questions asked from the public.
3. Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest.
4. Police Liaison Officer  
The Clerk read a report she had received from Inspector John Bane.  
From 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, 14 offences had been recorded.  
6 more than the same time last year.  
Burglary dwelling x 1 crime.  
Burglary other than dwelling x 2 crimes.  
Violent Crime x 3 crimes.  
Theft x 3 crimes.  
Criminal damage x 3 crimes.  
Miscellaneous offences x 2 crimes.
5. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk  
**BCllr Beal** gave the following report:  
Pay & Display car park figures for April – September 2016 were 261,069, up by 27,832 on last year. 21,261 of these sales were for overnight parking, daytime sales were up 6,571 on last year.  
The Skate Park is still closed and we are awaiting quotes to repair/replace.  
Amenity attendances are down to the warm summer and more people on beaches:
  - i. Pitch and Putt down by 891 on last year.
  - ii. Foot Gold down by 285 on last year.
  - iii. Crazy Golf down by 994.
  - iv. Pitch & Putt down by 994

- v. Putting Green down by 671
- vi. Outdoor Bowls down by 476

New goal posts have been put in place at the local recreational ground.  
Chamber of Trade Christmas lights will be re-installed on spinney and canopy taken down for the Christmas tree.

6. Norfolk County Council

**BCllr Bird** gave a short report amalgamating both County & Borough issues.  
Regional Flood Coastal Committee now has a new multi million pound resilience system in 7 areas around the UK, with Ely supporting East Anglia.  
Flood defenses are being rebuilt around the Burnham Rivers due to the receipt of a substantial amount of funding coming forward.  
The One Public Estate is still an ongoing issue.  
Smithdon School will cease to be a Local Authority School soon. West Norfolk Academy Trust will be taking it over, however, at this moment in time, no 6<sup>th</sup> form is predicted for the foreseeable future.  
Coastal Path initiative is still on going and on schedule. A new coastal cycle route is now being worked on to go alongside.  
Hidden Treasures Initiative are working on 7 new cycle routes off the main route between Hunstanton and Sutton Bridge.  
New LDF is coming forward, last LDF just been signed off.  
Retirement homes will be coming up for discussion again.  
New bus routes are being looked in to by John Dobson & Ben Caulson  
Coastal Community Theme is coming to fruition.  
Local flood area's from Hunstanton to Walsingham Creak is being re designated from receiving a 25% Government Grant Aid to a 43% Government Grant Aid.

**BCllr Bird** asked for questions:

**Cllr Croucher** asked was there was a maintenance team working at the old school as she had noticed that work was needed on the property and grounds?

**BCllr Bird** advised that there was a guardian system in place where people moved in at low rental to look after the place and that grass and drainage problems had being attended to.

7. Mayor's Remarks

No report given.

8. Minutes – confirmation of

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.

The minutes of this meeting had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Murray asked for the following amendments:

Agenda for Full Council Item 12 – Environment Agency to be asked how they monitor the beach and the cliffs?

Minutes from Full Council 23 Sept Item 2 should say the playground is in Old Hunstanton.

Item 6 should read 'County' not 'Country'.

Item 9 should read 'Tesco to up **their** game.

Item 12 – The motion that item 8 should proceed was lost (2 for, 10 against).

**RESOLVED** (unanimous) the amended minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 be signed as a true record.

9. Minutes, Matters Arising  
The Clerk advised that since the last meeting it has come to light that it is not possible to dress the Henry Le Strange statue as a Lord High Admiral. The statue of Henry Le Strange will therefore be dressed as a Victorian Gentleman.
10. Questions  
There had been no questions submitted.
11. Accounts for Payment  
Consideration was given to payment of Schedules of Accounts No 17/07 for the Town Council, No T17/07 for the Tourist Information Centre and No C17/07 for the Community Centre. Copies of these schedules were distributed to members prior to the meeting.  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) Accounts No 17/07 for the Town Council, No T17/07 for the TIC and No C17/07 for the Community Centre be approved for payment.
12. Committee Recommendations  
**Finance Committee**  
Consideration was given to 6 Recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016.  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) 6 Recommendations be approved.  
**Quality Council**  
Cllr Earnshaw requested Recommendation 4 be withdrawn for consideration from this meeting pending further information and it be an Agenda Item at next Quality Council Committee Meeting.  
**RESOLVED** (10 for, 1 against) Recommendation 4 be withdrawn and added as an Agenda Item at next Quality Council Committee.  
Consideration was given to Recommendations 1 – 3 made at the meeting of the Quality Council Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016.  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) Recommendations 1 to 3 be approved.
13. Meeting Dates  
Consideration was given to the meeting dates for 2017 as provided by the Clerk prior to meeting.  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) Meeting dates for 2017 be approved
14. Grant Applications  
Consideration was given to any available grants for which to apply and for what project. No projects required funding at this time.
15. Committees / Working Parties  
Consideration was given to Cllr Croucher's requested to join the Employment Working Party and Yvonne Bridger to join the Syrian Refugee Befriending Working Party.  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) Cllr Croucher to join Employment Working Party and Yvonne Bridger to join the Syrian Refugee Befriending Working Party.
16. Co-option of new Councillors  
There were six members of the public standing for the three vacancies to be filled by co-option. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak about themselves and why they wished to join the Council. Three questions were asked from the floor, the same question

was put to each candidate. The candidates were then given the opportunity to leave the room while voting took place, but they did not have to do so.

**RESOLVED** The three newly co-opted Councillors be Cllr Amanda Bosworth, Cllr Amanda Knight and Cllr Yvonne Bridger.

It was agreed that it had been a difficult decision due to the high caliber of all candidates.

17. Correspondence

1. Letter received from Dick Melton regarding the employment of R.N.L.I. Coast Guards on Hunstanton and Brancaster Beaches during summer season. Copy of attached letter he has received from Cllr Brian Long.

#1 Cllr Dunbar requested this item to be read out.

18. Public Question Time

Mr J Maiden congratulated the new Councillors. He advised that the most appropriate place for the Henry le Strange statue would be in front of the Heritage Centre but people were saying this is not part of the Green, according to the covenant it is.

Mr Ruston congratulated the new Councillors and hoped they enjoyed their time in office.

Meeting Closed 8.06 pm