

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
FRIDAY 14th MARCH 2014 AT 6:30 PM

Present: Deputy Mayor: Cllr C Bower

Town Councillors: A Boardman J Maiden G Smith D Harrington S Ellis
G Gooderson A Murray J Johnson

Also present:-

Members of the Public x 2

Press x 1

Town Clerk

Fthr John Bloomfield led the Council in prayers.

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Earnshaw, E Clutton, R Davies, BCllr P Beal and the Deputy Town Clerk.

2. Residents Question Time

Mrs Bird advised that there would be a collection at Sainsbury for the Foodbank at the weekend. There had been an upsurge in usage from all aspects of the community. There is a list available of what is required.

Mr Parish from Heacham congratulated HTC on their decision to object to the McCarthy & Stone development and asked if they would also be objecting to the proposed Searles development to the South of the town. The Deputy Mayor advised that the application would be fully deliberated when it was registered.

Cllr Maiden suggested a meeting with Heacham Parish Council would be beneficial to discuss the application. It was agreed to arrange this once the application had been lodged.

3. Police Liaison Officer

There was no police representative present and no report had been received.

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

BCllr Bird reported that there are 3 eyesore sights in Hunstanton: the proposed McCarthy & Stone site, the Kit Kat site and the site on Oasis Way. He has brought them to the attention of BCKLWN but with 100 sites like this across the Borough, Hunstanton's keep moving down the list.

The budget was set at the last meeting, a Band D property in Hunstanton is £209.78, this being the second highest in the Borough. Old Hunstanton is £124.16, King's Lynn £153.42. This proves that Special Expenses need investigating.

The Manager of the Sealife Centre is asking for higher sea defence walls. Cllr Bird gave documentation regarding a Community Emergency Plan to the Deputy Mayor. This document is about all authorities being prepared for another eventuality. It is the first steps for localised emergency work.

Cllr Murray asked if the information for the Community Emergency Plan was on the website, Cllr Bird confirmed it was.

5. Norfolk County Council

NCllr R Bird reported that the debate over the incinerator goes on, it has split NCC down the middle. There is to be an Extraordinary General Meeting on 4th April where the issue of the incinerator will be voted on again and the vote will again be tight.

It was looking likely that Hunstanton infant school would amalgamate with Redgate. There was a £500k set aside for a new building. Residents were voicing concerns over increased traffic. A roundabout would be too expensive at up to £1million. The school at Gt. Bircham was closing and amalgamating with Docking School. It is second homes that effects schools.

The Clerk asked, as there hadn't been the need to use grit and gritting staff this year due to the mild weather, what would the money in that budget be used for. Cllr Bird was unsure but thought it may be put towards pot hole repairs.

Cllr. Murray asked if there was any progress on the A149 crossing. Cllr. Bird advised that the work would start in the new financial year. However, somebody had decided that no crossing was required just an island extension. Cllr Bird is to meet on 18th March with the architect. Cllr Bird to keep HTC informed.

The Clerk asked if there was going to be a ceiling put on tax band D properties at Borough level as there was talk of this at parish level. Cllr Bird was unsure at this time.

6. Mayor's Remarks

Due to the Mayor being unwell, the Deputy Mayor gave the following report:

A reminder that the Mayor's Charity Gala will take place in the Town Hall on Sunday 23rd March at 7pm.

The Mayor's Reception will take place on Friday 25th April in the Town Hall.

The Mayor will be doing a blindfolded walk on 14th April to raise awareness of the difficulties the blind have to contend with.

The Spinney will be officially opened on 26th April, celebrations are planned.

Thanks to those Cllr who resigned for all their hard work.

7. Minutes – Confirmation of

The minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 14th February 2014, a copy of which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14th February 2014 were approved.

8. Minutes – Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that the Deputy Clerk was now out of hospital and recovering at home.

9. Questions

No questions had been submitted.

10. Committee Recommendations

The recommendations made at the General Purpose, Finance, Quality Council and Town Hall Management Committee meetings held on 5th March 2014, 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 5th March 2014 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 5th March 2014 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Quality Council Committee held on 5th March 2014 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee held on 5th March 2014 be adopted.

11. Correspondence

1. **Norfolk Constabulary** Safer Neighbourhood new monthly newsletter.
2. **Momentum** Members monthly magazine.
3. **WNVCA** Lite Touch March Newsletter
4. **Mr. D Melton** Letter dated 27th February regarding the beach recharge.
5. **Mr. D Melton** Poem regarding the noise from lorries on Waveney Road due to Sheepfield works.
6. **Hunstanton F.C.** Note of thanks for donation to Football Club.

#6 At the request of Cllr Gooderson the Clerk read out the letter.

#4 At the request of Cllr Murray the Clerk read out the letter.

#5 At the request of Cllr Maiden the Clerk read out the poem.

12. Additional Residents Question Time

Mr Parish suggested that in the Community Emergency Plan there should be mention of the necessity to empty the rubbish bins.

Meeting closed at 7.06pm.