

HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in
Hunstanton Council Chamber on Friday 16th August 2019

Present: The Mayor Cllr Amanda Bosworth Deputy Mayor Cllr Bishopp
Cllrs Present: Howard, Croucher, Knight, Le May, Johnson, Ruston, Corby, Kidd, Jowett, McKimm,
Smith, Easeman, Murray, Winnington.
Also Present: BCllr Bower
BCllr Beal
NCC Cllr Jamieson (6.55pm)
Sgt Tom Metcalfe
Tracey Allen & Jackie Cushing – Community Action Norfolk (CAN)
Gabrielle Mortlock – Heacham Community Car Scheme
Town Clerk Jan Roomes
Clerk's Assistant Jennifer Christie
Members of the public x 3

1. Apologies for Absence

1. No apologies for absence, all members present.
2. Not required.

2. Public Question Time

There were no questions asked.

3. Police Liaison Officer

Sgt Tom Metcalfe gave the following report:

From 18th July 2019 to the 14th August 2019 we have recorded 18 offences during this period.

Violent Crime - 8 Crimes

Assault GBH – Male has been assaulted by three associates, causing deep cut to the rear of his head. Investigation ongoing.

Assault ABH – Domestic argument on campsite whereby female has assaulted male by throwing an item at his head. Does not support police action.

Assault ABH – Domestic argument in the street between two holiday makers, male has punched and pushed female – Arrested.

Common Assault – Domestic argument, male has grabbed female during altercation – Arrested.

Common Assault – Domestic argument, female has assaulted ex-partner by punching him. Victim does not support police action.

Common Assault – Male party states that he was assaulted on his way home from the pub. No lines of enquiry available to ascertain further information.

Common Assault – Domestic argument over children's property, scuffle has led to minor injury on females' arms. Victim does not support police action.

Assault on Emergency Worker – Male has assaulted police officer, who was in the process of arresting him by spitting in his face. Arrested and charged.

Theft - 7 Crimes

Burglary – 'Friends' of the victim have allegedly entered the property and stolen some money from within.

Theft Shops x 2 – Two persons have stolen laundry detergent and chocolate from a shop.

Theft Shops – Male stole alcohol from supermarket – enquiries ongoing.

Theft Other – Whilst victim was in hospital it is alleged that several items have been taken from his house.

Theft Other – Female lodger has gone back to collect property and found a watch to be missing.

Theft of Motor Vehicle – Moped stolen from outside property. Recovered a short while later – enquiries still ongoing.

Criminal Damage - 1 Crime

To a building – During domestic argument, ex-partner has attended and smashed glass in the front door. Linked to above assault. Victim does not support.

Public Order - 2 Crimes

Disorderly Behaviour – Male verbally abused store staff having been asked to leave. Words of advice given as per victim's wishes.

Disorderly Behaviour – Verbal argument at amusements over refusal to honour prize won. Words of advice given.

Councillor Corby questioned the finding of needles in certain areas of the town and Sgt Metcalfe explained that patrols have been escalated to deal with the issue.

The Mayor stated that she had been informed of young persons with alcohol on the beach and in the orchard area and Sgt Metcalfe agreed that these matters should continue to be reported to the police.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Howard declared an interest in agenda item 13.

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

BCllr Bower gave a brief report on the following:

- New library at Attleborough
- The future survey on the carbon footprint in West Norfolk, how West Norfolk is proactive regarding climate change and high areas of high CO2 emissions in King's Lynn
- A consultation would be forthcoming to address One Public Estate. The Mayor asked if Hemmingway Designs would be addressed at the consultation. BCllr Bower explained that a separate consultation for the Hemmingway project would be held at a future time

BCllr Beal gave a presentation of a sign he had produced for local traders to display in regards to cutting down on plastic packaging. Kemps Greengrocers had been proactive by removing plastic punnets from their goods.

Cllr Knight congratulated BCllr Beal on his presentation.

Cllr Croucher requested a sign be shown on the HTC notice board.

Cllr Murray stated his appreciation of the rubbish container placed on the bottom of the cliff top car park.

