

# HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held in Council Chamber on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6pm

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**Present:** Cllrs; Winnington (Chair), Howard, Ruston, Croucher, Kidd, Smith, Johnston, McKimm, Easeman, Murray

**Also Present:** Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk Mr Peter Wilson MBE DL  
Smithdon Head Teacher Amanda Gibbins, Head Girl Caitlin Wagg &  
Head Boy Theophilus Bazeley-Smith  
T/Inspector Alex Boucher  
Members of the public x 3  
Town Clerk Jan Roomes

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Corby, Cllr Jamieson & BCllr Beal.

2. **Co-option**

Members considered one applicant for co-option to Hunstanton Town Council Mr Mark Williamson.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Cllr Winnington, seconded Cllr Ruston) Mr Mark Williamson be co-opted to HTC.

**RESOLVED** (unanimous) Mr Mark Williamson co-opted to HTC.

Cllr Williamson took a seat at the table, read and signed the declaration.

***At the request of the Mayor agenda item no. 11 was brought forward.***

11. **Lord-Lieutenant's Commemorative Plaque**

The Mayor welcomed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk Mr Peter Wilson MBE DL to the meeting to present to the town of Hunstanton with a '**Commemorative Plaque**' as a symbol of Hunstanton's resilience during the covid pandemic. Vice Lord-Lieutenant Wilson stated "This plaque is a memory, In future years we will find our citizens of this unique moment in time, reflect the unique ways in all Norfolk's communities came together to support each other."

The Mayor read the following;

*"This plaque is presented to the community not to the Town Council. It is all down to people, people who were at work, carers working in Care Homes or visiting, doctors, dentist, pharmacies, other businesses in the town, teacher's, bus drivers and also other key workers like our own Town Clerk & Property Officer. Groups looking after other, collecting medicine, food and so much more to those who were unable to leave their homes, providing comfort and support to those who were bereaved or ill themselves. Generally being good neighbours. The actions of the town and Borough Councils in providing on street guidance and sanitisers. I do not think many realise how schools had to change during this pandemic, multi-tasking and finding new ways of working.*

*To receive the Plaque with me I would like to invite Head Girl Caitlin & Head Boy Theo from Smithdon School along with Mark Williamson representing the Round Table, just one of the groups that had worked hard ensuring people had food, their medicines and generally being on call 24/7".*

Lord-Lieutenant Wilson proceeded to present the Plaque.

***At the request of the Mayor agenda item 12 was brought forward***

12. **Smithdon School**

An excellent and very interesting presentation was received from the Head Teacher Amanda Gibbins and Head Girl Caitlin Wagg and Head Boy Theophilus Bazely-Smith about the school and life as a student.

3. **Public Question Time**

One member of the public asked if members knew of an industrial chemist as he had an idea relating to flooding. The Mayor replied it was an interesting idea however no member knew of an industrial chemist.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no members' declarations of interest.

5. **Minutes – confirmation of**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

7. **Police Report**

T/Inspector Alex Boucher gave the following report;

From– Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 we have recorded 25 offences during this period.

**Assaults – 5 Crimes**

**Actual Bodily Harm** – Victim alleged that named suspect punched him in face, causing bruised eye. The victim would not support any further police action. Filed.

**Common Assault** – domestic assault related minor scratches to arm. Victim not supporting any further police action and no independent witnesses. Filed

**Common Assault** – Verbal argument and homophobic name calling amongst youths. Victim declined any further police action. Filed.

**Common Assault** – victim was spat at by an unknown male whilst in a store. Investigation ongoing.

**Common Assault** – victim alleged that a female punched in the face. Victim was unable to provide any further details. No further lines of enquiry. Filed.

**Burglary – 1 Crime**

**Burglary non dwelling** – unknown person(s) have forced entry to pay booths at amusement park. Damage caused and nothing stolen. No further lines of enquiry. Filed.

**Drugs – 1 Crime**

**Possession Class B** – Officers attended an address to person suffering mental health crisis and small amount of cannabis recovered. Formal action against the offender not in the public interest. Filed.

**Criminal Damage – 2 Crimes**

**Criminal Damage** – Suspect throw stones at victim's car whilst he was driving, causing minor damage to paintwork & glass – ongoing investigation.

**Criminal Damage** – Suspect has pushed over amusement machine causing damage – ongoing investigation.

**Public Order – 6 Crimes**

**Fear or provocation of violence** – male made verbal threats towards victim. The victim does not support any further police action. Filed.

**Causing intentional harassment/alarm/distress** – verbal threats made towards victim whilst in a store - ongoing investigation.

**Causing intentional harassment/alarm/distress** – unknown youths have pushed over a pellet within the store and made verbal threats. No further lines of enquiry. Filed.

**Causing intentional harassment/alarm/distress** – verbal threats made towards victim whilst they were out on the street - ongoing investigation.

**Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in public place X2** – Suspect has made a verbal threat with a Stanley knife towards two victims. Victims wanted words of advice only given by police. Filed.

**Theft – 10 crimes**

**Theft - Shops x 4 and Attempted Theft Shops x 1** – The same suspect has entered a Supermarket over 5 different occasions and stolen items from the store. Suspect has been arrested and interviewed. Charged and remand to Court and sentenced to 12 weeks imprisonment.

**Theft – Shops** – Suspect entered store and stole a pair of jeans. No further lines of enquiry. Filed.

**Theft – Shops** – Suspect has entered store and stole a pack of beer. Suspect has been given Fixed Penalty Notice for Theft.

**Theft – Person** – Victim alleged that unknown suspect has stolen money from them, while they were intoxicated. No further lines of enquiry. Filed.

**Theft – Other** – Suspect stole money from an amusement machine that had been pushed over by another person. Suspect has since returned money to the owner. Victim happy and no longer wishes police to take any further action. Filed.

