

4. Police Liaison Officer

The Clerk had received a report from John Bane advising that he is now the temporary Inspector for Hunstanton. He reported the following:

From 18th August 2016 to 22nd September 2016 15 offences had been recorded.

17 less than the same time last year.

Violent Crimes x 2 crimes

Theft x 7 crimes

Criminal Damage x 2 crimes

A man up a ladder was threatened in the town centre that he would be pushed off it.

2 persons cautioned for possession of Cannabis in the town.

1 person cautioned for growing 2 plants in his garden.

5. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

BCllr Bower gave the following short report:

Progress of the Esplanade Gardens - tenders for the work will go out in October, interviews to take place in January and work to start in February. All work should be finished by July '17 and will be done in stages to cause as little disruption to the cliff top as possible.

Butterfly shelters have been inspected and as per the conditions of the Heritage Lottery fund they will be repaired.

The Skate Park is now closed. The Borough Council are looking at options to replace the equipment as the cost last time to repair the park was £5000.

August car park figures in Hunstanton and Heacham were up 13000 over last year with 7000 tickets purchased after 6pm.

BCllr Bower asked for questions:

- Cllr Dunbar asked why the Poultry Farm at Sedgeford had been passed when there had been a tremendous amount of opposition?
- BCllr Bower replied that the majority of arguments put forward from protesters against the Poultry Farm was mainly concerns for the care of the chickens. This was not a planning matter.

BCllr Bird gave the following report:

The Planters in Lincoln Square have gone, apparently to be re-cycled in Downham Market.

The policy at KLWNBC for claiming expenses has made it very difficult to claim mileage. Many Cllrs have complained without success, however there is to be a new app for the I-pad that will apparently be helpful.

People are putting the wrong things in to green bins. Nappies - adults and children's, pizza boxes with pizza still inside etc., costing the council £100,000. One in eight of the bales that are going to the recycle centre are contaminated so instead of earning a revenue of £100 per bale, we are being charged £38 to dispose of it.

A new system is being put in place for the recordings of proceedings in KL&WNBC. One Public Estate – Cllr Bird has asked for a revue and report and expect one from the portfolio holder at the next full BCKLWN meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan, the Town Prospectus and the redundant One Public Estate will be linked in to the report. Important to get the redundant school, Valentine Road complex, Bus Station and many of the assets included in to the One Public Estate.

Rats and Rodents – concerns have been expressed about the lack of direction and lead on how to deal with the rodent pests of the town. Clearly the problem is not helped by locals and residents alike throwing out food for the bird's, in itself a problem.

Youth Development – preliminary discussions with representatives of the Youth Advisory Board about the setting up of an office and instating a youth worker for this N.W. corner of Norfolk have been held.

There is another bus problem that has evolved and people are trying hard to put a policy/plan to the bus companies.

Litter on beaches is being discussed and a plan is being looked at.

Cllr Bird has been asked to work on a self-build housing plan. This would give people the option to build their own houses within the Borough of West Norfolk. He will be attending 5 meetings to try and sort out some opportunities in this area.

BCllr Bird asked for questions/comments.

Cllr Bishopp thought that more advertising was needed to make aware to the public what should be going in to the green bins. He also advised that he had been approached by several residents regarding rodent problems. BCllr Bird agreed more advertising was necessary to ensure correct items were going in to green bins. He will also circulate details of the person at KLWNBC to contact regarding rodent problems.

Cllr Dunbar asked if there were any plans to put differential bins in the town for recyclables? BCllr Bird agreed to put this suggestion forward to Borough Council.

6. Norfolk County Council

NCC Cllr Bird reported that there has been no Full Council meeting since 25/07/16 with the next meeting being 17/10/16 however there have been special ‘Devolution Meetings’ that are single item agenda’s. The National Government is taking longer than expected to come up with a final vision of what is on offer with meetings at both KLWNBC and NCC being cancelled to accommodate these delays. Most experts are suggesting that should Devolution fail, the country will inevitably head towards a Unitary Government. Nobody is prepared for it and no plans have been considered for it.

Ash dieback (Chalara) is spreading very quickly. There is no cure for this disease and affected trees have to be felled. Trees under 10 years of age are likely to die within 2 – 5 years and trees of 40 years old will die in 3 – 5 years. NCC has allocated £110k funding for 3 years to report in partnership with the Woodland Trust to map locations and numbers of Ash trees and their conditions. Devon CC reports that the worst case scenario assumes 90% mortality and based on a figure of £400 per tree potential costs to farmers, councils and others could be in the order of £160m.

A recent application for a Care Home development in Heacham was stopped due to a report dated 2008 which stated we do not need Care Homes anymore. Cllr Bird said he is pleased to say he has been able to have this report updated and rewritten and it will be in the public domain within a few months.

7. Mayor’s Remarks

The Mayor reported that it had been another eventful time this month and had attended the following:

Ingleby Bowls Club competition, a wet but very enjoyable day. He gave thanks to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for all their hard work in organising the event.

The raising of the Red Ensign Flag on Admiralty Day that had been organized by Cllr Jones and flag raised by Cllr Bird. Cllr Winnington and Cllr Ellis were also in attendance.

100th Birthday of Mrs. Richards of Park Road, Hunstanton. The Mayor had great pleasure in presenting her a card and flowers on the Town Councils behalf.