6. Norfolk County Council

This agenda item was deferred until the arrival of NCC Cllr Jamieson (see 6 below)

7. Mayor's Remarks

The Mayor Cllr Amanda Bosworth gave the following report:

August is traditionally a quiet month with a reduced number of civic commitments and scheduled work meetings; this allows us some time to work on projects and papers that have been put on the back burner.

I am pleased to say that the "Message from the Mayor" column will reappear in Town and Around as of September, with the intention of widening its scope in future to include contributions from other Councillors and a wider range of the Council's activities.

I will leave it to colleagues to report on a visit to Attleborough Library, a meeting with Pigeon Developments on a revised planning application for land adjacent to the industrial estate and an update on organisation of our new Festive Funday on 1 December as they will be covered later in the agenda.

I will just report that a group of us had the pleasure of visiting RAF Mildenhall this morning for the 67th SOS Change of Command, when BJ Kelly took over from Marty Weeks. We wish Marty a fond farewell and look forward to welcoming BJ back to Hunstanton later in the year. Thanks go to John Maiden for organisation of the trip and special thanks to Steve Roomes, who kindly drove the minibus there and back.

8. Minutes – confirmation of
The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 19th July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.
Copy circulated to members prior to meeting.
9. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 19th July 2019.
10. Questions
The Mayor advised that Standing Orders is currently being revised.
11. Accounts for Payment
Consideration and authorisation was given for payment Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 20/04, the Tourist Information Centre No T20/04 and the Community Centre No C20/04. Copies of these Schedules circulated to members prior to the meeting. Consideration and authorisation was given for payment Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 20/04a, the Tourist Information Centre No T20/04a and the Community Centre No C20/04a. Copies of these Schedules circulated to members prior to the meeting.
12. Community Action Norfolk
Presentation from Tracy Allan and Jackie Cushing on Good Neighbourhood Schemes and the services CAN (Community Action Norfolk) offers. A 2 year project funded by the national lottery to deal with loneliness and social isolation for adults and offers artistic workshops, free sports services and telephone befriending services. CAN offers practical support for training, materials and marketing for voluntary organisations plus the project 'No Cold Shoulder' where there is funding for DBS checks and a volunteer help line. Cllr Ruston questioned whether Hunstanton needed this service and was informed that this would be additional help to the current, existing services in the town. Cllr Easeman enquired if the information would be available in different formats for the visually impaired and was informed that the organisation could look into this request. Cllr Kidd stated that the red font used on the documents would cause problems to people with dyslexia and the comment was noted and appreciated. Cllr Murray stated that similar services are offered at our local Library and was informed that they offer to work in conjunction with existing services. The Mayor attended the launch of the organisation approves of the service. Cllr Croucher approves of any scheme that helps others.
- The Mayor requested Agenda 6 be addressed next as NCC Cllr Jamieson had now arrived at the meeting.*
6. Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Jamieson reported on the finance required for future projects including adult social care. There is a lack of information at present from central government regarding the support grants and the deficit is approximately £71 million for the budgets for financial years 2020 to 2022. NCC Cllr Jamieson was happy to report that the broadband improvements in Hunstanton are gathering momentum and the town is next in line for the works to be carried out. There are no plans to place additional masts in the town in answer to a question from Cllr Jowett.
- The Mayor asked if the speed masts on the A149 were operational and was informed that they are not at this moment in time.
 - Cllr Kidd commented on the confusion of the proposed speed limits and the signs would have to be altered to show 50 mph.
 - Cllr Smith voiced concerns about speeding motorbikes and was assured that they would be detected.
 - Cllr Corby was not happy about the current road marking on the A149.

13. Quiet Room Community Centre

- i. The Clerk reported Heacham Community Car Scheme could not accept either a one-year or 18 months hire agreement for the Quiet Room at the Community Centre as it was simply just not cost effective for them to move for anything less than a 3-year period. The Clerk asked members to consider their request as HTC had other long-term hirers that had been with them for over 5 years.
- ii. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the terms of renting the Community Centre on a long-term basis. Cllr Bishopp advised members that currently the rentals are month by month and no guarantees are offered for longer periods. The issue was that the car scheme wanted a 'guaranteed' 3-year rental. Several Councillors supported the request for a 3-year rental agreement and considered the application a valuable cause.
 - Cllr Ruston proposed to offer a 3-year agreement seconded by Cllr Knight
 - The Mayor proposed to close discussions and defer to the working party, this was seconded by Cllr Bishopp.

