

HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 6pm

Present: Mayor Cllr Howard, Deputy Mayor Cllr Ruston
Cllrs: Bishopp, Kidd, Murray, Johnston, Smith, Kitch, Croucher, Corby, Eden, Easeman, Winnington

Also Present: BCllr Bower
Members of the Public x 1
Town Clerk Jan Roomes, Louise Parton Admin Officer

Prayers: Gill Tanner (The Way Christian Fellowship) gave Prayers.
Any member of Council not wishing to participate in Prayers could leave the room as this was not an agenda item.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Williamson.
No apologies received from Cllr Jamieson.

2. Public Question Time

No questions were put to Council.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Winnington declared an interest in agenda item 9.

4. Minutes – confirmation of

4.1 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 24th August 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record. Cllr Bishopp proposed, seconded Cllr Winnington (12 for, 1 against).

4.2 The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held 7th September 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record. Cllr Bishopp proposed, seconded Cllr Kidd (unanimous).

5. Police Report

No Police Report received.

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

BCllr Bower reported;

i) How well Hunstanton had done in the In Bloom competitions and thanked BC staff and volunteers for all their hard work.

ii) Congratulated HTC on the opening of the Helping Hands Café.

Cllr Bower left before any questions could be asked by members due to following engagement.

7. Norfolk County Council

No report received from Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Jamieson.

8. Mayors Report

The Mayor gave the following report:

My report this month will be shorter than usual due to the sad loss of The Queen and the postponements of several meetings and functions.

I would like to give my thanks to all those who were involved in arranging the reading of the proclamation as there was very limited time to make arrangements, special thanks go to the Clerk who I know was working well into the night to ensure everything would go smoothly on the day and to Cllr Williamson for cutting short his time away to ensure we had speakers that worked.

The Clerk and Cllr. Bishopp will shortly be starting on 2023/24 budget, and if any councillor has anything they would like to be considered to go into the budget, could you please make the Clerk aware.

I felt the training was very worthwhile last night as we do all forget things over a period of time and refreshers are always welcome. There is also training organised for next month to do with planning, which I hope everyone will attend and benefit from.

The Mayor's Christmas Appeal will be opening 1st October, this year I have chosen a 'Food Appeal'.

9. Accounts for Payment

Consideration and authorisation was given to payment of Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 23/06 TH & 23/06 CC. Cllr Kitch proposed, seconded Cllr Corby (11 for, 2 abstentions).

10. Neighbourhood Plan

10.1 & 10.2 taken together

Cllr Murray gave a background report on the NP and requested consideration be given to review the plan and employ either Helen Morrison or Ann Skipper for advice.

A discussion took place.

Cllr Winnington proposed the NP Task & Finish Group meet to draft a report and submit to council at a future meeting. Cllr Ruston seconded the proposal (12 for, 1 abstention).

Clerk to arrange meeting date/time.

11. Councillor Surgery

Cllr Easeman & Cllr Ruston attended the Cllr Surgery Tuesday September 6th.

Cllr Easeman gave the following report;

3 residents plus two holiday visitors attended.

1 resident brought a sample of the grit in the bin by the Northgate Indian which had gone solid.

1 resident complained there were no dog poo bins along Princess Drive nor were they being emptied in the Hopkins Estate area.

1 resident stopped by for a general chat.

2 visitors to the town were very impressed with the area and interested in the information in the Town Hall regarding the 1953 floods.

A member of the public had raised concerns with Cllr Bishopp at a previous councillor surgery regarding the conditions of the roadway leading down to Old Hunstanton beach. Cllr Bishopp advised the member of public present that Old Hunstanton Parish Council had reported to NCC and were awaiting a reply.

12. Indoor Market

Cllr Eden advised the market was doing well, a quiet August however it was picking up again this month with around 20 stall holders now attending. Opening times to be 10 am – 2.30 pm from October.

Market to close 20th December '22 until March '23 for winter.

13. Northfield Allotments

Cllr Ruston reported the Allotments Committee had received grant funding in the region of £2,000 and were looking to raise more funds to purchase raised beds and an Eco friendly toilet to accommodate disabled plot holders.

14. HTC Addressing Food Poverty & Food Wastage

Cllr Eden requested agenda item 14.2 be taken first.

14.2 Helping Hands Café

Cllr Eden reported the Helping Hands Cafe project was taking off far quicker than he had anticipated it would. It was being set up to address mental health issues, offer a place to meet to address social isolation, provide a hot meal on a pay what you can basis, offer cookery courses and educate people on how to stretch a budget. Citizens Advice & Adult Services will be present each week to offer advice and the Community Supermarket will be opening 10th October. Hughes Electrical have very kindly donated 2 microwaves and a slow cooker to the Helping Hands Café as well as offering to volunteer at the Café when needed.

The Clerk advised 12 people had so far come forward to volunteer with a variety of different skill sets. HTC greatly appreciates all those who have offered their services.

14.1 Community Fridge

Cllr Eden reported the Community Fridge had been very successful for the past 18 months addressing food wastage issues. However, times had changed since the original scheme was set up, Community Fridge's are now offering a far wider range of services and it is HTC's intention to incorporate these facilities in to or Community Fridge.

Cllr Eden commended all the volunteers and coordinators for their sterling service over the past 18 months and proposed, as the Helping Hands Café was opening in the Community Hub at the Town Hall, it makes sense to incorporate the Community Fridge in to the Helping Hands Café where the kitchen facilities etc. are better suited to this project and both the Café and the Fridge could support each other. Cllr Eden proposed the Community Fridge be relocated to the Community Hub, Town Hall, Cllr Bishopp seconded.

RESOLVED (12 for, 1 abstention) The Community Fridge to relocate from the Community Fridge to the Community Hub from Wednesday 26th October 2022.

15. Town Events Team

The Clerk had circulated minutes from the last Town Events meeting and invited members to come along to the next meeting and get involved.

16. Committees, Task & Finish Groups & Panels

16.1 Ale & Music Festival Task & Finish Group

RECOMMENDATION to close the Ale & Music Festival Task & Finish Group.

RESOLVED (unanimous) to close the Ale & Music Festival Task & Finish Group.

16.2 Consideration was given to opening a Children's Christmas Party Task & Finish Group.

RECOMMENDATION (Cllr....., seconded Cllr.....) a Children's Party Task & Finish Group be opened.

RESOLVED (unanimous) a Children's Party Task & Finish Group be opened.

16.3 The following councillors wished to join or leave Task & Finish Groups/Committees

Cllr Easeman to leave NP T & F Group

Cllr Croucher to join NP T & F Group & Children's Party T & F Group

Cllr Kitch to join Children's Party T & F Group & NP T & F Group

Cllr Johnston to join NP T & F Group

Cllr Eden to join NP T & F Group & Children's Party T & F Group

Cllr Smith to join Environment Committee

Cllr Corby to join Children's Party T & F Group

Cllr Bishopp to join Children's Party T & F Group

16.4 Cllr Kitch was elected as the third councillor on to the Grievance Panel.

17. Public Question Time

No public present.

Meeting closed 7.23 pm