The Mayor's Tea Party in the Mayors Parlour at King's Lynn with his wife Linda was a lovely event and the food was good!
The Kite Festival and Classic Car Rally was a really brilliant day, their best ever event. Beating previous attendance records and monies raised. The Mayor applauded the Rotary Club for all their hard work.

8. Minutes – confirmation of

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 19th August 2016.

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

RESOLVED (11 for, 1 abstention) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th August 2016 be signed as a true record.

9. Minutes, Matters Arising

Cllr Bird advised there had been no reports until the motorbike incident in the Oasis Car Park.

The Clerk advised the pathway had been cleared between Tesco's and Alexander Way. Tesco are to up there profile in the community.

for Cllr Winnington said only NCC had replied to the letter regarding using Harry's Way Construction traffic. The Clerk read out HTC's original letter and NCC's response advising only small light vans would use the access and only up to nine vehicles a day.

10. Questions

There had been no questions submitted.

11. Accounts for Payment

Consideration was given to payment of Schedules of Accounts No 17/06 for the Town Council, No T17/06 for the Tourist Information Centre and No C17/06 for the Community Centre. Copies of these schedules were distributed to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED (unanimous) Accounts No 17/06 for the Town Council, No T17/06 for the TIC and No C17/06 for the Community Centre be approved for payment.

12. Committee Recommendations

Consideration was given to adopt the 8 Recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 14th September 2016.

Cllr Earnshaw requested that recommendation 8, payment of £25 per head for the staffs Christmas meal be revisited for discussion. This item had been recommended (9 for, 2 against) at the Finance Committee 14th September 2016.

Cllr Earnshaw disagreed strongly in the use of public money in this way. She was however, happy to personally give £25. Cllr Bird felt that this was a way of thanking the staff for those little extras they carried out.

He requested to go to the vote. Cllr Dunbar agreed the staff should be shown some appreciation. Cllr Tong said the staff should be told of the Council's appreciation. Cllr Earnshaw felt strongly against this agenda item and proceeded to hold up a letter of resignation should this recommendation go through. Cllr Bird reminded Councillors that at the last Finance Committee meeting this agenda item was recommended 9 for, 2 against. The Clerk responded by pointing out that extra time was always put in beyond all staff in their working hours.

RESOLVED Item 8 not to proceed (2 for, 10 against).

RESOLVED Recommendations 1 – 7 be approved.

13. Planning Restrictions
Consideration was given to writing to Cllr Long and Alan Gomm at the BCKLWN with regards to planning restrictions in flood zones.
RESOLVED (unanimously) to write to Cllr Long and Alan Gomm at the BCKLWN with regards to planning restrictions in flood zones.
14. External Auditors Report
Consideration was given to the External Auditors Report. Copy distributed to members prior to the meet
RESOLVED (unanimously) to accept the External Auditors Report.
15. Grant Applications
Consideration was given to any available grants for which to apply and for what project. No projects required funding at this time.
16. Committees / Working Parties
Cllr Winnington requested to join the Special Expenses working party.
17. Donation to Christmas Tree Lights
Consideration was given to the request from Chamber of Trade for a donation to the new High Street Christmas Lights.
RESOLVED (unanimously) not to grant a donation to the Chamber of Trade towards the new High Street Christmas Lights.
18. Correspondence
 1. Email dated 15th September (emailed to all Councillors)
Notification of New Property Address
Five Frying Fish, 19B The Green, Hunstanton
 2. Email dated 15th September (emailed to all Councillors)
Notification of New Property Address
Joes Family Restaurant, 19A The Green, Hunstanton
 3. Email from Suffolk & Norfolk ALC (emailed to all Councillors)
The response from the two Associations to the Consultation on Devolution for the two counties).
 4. Letter dated 9th September from Mrs Ledger (a visitor on holiday)
A letter of thanks for keeping Hunstanton so clean and tidy and the gardens so lovely (copy forwarded to Resort services).
 5. Letter dated 18th August from Mrs Brooks (a visitor on holiday)
A letter saying how much she enjoyed her holiday but complaining about the broken telescope (copy forwarded to Resort Services).
 6. Email dated 13th September from Brian Holmes (emailed to Councillors)
An email regarding Hopkins Homes Roundabout.
 7. Letter dated 14th September from Mr Melton
A letter of thanks for contacting Tesco and getting the path to Alexander Road cleared.

#3 Cllr Murray requested this item to be read out. The Clerk advised that this item had been emailed to him prior to the meeting.

#4 At the request of Cllr Dunbar this item was read out in full.

#5 At the request of Cllr Dunbar this item was read out in full.

In reply to #1 the Deputy Clerk to forward copy to Cllr Murray.

In reply to #5 the Clerk to contact Resort Services regarding the broken telescope.

21. Public Question Time

- . Yvonne Bridger commented on Agenda 12 Item, the discussion over point 8. She said it was not her place to question HTC's protocol but she could see how strong feelings run from this issue. From an outsider, the debate that took place affected the second decision. She said she almost felt like saying that in any vote, on any issue, on any matter, that the resignation card should not be played. The nature of the vote altered because of Cllr Earnshaw's action. She said she felt shocked at what had happened in the meeting and that as a matter of protocol/policy this issue should be discussed and action be put in to place to prevent this happening in the future.

Meeting Closed 9.03pm