

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 2012 AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor: Cllr. E Clutton Deputy Mayor. Cllr C Dunbar

Town Councillors: R Bird C Bower J Maiden R Davies L Brister
R Webb G Smith D Jones p/t A Murray J Johnson
B Devlin C Earnshaw J Smith C Allman

Also present:-

1 x member of the Public
BCllr E Watson
S Bett p/t
Sgt R Curl p/t
Press x 1
Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplin the Mayor led prayers.

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Godfrey-Cole and BCllr P Beal.

5. Outgoing Norfolk County Councillor's remarks

This item was brought forward at the request of the Mayor.

Mr S Bett reported that he was no longer a Norfolk County Councillor having been elected as the new Police and Crime Commissioner with a budget of £150 m under his control. A Deputy who had excellent credentials had been appointed. He had enjoyed his terms of office as a Norfolk councillor and thanked HTC for its support. He would be establishing an office locally to make himself available to various groups.

Mr S Bett left the meeting at 6:44 pm

2. Residents Question Time

There were no resident's questions.

3. Police Liaison Officer

Sgt R Curl gave the following report.

11 crimes in total recorded since the last meeting. There were 9 in the same period last year of broadly similar nature. The neighbourhood as a whole is currently recording 14% less crime than last year to date.

5 of these crimes resulted from one incident of alcohol-related anti social behaviour. A small group of youths present in the town with one 19 year old from Dersingham drinking heavily and damaging a table outside the Copper Kettle café and subsequently being involved in damage to a number of vehicles in Avenue Road. After being identified by CCTV at the bus station he was arrested and said he was too drunk to remember what had happened. He was charged with 3 offences and given bail conditions not to enter Hunstanton.

There were other damages recorded to the Seagate Public Toilets, and a motor vehicle parked on a drive in Campbell Close. There was one burglary of a dwelling in that items were taken from a residents room in a mutli-occupancy premises in Park Road.

One theft from motor vehicle recorded. A sat nav was taken from a vehicle with no damage being caused, suggesting that the vehicle may have been left unlocked and insecure. That took place in York Avenue. There was an attempted theft from the coin box of a BT payphone opposite the bus station. One low value shoplifting offence was dealt with by means of the 17 year old local offender being banned from the store, writing a letter of apology and agreeing to undertake litter picking in Tesco car park.
There were no questions.

Sgt Curl left the meeting at 6:50 pm

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

BCllr E Watson commented on the mainly positive reaction there had been over the Spinney proposals and thanked HTC members for their attendance at the open exhibition. The LDF was grinding on with lots of meetings.

Cllr Maiden asked whether the stakes for the newly planted trees on the Green were adequate and BCllr Watson assured him that they were. Cllr J Smith thought that something should be done about the old garage site rather than spending money on the Spinney and BCllr Watson thought that improvements to the Spinney would make the garage site an improved investment opportunity.

BCllr R Bird reported that there were 60 derelict sites Borough wide and Hunstanton had 3 and these needed to be made more of a priority. The 3 sites had been visited recently and there had been promises to re-galvanise their development. There was a real priority for 15 more social houses and the Town Clerk reported that as a matter of urgency there was money available until 1st April, at the Borough, and asked the BCllrs to establish whether the money could be used to compulsory purchase land. BCllr Bird reported that a panel from the Sailing Club was involved in the Lifestyles event and with regard to the Rail Track BCllr B Long was now being supportive.

Cllr D Jones left the meeting at 7:00 pm

5. Norfolk County Council

There was no report

6. Mayor's Remarks

The Mayor gave the following report:-

Last month I was very proud, on behalf of Hunstanton, to be invited to Norwich to accept the EDP Pride in Norfolk Award for the Community of Year 2012 and runners up of the Community Building award for the Basement.

The community spirit which has led to this coveted award was once again demonstrated at the Carol Concert held in the Town Hall; led by the Town Concert Band and Community Choir, with a variety of readings and musical/dramatic performances, this showed us all why Hunstanton was again a worthy winner.

I have been busy this with a variety of Christmas events including a Coffee morning at the Library, carol concerts and am looking forward to 'Pinocchio' at the Town and 'The Elf that saved Christmas' at the Princess Theatre.

Thursday 31st January brings the 60th Anniversary of the 1953 Floods, and to mark the occasion a short commemoration at 2pm at the Flood Memorial in The Esplanade Gardens, followed by a service in St Edmund's Church at 2.30pm. Also during the afternoon and evening at the Princess Theatre there will be slide show, photographs and an opportunity to talk with other interested people. We are reminded at such events of the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf and I hope our event will be a fitting tribute. Councillors please put this date in your diary as it would be nice to support us on the 31st.

It was interesting to view and discuss the ideas for The Spinney area this afternoon with landscape architects this afternoon at the Community Centre. This event was well attended. We will look forward to more details emerging after this consultation.

