

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.**

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

Also attending: The High Steward, the Town Clerk, 2 members of the public, Andrew Reynolds WDC Environmental Health Officer.

*WDC - Andrew Reynolds Environmental Health Officer – re new measures for local councils.* Mr Reynolds advised the meeting of the present measures that District Councils have in relation to Dog Control Orders and other Orders such as Public Space Protection. Mr Reynolds then explained that the Anti-Social Behaviour Act of October 2014 had introduced new tools that could be used for many local measures. It also means that the existing Dog Control Orders will expire in October 2017 in view of the new legislation. The Dog Control Orders would therefore have to be considered prior to this date, which will also give the opportunity for reviewing the details within the legal order. The new Act also makes provision for consultation to be carried out with those who live or visit the area. The police and various other third parties are statutory consultees. Mr Reynolds provided details about the “PSPO”, and full details of which are available online. Mr Reynolds advised that pilot areas are being considered, and that Southwold could apply to be such an area.

Mr Reynolds was asked about enforcement of a PSPO, and he advised that although there is no person whose job specification is solely to carry out such patrols, Norse do have staff that could enforce such Orders. Mr Reynolds also suggested that contact be made with the Police & Crime Commissioner for Suffolk to ask whether PCSOs could also enforce.

Thanks were extended to Mr Reynolds for his presentation of these legal updates.

### **BUSINESS**

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Baggott and Cllr Temple.
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 declared a personal interest in matters relating to 1 Station Road.

- b) *To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.*  
There were no declarations.
- c) *To note the decision of the Town Clerk regarding requests for dispensations relating to this agenda.*  
Not applicable.
- 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 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:** A copy of the police report is held with the Minutes. Councillors noted that the GBH incident on 23<sup>rd</sup> March was expected to be a one-off event and that it was not something that happened in Southwold on a regular basis. Council thanked the police for their very swift work in relation to the incidents on 9<sup>th</sup> March which led to an immediate arrest of a suspect.
- (b) **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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015.*
- b) *To receive the written report of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.*
- c) *To receive Decision Notice from the Joint Harbour Cttee meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015.*  
The Minutes were noted.
6. **To receive reports from Working Groups:**
- a) *To receive the written report of the Leisure and Environment working group meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. No Recommendations.*
- b) *To receive a written report from the Highways and Footpaths working group held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015. No Recommendations.*  
The notes from these meetings were noted by all.
7. **Correspondence:** to note the items as detailed in the general correspondence file together with;
- a) *Annual Town Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall. Presentation by Tim Rowan Robinson from Destination Management Organisation (DMO).*
- b) *Agenda for SNT meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.*
- c) *To receive the notes from the ‘Neighbourhood Planning Putting Theory into Practice’ course held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.*  
The correspondence as above was noted by all.

8. **Financial Matters**

a) To receive and approve the Accounts for Payment for March 2015 (circulated to members).

**The Accounts for Payment were noted and approved.**

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.

Nil.

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) Confidential Report from Landlords Working Group meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and the recommendations contained therein regarding Town Council properties and tenancies. **It was RESOLVED by all to approve enbloc the summary of recommendations contained at the end of the report.**
- b) Confidential Report and recommendation from the Leisure and Environment working group in relation to a) new measures for local councils, and b) retiring councillors. **It was RESOLVED by all to approve the recommendations relating to 1) and 2) of the report.**
- c) To receive E mail from Blythburgh Parish Council re Sizewell C. **Contents Noted.**
- d) To approve and sign the confidential minutes of the Town Council meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015. **It was RESOLVED by all to approve the minutes.**
- e) Confidential report and recommendations from Accounts, Best Value meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015. **It was RESOLVED by all to approve the recommendations enbloc.**

11. **Date of next Town Council Meeting:**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8.00pm at the Town Hall.

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TOWN MAYOR 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015