

38 PUBLIC SESSION (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

It was proposed and duly seconded that the meeting be suspended to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

Mr J Ward - the Town Council noted the report from Mr Ward. Mr Ward made reference to his attendance at the opening of the Aviation Academy at the Norwich Airport. This was an excellent facility in a converted hangar, available to local students and included a café open to the public if Members wanted to see the facility.

Norfolk Constabulary – the PCSO reported that there had been 36 incidents of reported crime in the Town in July; 11 were domestic issues, 7 were public order offences and 17 related to damage/theft. In response to a question, he commented that a criminal order had recently been issued by the Court in respect of a local youth who had not responded to an ASBO and that there had been no recent activity by the youth.

Mr Mackie referred to the Brook Farm development and the issue with the bridge and delays because of issues regarding a vital access link owned by Network Rail and that the matter would be referred back to Broadland District Council's planning department for further consideration following amendments. He also referred to ongoing road works at Thorpe end.

Mr Fisher made reference to a forthcoming Broadland District Council campaign to help reduce the levels of contamination within recycling bins. Reducing contamination, including dirty plastics, would help improve financial returns. There would also be a campaign regarding nappies which were being found in recycling bins.

Mr Shaw commented that he had again been elected as Vice-Chairman of the Local Government Association Strategic Aviation (Special Interest Group). He made reference to proposals for major airports in the South East which would impact on passenger numbers at Norwich Airport and he also made reference to the draft master plan for the Norwich Airport which was currently out for consultation and was available on the airport website.

Mr Emsell referred to the recent garage sale held at Dussindale at which 80 households had held sales and raised £1021 towards the parks project.

39 FINANCE

(i) Payments List – Voucher numbers 183 – 440 totalling £108,244.08 were approved and signed. In response to a question regarding voucher number 308 – mobile phones, the Town Clerk reported that a new phone had been purchased for an additional member of staff in the parks department and a reconditioned phone and sim only had proved to be the most cost effective option. Contracts for existing phones had also been reviewed and a cheaper option taken out which had resulted in a saving to the Council. With regard to a payment to Sprowston Town Council – this had been for equipment for the dementia café which was surplus to their requirements and was more cost effective for the Town Council.

(ii) Bank Reconciliation – the bank reconciliations were approved and signed.

40 DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The minutes for the following meetings were received and noted:

Plans Committee – 10 July 2017

Neighbourhood Plans – 13 March, 10 April, 12 June 2017

Events and Media Working Group – 24 July 2017

Finance and Staff Committee – 22 May 2017 (date of next meeting was 19 July and not 19 June as stated in the minutes)

Mr Fisher commented that planning officers at Broadland were still negotiating regarding the Stanmore Road application. With regard to the Oaklands application, permission had been granted for a period of 2 years with stringent conditions regarding no music in the marquee or balcony area. With regard to the Brook Farm and Laurel Farm application, it was noted that this application had been refused by the District Council but that, following negotiations, an amended plan was likely to be reconsidered at a future meeting. Following meetings, Gt Plumstead Parish Council now had a clearer understanding of the application.

With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan minutes, these had been presented to members to keep them informed of progress with the Plan particularly as the Council was now starting its consultation with the public about the formulation of the Plan. It was noted that the Plan had been promoted at the recent church fete and had resulted in good levels of feedback from a wide range of residents different to those received at the St Georges day event which would be useful. It was noted that the new owner of the Island had now joined the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group which now consisted of 3 members and 3 co-opted representatives.

Reference was made to a recent press article about the changes to the toilet block at River Green. Reference was also made to the idea about introducing a Carnival Queen at the St Georges Day celebrations who would then go on to represent the Town in the Lord Mayor's procession.

41 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR UPDATE

The Clerk reported that he and Councillors Lawn, Shaw and Emsell had recently held a very successful meeting with 2 PCSOs regarding the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour in the Town over recent months. A number of ideas had been put forward about ways to work together going forward including liaison with the School regarding the possibility of youth councillors working with the Town Council to give young people a say in events and also the Courts giving talks at school assemblies. The Town Council had been invited to take part in a meeting of the Broadland Early Help Hub, with the School, the County Council and District Council officers.

It was stated that young people felt that good behaviour needed to be rewarded instead of "rewarding" bad behaviour and that ideas for events/activities for young people in the Town should be explored such as the election of young councillors (perhaps year 10s who would be at school for a year or so after election) or an event at the Fitzmaurice Pavilion or Recreation Ground.

It was agreed that this matter be included on the agenda for discussion at the next

meeting.

42 BROADLAND STREE NAMING

Members considered correspondence from the District Council regarding the idea of including a description on street nameplates explaining the reason for the choice of name. Some Members welcomed the suggestion as long there was no cost to the Town Council and the Council was consulted on the details of the description and which nameplates would be considered for the enhanced wording as it would not be appropriate for all nameplates to have an explanation. Other Members felt it detracted from the purpose of a street name and added to the plethora of street furniture already cluttering roads and ultimately the public were possibly not really interested in the history of particular street naming.

