

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Southwold, held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 8.00pm on Tuesday 28th April 2015.

PRESENT:	Councillor	Miss E A Betts (Town Mayor)
	“	S J Tobin (Deputy Mayor)
	“	Mrs S Allen
	“	Mrs T E Baggott
	“	I R Bradbury
	“	Mrs S M Doy
	“	Mrs K P Flodin
	“	M Ladd
	“	R D Temple
	“	Mrs M C Tucker
	“	J A Windell
	“	J R Winter

Also attending: The High Steward, 2 representatives from East Coast Hospice, the Town Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

Presentation by East Coast Hospice: Jennifer Beesley and Corinne Bryant attended on behalf of the Hospice and provided a presentation to those present regarding the charity. Jennifer Beesley is Chair of the charity which owns a 7.5 acre site with full planning permission for a hospice. There is currently 5 staff employed by the charity. The charity operates 7 shops throughout Norfolk & Suffolk which they hope will rise to 15 by the end of 2015. Income from the shops is in the region of £1million per annum. The shops generate income to cover the capital costs. The charity has just been left a legacy which will assist the project. ECH also have a new website which councillors were directed to. Margaret Chadd has been very involved in the project and part of the Hospice is called Margaret Chadd House.

A full information pack was made available for councillors.

Thanks were extended to the representatives of ECH for attending.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from the police.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.*

Cllr Doy, Cllr Flodin and Cllr Allen declared a personal interest in item 5(a) and (b).

Cllr Doy, Cllr Betts, Cllr Ladd and Cllr Temple declared a personal interest in the matter regarding a donation to the Corps of Drums item 8(c).
 - b) *To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.*

Cllr Allen and Cllr Doy declared a Disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10(b).
 - (c) *Town Clerk regarding requests for dispensations relating to this agenda.*

Nil.

d) Councillors to be reminded of the requirement for them to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate. Noted.

3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 were confirmed and signed.
4. **Standing Orders:** It was proposed, seconded and,
RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for the consideration of the following item.
 - (a) **To receive a report from the police representative:** In the absence of the police the Mayor provided the police report. Cllr Windell expressed disappointment that there had been an incident at the skateboard park but noted that this was the first such incident that had ever been reported there.
 - (b) **To receive a report from Suffolk County Councillor M Ladd:** SCC Cllr Ladd advised that Colin Noble has been selected as the new Leader of Suffolk County Council and will take up his position in May.
 - (c) **To receive comments from Southwold electors:** No comments from Southwold electors.

The Meeting reopened

5. **To receive reports from Committees:**
 - a) *To receive the written report of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 as provided to members. No recommendations.*
Cllr Windell presented the report of the meeting.
6. **To receive reports from Working Groups:**
 - a) *To receive the written report of the Planning and Development working group meeting of 14th April 2014 as provided to members. No recommendations.*
Cllr Windell presented the report of the meeting. Cllr Windell advised that of the properties that the Working Group had considered for a Local Listing, some of these were already either fully listed or locally listed. Those that are not, are to be looked at further. Cllr Windell advised that as significant works have already been carried out to Craven Cottage, it may not be appropriate to consider this for a local listing at the present time.
 - b) *To receive the written report of the Neighbourhood Plan working group meeting of 14th April 2014 as provided to members. No recommendations.*
Cllr Bradbury presented the report of the meeting.
Cllr Allen advised that WDC were delighted that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would be working with them at the drop in event on 13th June 2015.
 - c) *To receive verbal report from Cllr Doy re Allotment Holders Association.*
Cllr Doy provided a verbal report of the latest meeting of the Allotment Holders Association. There are presently 15 people waiting for allotments.

7. **Correspondence:** to note the items as detailed in the general correspondence file together with;
- a) *To note VE Day service on 10th May at 10am at St Edmunds Church* – it was agreed that councillors would meet at 9.45am in the church porch in readiness for the service at 10am.
 - b) *PCC Public meeting – 1st June 2015* – councillors noted the details of the meeting.
 - c) *SALC LAIS re prayers, Councillor Travel Expenses, Unauthorised Encampments, Local Council Ombudsman* - councillors noted the contents of these updates.
8. **Financial Matters**
- a) *To receive and approve the Accounts for Payment for April 2015 (as circulated to members).*
The Accounts for Payment were noted and approved.
 - b) *To consider costs for commemoration/ celebration to recognise the 70th Anniversary of VE Day.* Councillors considered the costs involved with commemorating the 70th anniversary of VE Day with a fireworks display. Due to the election count taking place on the afternoon/evening of Friday 8th May, the Council felt that it would not be able to light the beacon on this day. **It was therefore RESOLVED to light the beacon on Saturday 9th May, and to fire the 4 cannons, and to have fireworks. It was RESOLVED by all to approve the cost of the event including the fireworks and the lighting of the beacon.**
 - c) *To consider donation request from Corps of Drums* – full grant application and accompanying details and accounts received and provided to members. **It was RESOLVED by all to approve a donation of £1,000 to the Southwold and Reydon Corps of Drums.**
9. **Urgent Business:** to act upon any matter of a non-financial urgency, within the meaning of the Standing Orders, which may be brought to the attention of the Town Council with the consent of the Town Mayor previously obtained.

Retiring Councillors – Cllr John Winter (42 years' service), Cllr Teresa Baggott (13 years' service), and Cllr Simon Tobin (9 years' service) are not standing for re-election on May 7th. All retiring Councillors received a gift from other members, and the Town Mayor thanked the retiring councillors for their service and dedication to the Town of Southwold.

Cllrs Winter, Baggott and Tobin all said a few words regarding their time as Councillors. Cllr Tobin presented the Town Council with a drinks cabinet which he asked to be 'opened in times of great successor occasions'. Cllr Ladd thanked the retiring Councillors on behalf of all Members for the contribution they had each made.

The Town Mayor thanked all Councillors for their support throughout the year. Thanks were extended to the Town Mayor for the work that she had also carried out.

There are 15 prospective candidates for the 12 Town Council seats and the Election will take place on Thursday 7th May 2015. The count for the Town Council seats will take place on Friday 8th May 2015. Members expressed disappointment that none of the prospective new councillors had attended the Council meeting this evening.

10. **Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following;
- a) *Employment of Shuttle Bus drivers* – RESOLVED that the draft sponsor agreement be considered by solicitor. Resolved by all to budget £1000 as a provision towards any extra costs in relation to employment.
 - b) *Property matters; Cllr Doy and Cllr Allen left the meeting for Item 1.*
 - 1) It was RESOLVED by all to approve the recommendation of the confidential report dated 24th April 2015 relating to the Red Cross Hut.
Cllr Doy and Cllr Allen returned to the meeting
 - 2) It was RESOLVED by all to approve quote option 1 relating to boiler at 1 Strickland Place.
 - c) *To consider nominations for Citizen of the Year 2014/15.* Nominations were voted upon and a winner declared. Presentation to take place at the Charter Lunch.
11. **Date of next Town Council Meeting:**
Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 8.00pm at the Town Hall.

_____ TOWN MAYOR 18th May 2015