

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

BCllr Bower reported that Hunstanton had done very well in Anglia in Bloom, receiving 2 gold awards, also nominated for awards were Searles Leisure, Boston Square, Northfield Allotments and the Community Orchard. She gave gratitude and thanks for all the hardworking people in the town who keep it looking so lovely. Cllr Bower advised that the King's Lynn NORA project is to be put forward for Enterprise Zone status, this could mean up to 2,200 new jobs. She reported that NCC had been looking to get permission for three or four residential units on the Infant School site but now were looking to convert the building for office use by NCC and the Health Service. More information will be available at the end of the month. She went on to report that Brancaster followed by South Wootton have submitted their Neighbourhood Development Plan, they have been examined by the Inspector and now will move to a referendum. Finally Cllr Bower reported that David Morton had advised that more notices will go up warning about walking out to sandbanks.

BCllr Beal reported that he had met with Tim Humphries who has advised that a mobile phone app will be available soon. The official closing date for placing an advert in the Holiday Guide is 21st September but this may be extended to 21st October. Cllr Beal also reported that David Morton had advised that the new flood gates had worked well during the August high tides. Some unhappy news is that since 8 July 2015, 8 water tests had been undertaken, 5 of these had failed so Hunstanton will not be awarded the Blue flag next year. Visitor car parking numbers had increased from 15,000 in August last year to 28,000 in August this year. Visits to Pitch & Putt were up by 25%. Cllr Beal reported that he had spoken to Alistair Cox about Christmas lights on the Spinney, but had been advised that they would cost £15k, this could possibly be funded from the McCarthy & Stone money. Cllr Beal finally reported that a feasibility study will be going ahead for a marina to enable water sports everyday, this study will cost £50k with the funding coming from the Coastal Communities Fund.

Cllr Earnshaw asked if Hunstanton could borrow the trailer which is used as headquarters for major events. Cllr Beal will look into it.

BCllr Bird reported that he had attended a draft statement of accounts meeting, members should look at the pension pot, he has a set of accounts available. During the course of the meeting it was reported that there had been 11 counts of misconduct raised but no action taken on any.

6. Norfolk County Council

BCllr R Bird reported that there are currently two issues at County Hall. One being the massive reductions in budget, another 20-25% reduction again. This will shortly be in the press. The cuts are likely to be in Social Services, Communities and EDT, hence Cllr Bird fears mostly for the young and the elderly. The other

issue is that the Government has decided that there will be cycling and walking all around England. The part between Sutton Bridge and King's Lynn will be open by 2020. This may be good for the economy as study has shown that people who walk or ride spend more than those travelling by car.

7. Mayor's Remarks

The Mayor said he was very sorry to receive the resignation of Cllr King but could understand his need to develop his business. The Mayor reported that in the past couple of months he had attended a multitude of functions within the town. He especially enjoyed the Celebratory Evening at Smithdon High School, hearing about the overall achievements under the new Headteacher, Mr P Marsh. He had also attended a Full Council meeting at Downham Market. The Mayor updated Councillors on the hearing of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies which is to re-commence on 30 September. The proposals for King's Lynn, West Lynn and West Winch will feature on 1st October and the 22 Development Management Policies on 2nd October. The proposals for Hunstanton will not be until the afternoon of 3rd November.

8. Minutes – confirmation of

An Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 20th August 2015. The minutes of this meeting had been distributed to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Croucher explained that she had sent her apologies but they were not noted in the minutes.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes of the Extra Full Town Council Meeting held on 20th August 2015 be signed as a true record.

9. Minutes, Matters Arising

Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of 20 August 2015 –Item 2 Standards Committee

The Clerk reminded Councillors that Mr Maiden had reported that there may be a vacancy on the Standards Committee now that he was no longer a Councillor. She had looked in to this but had been advised that a letter will be sent out shortly requesting parish volunteers to sit on the committee.

The Clerk advised that a read only account would shortly be set up on SAGE so Councillors will be able to access the accounts at any time.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they are all invited into the hall for the prize giving of the HDFA Photographic Competition after the meeting.

10. Questions

No Questions had been submitted.

11. Committee Recommendations

Consideration was given to the adoption of recommendations made at the meetings of General Purpose, Finance and Quality Council Committees held on 9th September 2015. Copies of the minutes of these meetings had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 9th September 2015 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 9th September 2015 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendation of the Quality Council Committee meeting held on 9th September 2015 be adopted.

12. Accounts for Payment

Consideration was given to payment of Schedules of Accounts No16/06a for the Town Council, and No T16/06a Tourist Information Centre. Copies of these schedules were distributed to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: Accounts 16/06a HTC and 16/06a TIC, be approved for payment

13. Grant Applications

Consideration was given to any available grants for which to apply and for what project. No projects required funding at this time.

14. Committees/Working Parties

Consideration was given to any members that wish to join or leave any committee or working party.

RESOLVED (unanimous) The Clerk to leave the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

15. Correspondence

A summary of miscellaneous correspondence received since the last meeting was available for members at the meeting.

1. **BCKLWN** Property Address change: Annexe at Pebblecroft Park Road to 81 Park Road.
2. **Alive Leisure** Women's running courses for beginners, extra leaflets available.
3. **Dave Shepherd** Email complaining about the public toilets on the Cliff Top Car Park.
4. **Kevin Jones** Email complaining about the noise from jet skis.

#3 At the request of Cllr Wilby, the Assistant to the Clerk read out this item in full.

#4 At the request of Cllr Murray the Assistant to the Clerk read out this item in full.

#2 At the request of Cllr Dunbar, the Assistant to the Clerk gave a précis of this item.

16. Public Question Time

Mr P Richardson reiterated what great Anglia in Bloom results Hunstanton had achieved and said that we are now known as the Golden Borough. He had brought with him for display the winning awards. He thanked Team Hunstanton for all their hard work. The Mayor thanked Mr Richardson for being the team leader.

Meeting Closed 7.34pm