On being put to the vote, with 6 Members voting for, 3 against and 1 abstention, it was

RESOLVED to advise the District Council that the Town Council supports the inclusion of a description on street nameplates in the Town subject to there being no cost to the Town Council and the Town Council being consulted on the details of the description and which nameplates would be considered for the enhanced wording as it would not be appropriate for all nameplates to have an explanation.

43 EUROVIA DRAINAGE WORKS COMPOUND

Members received a presentation from the Clerk relating to options to address noise complaints received arising from use of part of the recreation ground by Eurovia as an operational base for the drainage works taking place in the Town. The Town Council had been asked by the District Council to look at alternative sites for the base or part of it. The Clerk outlined possible options:

- To relocate part of the base to an area encroaching onto one of the football pitches with the temporary loss of the pitch but potential for longer term damage of the subsoil;
- To relocate part of the base to an area encroaching on the children's play area with the need for relocation of 2 items of play equipment;
- To relocate part of the base to the carpark area with the need for resurfacing of alternative carparking and reinstatement of the original carpark on completion;
- To relocate the operation base to an alternative location not on the recreation ground.

Members considered the implications of the various options all of which would result in additional costs to the contractor which would have to be met from within the contract and would result therefore in a reduction in the number of roads included in the programme of drainage works. It had been estimated that the proposed move of part of the base to other locations within the recreation ground could possibly reduce the noise output by 6db but this would not necessarily abate the noise nuisance as the District Council did not adopt a scale of noise levels which were acceptable/not acceptable and so any reduced noise levels could still be perceived as a noise nuisance if noise complaints were received. Complaints had been received by three

residents. The option of relocating the operation base off-site to an alternative location would result in a possible reduction in noise levels from within the recreation ground but would result in increased noise, dust and disturbance from increased vehicular movements on the road network around the area. Eurovia undertook their own noise level readings for insurance purposes and were satisfied they were operating within legal guidelines. They had where possible taken measures to reduce the impact of the work on local residents but there would always be some impact on local residents associated with a project of this size. Other options regarding the operating base could have resulted in road closures and other disruption.

This was a one-off, million-pound project to improve the drainage problems in the Town for the future for all residents of the Town. Funding had been secured from the Government because of the issues of flooding and future funding was unlikely. It was noted that 2/3rds of the contractor's work force would complete their work and leave the site within the next few weeks with the resultant reduction in disturbance. The whole project was due for completion by December 2017. The noise complaints had been received by the District Council in March/April 2017. Work was restricted to day light hours which over the next few months would reduce.

The issue of compensation to residents was raised but members felt this would not be appropriate.

Having regard to all the issues referred to above and the fact that any measures to abate the noise would not necessarily remove the noise nuisance and would result in a loss in the number of roads in the Town benefitting from the enhanced drainage, having regard to the limited time remaining of the contract and the reducing level of activity and day light hours of operation, it was

RESOLVED that the Town Council was minded that unless there were assurances that there would be no additional costs to the contractor and no impact on the extent of the drainage work being undertaken, there was not sufficient justification at this time for relocating the Eurovia operational base.

44 NORFOLK CRICKET BOARD FUNDING

Members considered correspondence from the Norfolk Cricket Board regarding the installation of a fully funded non-turf cricket pitch on the Fitzmaurice Park. Members welcomed the proposal in principle and

RESOLVED to advise the Norfolk Cricket Board that the Town Council was interested in the fully funded installation of a non-turf cricket pitch at the Fitzmaurice Park.

45 VERGES ON YARMOUTH ROAD

The Clerk reported on proposals to improve the condition of the verges on Bishops Close/Dale's Loke and outside the Town House.

Bishops Closes/Dale's Loke – the verge was increasingly deteriorating and needed attention. The Town Mayor was willing to utilise part of his County Member allowance for local projects towards to the cost of improvements to this verge as part of the

parish partnership scheme. The proposals included the use of grasscrete blocks (grass grown through a concrete grid) and the installation of bollards and the costs would be in the region of £5-600. Local businesses had been contacted to contribute towards the cost but there had been no response.

RESOLVED to support the proposed improvements as outlined.

Town House - the Clerk reported on an expression of interest in sponsoring the provision of flowers along the verge outside the Town House to improve the appearance of the verge and discourage parking. Members discussed possible options for enhancement of the verge including ongoing maintenance implications and it was

RESOLVED that the use of low level planters, with the planting of bulbs in between, be welcomed on the verge outside the Town House.

Future agenda items:

Youth Council
Remembrance Sunday
Verge Cutting

Future meeting dates.

<i>Town Council</i>	<i>4 September 2017</i>
<i>Plans Committee</i>	<i>14 August 2017</i>
<i>Finance and Staff Committee</i>	<i>21 August 2017</i>

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed:

Dated: