

HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 6pm

Present: Cllrs; Winnington (Chair), Howard, Ruston, Kidd, Smith, McKimm, Easeman, Corby, Johnston, Williamson & Murray

Also Present: BCLlr Beal & BCLlr Bower
Rev Rachel Hines
Members of the Public x 3
Clerk Jan Roomes
Admin Assistant Louise Parton

Prayers: Rev Rachel Hines took Prayers.

Any member of Council not wishing to participate in Prayers were permitted to leave the room as this was not an agenda item.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Jamieson & Cllr Croucher.

2. **Co-option**

At the request of the Mayor this agenda item was withdrawn to a later Full Council meeting.

3. **Public Question Time**

A member of the public asked if Cllr Jamieson was well as he had not attended recent meeting.

The Mayor confirmed Cllr Jamieson was very well but unable to attend as was conducting an online zoom Q&A regarding the Norfolk County Council Budget.

A second member of the public commented on the street signs around town, particularly Austin Street, pointing out that they are covered in moss making them difficult to read.

The Mayor advised Clerk would follow up with NCC.

A third member of the public raised an issue with the sheep field which has been recently cut leaving injured hedgehogs.

The Mayor advised the field should be cut from inside to out to enable wildlife to flee and advised he would look into this.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no members' declarations of interest.

5. **Minutes – confirmation of**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 24th November 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

6. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the meeting held 24th November 2021.

7. **Police Report**

No report received prior to the meeting. Clerk to circulate by email upon receipt.

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

BCLlr Bower reported;

A new Hunstanton Town Board is to be formed, more information will be coming in January 2022.

Funding - In January you have 4 weeks to apply for a match funding grant between £2,000 & £50,000, this process will be open again in July.

BCllr Bower thanked the HDFA for all their hard work bringing events into the town in such a difficult time. The Mayor seconded this adding thanks to Hunstanton Town Council for their financial support with these events.

BCllr Bower closed wishing everyone a merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year.

BCllr Beal reported;

I had a meeting last Thursday with Matthew Henry regarding prom waste and it looks like the environmental agency has picked up from CPP Panel Meeting.

Last night Carol and I attended the regeneration Panel which we are both members off and hearing what was discussed last night sparked something inside of me as to a plan of action. Kings Lynn has had its fair share of funding even a two million pound spend on two cinemas and millions have been applied for with regards to regeneration of Kings Lynn. Where do we stand now to be scheduled by the regen panel Hunstanton Masterplan update?

BCllr Beal then read out an email he had written to Cllr Stuart Dark and Cllr Graham Middleton asking for consideration to be given for 50% of car park funds to be given to the town so we can take control of financing and putting on our own events.

BCllr Beal closed wishing everyone a merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year.

9. Norfolk County Council

No report received from Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Jamieson. Cllr Jamieson releases reports throughout the month, Clerk circulates to members as received.

10. Mayors Report

The Mayor gave the following report;

2021 has been a busy year for the Town Council. The refurbished Town Hall and Community Centre have been re-opened for use by community groups and others. Two new Town Council projects have been started, the Friday Friendship Group and the Community Fridge, and have been very successful, thanks to the hard work of dedicated volunteers. Young People's groups, Little Lights and The Benjamin Foundation, have been supported and encouraged. The Council has been able to give financial support to a number of groups including the Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts and the Hunstanton Pantomime. We have improved our communication with a number of groups in the community and have recently become part of the new Hunstanton Town Events Committee which is already making plans for next year's carnival. We have continued our efforts to obtain the freehold of the Community Centre and to complete our Neighbourhood Plan. These, like a number of other things, will come to completion next year. I will give more information on these in my January report.

I would like to thank all councillors for their time and talents given to the town and council during the last year. The Chairman has to work very closely with the Town Clerk and I want to say a big thank you to Jan for her support and the incredible amount of time she has given to her job this year. Also thanks to our other members of staff, Steve and Louise, for all they have done to keep the council running smoothly.

As we come towards the close of 2021 we are still living in challenging and uncertain times.

Although this year has been better for Hunstanton and for most people than 2020, there are many who have found it difficult. Some, like myself, have lost someone dear to them during the year. What has got many people through difficult times is the care and kindness shown by others – friends, neighbours, relatives and total strangers. One act of kindness, or even a smile, may have helped someone get through a bad day.

I will finish by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happier New Year and by saying a big thank you to everyone who has donated gifts and vouchers for my Mayor's Christmas Toy Appeal.

11. Accounts for Payment

Consideration and authorisation was given to payment of Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 22/08. Revised copy on table for members. Proposed Cllr Kidd, Seconded Cllr Johnston, (unanimous).

12. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Winnington reported the plan will be submitted this week with the required changes in place.

13. Planning

Cllr Kidd gave the following report;

All Smithdon High School's planning applications had been withdrawn.

Park Road's application has been resubmitted to match the plans we passed 12 months ago.

New application for Kings Road, Cllrs to review and pass any concerns to Cllr Kidd.

14. Meeting Dates 2022-2023

The meeting dates for 2022/23 were agreed.

15. Sewage Discharge & Water Quality

The Mayor reported this is an issue we need to work together on to resolve.

Cllr Johnston suggested inviting Anglian Water to a council meeting.

16. Committees & Task & Finish Groups

No member wished to join or leave a committee or task & finish group.

17. Public Question Time

A member of the public asked if we would consider a practice run of gun or canon fire for the 69th Anniversary of the Floods.

Cllr Winnington advised this is not something we have organised for this anniversary.

A member of the public asked why the Hunstanton Seniors Parking Permit did not cover the central car parks.

Cllr Winnington advised we would look into this.

Meeting closed 7.08pm