**Theft – Other** – Unknown person(s) have removed sailing dingy from a boat trailer by causing damage to the padlock and Laser Dingy boat has not been recovered. No further lines of enquiry. Filed .

**8. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk**

BCllr Beal sent a message to the Clerk stating the meeting he had arranged with Matthew Henry and Deputy Leader to discuss waste however it was cancelled due to illness. The meeting has been rescheduled for this coming Thursday and will keep HTC updated.

**9. Norfolk County Council**

No report for this meeting was received from Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Jamieson however the Mayor advised Cllr Jamieson emails the Clerk regular reports for the Clerk to circulates.

**10. Mayors Report**

The Mayor gave the following report:

As we have a very full agenda this evening my Mayor's report is brief.

Since our last meeting I have been honoured to attend a number of events in the town including the weekly Park Run along the Prom and the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks display. These, and many other events and activities in Hunstanton, are organised by dedicated teams of volunteers and I would like to thank them all once again. Some events are really too big for one group to organise and so I am very pleased that during the last few weeks a number of organisations in the town have come together at the Town Council's bequest to form a Hunstanton Events Committee. The committee has already started putting in place plans to re-instate Hunstanton Carnival in June next year.

The major event this month was the Remembrance Day Parade and Service at the Cenotaph. It was so good to see so many people turning out to honour the fallen. It was especially pleasing that the commander and members of the USAF 67<sup>th</sup> SOS were able to join us in our commemorations and we look forward to welcoming them back to the town for the Anniversary of the Floods at the end of January next year. Perhaps my greatest honour during Remembrance was to be asked to present a very special medal and badge to Sid and Betty Miller who between them have given 120 years of service to the Royal British Legion.

Hunstanton Town Council is providing financial support to some forthcoming festive events – the HDFA Christmas Craft Fair, the HDFA Christmas Tree Festival and the Town Hall Panto, Cinderella. We hope that members of our community, young, old and in between, will take the opportunity to visit and enjoy these.

**13. Accounts for Payment**

Consideration and authorisation were given to payment of Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 22/07.

**14. RBL Donation**

Consideration was given to a donation of £100 to the RBL Hunstanton Branch towards the cost of the Remembrance wreath.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Murray) a donation of £100 be given to Hunstanton Branch RBL.

**RESOLVED:** (unanimous) a donation of £100 be given to Hunstanton Branch RBL.

**15. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Murray reported he was proposing to arrange a meeting with Michael Hutchinson to discuss the NP further.

**16. Planning**

Cllr Kidd gave an update on recent planning applications.

All planning applications can be found on the BC website; [https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20077/planning\\_applications/111/view\\_and\\_track\\_planning\\_applications](https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20077/planning_applications/111/view_and_track_planning_applications)

**17. Hunstanton Observatory**

Cllr Easeman gave the following report:

There is no further major news as such

The Experience Norfolk project team are leading on the observatory tendering process, but it has been stalled for a couple of weeks or so, as an observatory business has asked some detailed questions before the final tender document is amended and sent out.

These questions asked are based around planning application process, electrical supply point and actual examples of types of acceptable exterior flooring.

As soon as the final version of the observatory tender document which includes this added information, is completed, the Experience Norfolk will be asked to circulate it.

**18. Committee Recommendations**

**General Purposes, Community & Environment Committee meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (unanimous) HTC to open a Community Emergency Plan Task & Finish Group.

**RESOLVED:** (unanimous) HTC to open a Community Emergency Plan Task & Finish Group.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (unanimous) HTC to submit Neighbourhood Plan for Referendum.

**RESOLVED:** (6 for, 1 against, 4 abstention) HTC to submit Neighbourhood Plan for Referendum.

**19. Recruit Councillors Task & Finish Group**

The notes from the Recruiting Councillors Task & Finish Group held 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were received.

- i. **RECOMMENDATION:** to accept the Recruiting Councillors Task & Finish Group 'Terms of Reference'.

**RESOLVED** Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Smith (unanimous) the Recruiting Councillors Task & Finish Group 'Terms of Reference' be accepted.

- ii. **RECOMMENDATION** (Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Croucher) HTC to conduct an awareness campaign in 2022 to attract residents to stand for the 2023 elections.

A discussion took place, Cllr Johnston proposed a newsletter go to residents early in new year and the awareness campaign take place towards the end of 2022 to attract qualified persons to come forward and stand for the 2023 elections.

**RESOLVED** (unanimous) HTC to conduct an awareness campaign in 2022 to attract qualifying persons to stand for the 2023 elections.

**20. Security Door System**

Consideration was given to installing a security door system at Turret door entrance.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Cllr Murray, seconded Cllr Kidd) to purchase the equipment at a cost of £900 + vat. Property Officer to install.

**RESOLVED** (unanimous) to purchase the equipment at a cost of £900 + vat. Property Officer to install.

**21. Committees & Task & Finish Groups**

Consideration and authorisation were given to:

Cllrs Howard, Winnington, Murray & Croucher to join the Community Emergency Plan Task & Finish Group

Cllr Croucher to leave the Employment Committee

Cllr Easeman to join the Environment Committee

Cllrs Williamson & McKimm to join General Purpose Committee

Cllr Williamson to join Community Committee

**22. Public Question Time**

1 member of the public asked;

- i. Would council consider a gun or cannon salute and a band to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flood. Mayor replied, it could possibly be considered.

- ii. How does the council feel about Unitary? The Mayor advised it was out of his remit, it would require employing a lot more staff and larger resources would be required. No discussions on this matter were taking place.

- iii. Just to advise Cllrs, there is a Film 'Spencer' on national release highlighting Hunstanton towards the end.

