



Attleborough Town Council

Historic Market Town in the Heart of Norfolk

Minutes of the meeting of the Attleborough Town Council
Environment Committee
Held on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.00 pm
Held at the Town Hall, Queens Square.

Present:

Cllr T Taylor – presiding
Cllr A Westby, Cllr P Wenham, Cllr S Taylor, Cllr Mackinnon, Cllr Dale,
Cllr J Taylor,
In attendance – Sharon Smyth - Town Clerk
Anne Willett- Clerks Assistant – Minute Taker
Public x 6

117.23) Chairman Welcome – Cllr T Taylor welcomes everyone to the meeting

118.23) Apologies for absence – Cllr De Souza

119.23) Declarations of Interest

- a) To receive and consider declarations of interest in items below – None received
b) To receive and consider dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests –
None received

120.23) Public Participation –

- Query raised regarding lift
- Town Clerk replied that as a project various quotation were being obtained and would be presented in a report giving an overall costing.
- It was noted that it was nice a member of the public chased five months after he first raised it, bearing in mind that all the time he had sat at this table as a Councillor while the lift was broken, he had never mentioned the lift once. The lift is now being progressed and other options are being looked into by our present Clerk which is to be commended as under the previous Clerk nothing had been actioned in an exceptionally long time.
- Resident asked for a progress report on speeding along Hargham Road.
- Although this was Item 8 on agenda, it was decided to discuss during public participation. The Clerk reported that the Council did have SAM machines which Cllr S Taylor informed had in the past been moved around the town with Hargham Road being a designated area. The Clerk suggested having Westcotec check the SAM machines and request training to download the data. Cllr T Taylor stated that speeding

was a common topic during the Councillor Surgery and SNAP meetings with Hargham Road being named. Cllr S Taylor requested the Clerk enter into representation with Norfolk County Council and lobby them.

121.23) Minutes of the Environment Committee 18th March 2024

On the motion of Cllr Wenham, seconded by Cllr Mackinnon, it was,
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 18th March 2024.
ACTION: CLERK

122.23) Town Hall Improvements –

After a brief discussion Cllr S Taylor requested that sample swatches were obtained from the three flooring companies so members could see what the flooring would look like before making a decision. It may be advised to get all building work completed before laying new flooring. Accessibility at the front entrance to the Town Hall being a top priority as downstairs should be available to all for functions and staff come downstairs to see anyone who cannot access stairs. Deferred to the next meeting.

123.23) Open Spaces –

- Jubilee Wood – The Clerk informed members the meeting with Simon Wood, Breckland had taken place to discuss the next steps regarding the variation of obligation and vehicle access and also to let him know that the Council wanted to change the name to Woodland and Mini Country Park. A further meeting had been arranged with developer tomorrow and hopefully Simon Wood would be able to attend.
- Feedback from the Open Spaces Consultation on 4th April 2024
- Feedback from Blackthorn Road Open Spaces Consultation on 20th April 2024
- The Clerk informed members that she will start to collate the information this week and have ready for the meeting being held on 13th May 2024.
- Cllr S Taylor said the feedback on the second consultation was much more positive than some of the comments from 4th April consultation as it would seem residents wanted more housing there. We need residents to engage with us in a helpful way to enable us to deliver these projects. Cllr T Taylor stated the consultation on 20th April was one of the best attended and actually the feedback although had very contrasting views had been extremely helpful and when you explained face to face and offered reassurance it made people very willing to complete the feedback forms.

124.23) SAM2 Request for Hargham Road –

This Item already covered in Public Participation

125.23) Report on Church Wall – Recent Collision and Actions to be Taken –

Nothing major and not structurally unsound

126.23) Book Sale – Feedback on the Event – To Agree Dates for the Next Book Sale –

Cllr Mackinnon reported the Book Sale had not made as much money this time for two reasons, one being the profit from teas and coffees went to the girl's raising money for their school trip and secondly it was school holidays, but it was still a great success. Cllr T Taylor praised the volunteers especially Tracy and Corrina and also the Councillors who helped to set up. Grounds staff helped also and praised Cllr S Taylor for packing and keeping the books in boxes which helped enormously when moving them. It is an important Community event and provisional dates have been looked at for October which can then be advertised in Brecklands next newsletter.

On the motion of Cllr Mackinnon, seconded by Cllr Dale, it was

RESOLVED – to accept the date 10th October to set up and Book Sale to be held on 11th, 12th & 13th October 2024 at the Town Hall.

127.23) Second Public Participation (10 Minutes) -

- Resident queried if police still active in Town regarding speeding.
- There have been at various sites in the Town, layby on Norwich Road, London Road and entrance to Edenside for speeding on Connaught Road. The Clerk informed when we get the SAMs machines in place the data can be sent to the police to initiate them to monitor areas where speeding is taking place. Cllr T Taylor queried if Community Speed Watch Team were still active, the Clerk would investigate.
- Resident thanked the Council for sensor lighting in corridor and toilets
- Disabled parking bays queried - having longer wait times
- Cllr T Taylor stated is one extra bay that is not time sensitive, and we have been discussing the possibility of disabled parking bay outside Town Hall. Cllr S Taylor and Cllr T Taylor have a meeting with Deputy Leader of Breckland to discuss car parking and will add this to discussion. The Taxi rank is not being fully used so maybe able to use for disabled parking. Defer to next P & H meeting.

128.23) Items for the next Agenda -

Feed-back on Community Speed Watch.

Meeting Closed 7.50pm