RECOMMENDATION to refer this agenda item to the Business Development Working party for further discussion. Seconded Cllr Bishopp (the second recommendation was voted on first as per Standing Orders).

RESOLVED (7 for, 5 against and 4 abstentions) no reasons were given by the 4 councillors for abstaining.

14. Hunstanton in Bloom

Cllr Winnington gave the following report on Hunstanton in Bloom.

` At July's full council meeting the chairman of Hunstanton In Bloom, Borough Councillor Carol Bower, thanked a number of people for their contributions to Hunstanton In Bloom. I would like to start this report by adding a few more thanks.

To Carol for steering us through another very busy campaign;

Mark and Maureen Dyble for their organisation of the annual front garden competition, and also for sterling work in the kitchen;

Derek Cosby and the team at the Northfield Allotments for another brilliant display;

Margi Blunden and the team from the Civic Society for the work they do on their beds;

Diana Hallard for her work with the businesses in the town centre;

Maria Rix for producing incredible floral arrangements for the buffet table;

Christine Cumming for the loan of her bone china once again;

Mike Ruston for the rainbow bikes around the town;

James Dunbar for the windmill birds on the peace poles;

HTC for hosting the judging days in the town hall and the TIC/HTC for providing "Sunny Hunny" goodie bags for the judges;

And especially Chris Durham and his team of borough gardeners, cleaners and litter pickers for the many hours, many very early in the morning, spent in making our town look so fantastic this summer. I also want to thank the borough council for producing our exemplary Hunstanton In Bloom Portfolio.

Anglia In Bloom judges visited the town on 19th July and Britain In Bloom judges had their judging tour on 30th July, although they stayed in town on the previous night. We were fortunate with the weather on both days and think that both sets of judges were pleased with what they saw. We will not know how highly we achieved until the awards presentations – Anglia In Bloom 10th September at St Ives, Cambs. – Britain In Bloom at RHS HQ in London on 25th October.

Finally, not really In Bloom, a garden journalist contacted the town clerk asking for information about our gardens for an article he has been commissioned to write for the Daily Telegraph. This is about "seaside gardens and floral plantings" in Britain. After consulting Chris Durham I sent some information about our Esplanade Gardens to the journalist and hopefully something about Hunstanton will be included in the article on Saturday 24th August.

15. Chamber of Trade
Cllr Ruston advised Cllr Croucher is HTC's representative for Chamber of Trade and should give future reports to council.
No meeting held this month, date to be set for next meeting.
16. Neighbourhood Plan
Consideration was given to an agreement in principle a figure in the region of £1,000 for a Health Check to be carried out on the Neighbourhood Plan.
RECOMMENDATION (Cllr Murray, seconded Cllr Corby) HTC to agree principle a figure in the region of £1,000 for a Health Check to be carried out on the Neighbourhood Plan.
RESOLVED (unanimous) HTC to agree in principle a figure in the region of £1,000 for a Health Check to be carried out on the Neighbourhood Plan.
17. Civic Society
Cllr Murray gave the following report:
Pre-booked guided tours of the Lighthouse and the Infant school will be available during September. A special showing of the full-length Plastic Ocean Film is scheduled at the Town Hall on Wednesday 18th September 2019 in conjunction with Cllr Knight and Refill Hunstanton.
18. Planning
Cllr Kidd gave the following report:
19/00778/A Vacant 15 The Green Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 5AH - Advertisement application for 1 x internally illuminated fascia sign. . **Application permitted by BCKLWN.**
19/00936/F 9 Lincoln Square North Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6DW - Demolition of existing garage and construction of detached studio, gym and sun room. Application supported by HTC.
Application Withdrawn.
9/00860/F 9 York Avenue Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6BU - Proposed dwelling following sub-division. Application Not Supported by HTC. Application pending decision by BCKLWN.
19/01199/F Rocksand 60 Victoria Avenue Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6BX - Single storey rear extension and garden wall. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.
19/01101/F 9 Clarence Road Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6HQ - Construction of rear extension and external cladding to existing structure. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.
19/01103/F 8 Hastings Drive Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6HB - External material alterations to dwelling. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.
19/01316/F 34 Hill Street Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 5BS – Two Storey Extension. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.
19/01422/F - Flat 32 Hamon Court 1 St Edmunds Terrace Hunstanton Norfolk - Proposed 4th floor window to flat 32. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.
19/01294/F - **Waterside Bar Beach Terrace Road Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 5BQ.** Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/01179/F. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.
18/01724/NMA - 25 Kings Road Hunstanton Norfolk PE36 6ES - NON- MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING CONSENT 18/01724/F: Construction of Extension and Alterations to existing dwelling involving demolition of conservatory and outbuilding. New Application to be reviewed by HTC.

19. Town Hall Curtains
- a) Consideration was given to the quotations for replacement curtains:
RECOMMENDATION (Cllr Bishopp seconded Cllr Croucher) HTC accept the quotation from Cameo.
RESOLVED (10 for, 5 against) HTC accept the quotation for new curtains in the Town Hall from Cameo.

Lighting

- b) Cllr Bishopp advised he was still awaiting a second quotation and requested the agenda item be considered at a future meeting.

20. Fire Ladder

Consideration was given to purchasing a Fire Escape Ladder for the Clerk's Office / Council Chamber at an approximate cost of £150. This is a Health & Safety issue that requires addressing as a matter of urgency.

RECOMMENDATION (Cllr Bishopp seconded Cllr Johnson) HTC purchase a Fire Escape Ladder for the Clerk's office / Council Chamber at an approximate cost of £150.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) HTC purchase a Fire Escape Ladder for the Clerk's Office / Council Chamber at an approximate cost of £150.

21. Recommendations from Working Parties

Environment WP held 6th August 2019

- a) **RESOLVED** (13 for, 1 against, 2 Abstentions) HTC declare a climate emergency and to address by writing to King's Lynn Borough Council.
Cllr Ruston left the meeting at 8.40p.m as the meeting had overrun the 2 hours as stated in Standing Orders
- b) **RESOLVED** (Unanimous) a sum of £500 be allocated to the purchase of environmentally free stock for resale in the TIC.
- c) **RESOLVED** (9 for, 4 against, 2 Abstentions) to purchase 1 x Ballot Voting Bin at a maximum cost of £400.

Minutes of the Environment working party circulated to members prior to meeting.

At the request of the Mayor, due to the fact the meeting had gone over 2 hours the following Agenda Item No's 22 – 26 were withdrawn from the meeting.

22. Attleborough Library Visit

To receive a report from members who attended the recent Attleborough Library meeting with NCC Cllr Jamieson, NCC & Library Representatives.

WITHDRAWN – Clerk to circulate a detailed report from Cllr Murray who had recently visited Attleborough Library with Richard Bird.

23. Pigeon Developments

To receive a report from members attending the recent meeting with Pigeon Developments.

WITHDRAWN

24. Caretaker's Report

To receive the Caretaker's Report.

Copy circulated to members prior to meeting.

WITHDRAWN

25. Clerk's Report

To receive the Clerk's Report.

Copy circulated to members prior to meeting.

WITHDRAWN

26. Festival of Christmas

To receive an update on Festival of Christmas 2019.

WITHDRAWN

27. Committees/Working Parties

Consideration was given to:

BCllr Beal, Cllrs Easeman & Winnington to join the Environment Working Party

Cllrs Johnson & Bishopp to join E-Planning

Members agreed (unanimous) BCllr Beal, Cllrs Easeman & Winnington to join the Environment Working Party, Cllrs Johnson & Bishopp to join E-Planning.

28. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated to members by email prior to meeting:

- I. Mrs R – Not enough brown signs promoting Hunstanton from King's Lynn
- II. Mr T – Complaint in regards to the artwork at the fairground
- III. Mr M – Still no lifeguards on beach and razor fish coming ashore
- IV. A tourist – received damage to her car whilst parked in Hunstanton
- V. Resident – complaint re cooking smells coming from 17 The Green
- VI. Town & Around – High Tides

29. Public Question Time

A member of the Public informed Council that she had contacted Waitrose Supermarket's to make them aware of the empty shop in the High Street as a possible retail outlet.

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m