Finally, I hope you all have a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

7. Minutes – Confirmation of
The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 16 November 2012, copies of which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes of 16th November 2012 were approved.
8. Minutes – Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
9. Questions
No questions had been submitted.
10. Committee Recommendations
The Recommendations made at the General Purpose, Quality Council, Town Hall Management & Finance Committee meetings held on 5th December 2012, copies of the minutes, which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 5 December 2012 be adopted.
It was noted that Cllr Davies was not present at the Quality Council Committee meeting and the Town Clerk reported that with regard to the one recommendation from the meeting the BCKLWN had agreed to repair the 2 poor sections of the Community Centre field fence.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Quality Council Committee held on 5 December 2012 be adopted.
It was noted that Cllr Jones was not present at the meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee held on 5 December 2012 be adopted.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 5 December 2012 be adopted.
11. Planning Application 12/01905/FM
Consideration was given to planning application 12/01905/FM, Development of 15 affordable

housing units with associated landscaping, parking and highway works at Land North of 131 Waveney Road Hunstanton Norfolk. Members had been requested to view these plans on the BCKLWN's website prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED (1 abstention) planning application 12/01905/FM Development of 15 affordable housing units be supported.

12. £500 Community Award

Consideration was given on how to spend the £500 winner's community award. Cllr Webb suggested that it should be used to commence promotion of the start/finish of Coastal Path and bringing people into the TIC by the purchase of a suitable plaque and post. However Cllr Maiden thought that although it was a worthy cause but funding for such things was readily available through the Heritage Lottery fund and proposed that the £500 be used to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the 1953 floods in January 2013 by helping to pay for a pipe band for example. This was supported by Cllr Devlin. Cllr Dunbar suggested the establishment of a Community Award project. This was supported by Cllr Earnshaw and suggested that the Community Contingency budget could be used to support the flood commemoration. Cllr Bower also supported the idea of a project award.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the Community Contingency budget be used to support the flood commemorations and the use of the 2012 Community Winner £500 Award be deferred to the January Finance Committee meeting.

13. Correspondence

1. **BCKLWN** Notification of new property addresses Melton Drive area.
2. **NCC** Notification of re-surfacing Southend Road & diversion 4th February 2013.
3. **NCC** Norfolk Scams Awareness 2013
4. **NCC** News of Book appeal for children in care.
5. **NCC** Gritting Routes Winter 2012/2013
6. **NCC** 'Your Norfolk' Magazine Issue 39 Winter 2012
7. **WNVCA** 'In Touch' magazine December 2012
8. **Momentum** Members Magazine 1st December 2012
9. **CPRE** "Field Work" magazine winter 2012
10. **OPCCN** Introducing new Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk
11. **First Capital** Train Timetable 9 Dec 2012 to 18 May 2013
12. **Maureen Hoverd** Thank you card
13. **John Giller** letter dated 30th November 2012 re:- thanks for use of basement.
14. **Maureen Grimes** letter dated 23 Nov 2012 to Mayor re:- Reis Leming memorial
15. **Henry Bellingham** letter dated 14 Nov 2012 re:-correspondence from Mr A Rider re:- Hunstanton cliff edge maintenance and Deputy Clerk's reply to Mr Bellingham dated 19 Nov 2012.
16. **Richard Charles** letter dated 19 Nov 2012 re:- Dilapidated public toilets

- and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 21 Nov 2012.
17. **Ryan Deadman** letter dated 4 Dec 2012 re:- Streetlighting in Greevegate and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 10 Dec 2012.
18. **Paris Smith** letter dated 28 Nov 2012 re:- Skate Parks and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 10 Dec 2012
19. **John Plummer** letter dated 28 Nov 2012 re:- Crescent Road traffic problems and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 10 Dec 2012
20. **Esmé Ashton** undated letter re:- Grit Bin provision for Northgate/Cliff Terrace and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 21 Nov 2012
21. **M A White** undated letter re:- Grit Bin provision for Cliff Terrace and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 20 Nov 2012
22. **David Smith** email dated 29 Nov 2012 re:- Grit Bin provision for Sarah's Road and Town Clerk's reply dated 29 Nov 2012
23. **R A Bullard** letter dated 10 Dec 2012 re:- Grit Bin provision Nelson Drive and Deputy Clerk's reply dated 11 Dec 2012
24. **R Melton** letter dated 11 Dec 2012 re:- Litter and streetlights
+ Deputy Clerk's reply

- #19 At the request of Cllr Devlin the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and the Deputy Clerk's reply.
#18 At the request of Cllr Maiden the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and the Deputy Clerk's reply.

Cllr Bird noted the number of issues relating to the BCKLWN remit and suggested HTC needed to form a pressure group to tackle the issues.

Agreed the matter be placed on the next General Purpose Committee meeting.

- #17 At the request of Cllr Johnson the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and the Deputy Clerk's reply.
#15 At the request of Cllr Murray the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and the Deputy Clerk's reply.
#13 At the request of Cllr Bird the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and the Deputy Clerk's reply.
#12 At the request of the Mayor the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and the Deputy Clerk's reply.

Cllr Bird called for Youth Development issues to be placed on the next Quality Council agenda.

- #14 At the request of Cllr Earnshaw the Deputy Clerk read out the letter.

14. Additional Residents Question Time

Mr P Richardson thanked HTC for a wonderful year in Hunstanton and all it had done and he wished all members the season's best wishes.

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm.