

**MINUTES OF EYE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 21st of January 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Eye Town Hall**

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Present: Deputy Mayor Cllr M Ford, and Cllrs Berry, Carr, Cooper, Cummins, Evitt, Flatman, N Ford, Gould, Hooton (8.20pm), Horobin, Hudson, Molesworth, Ribchester and also in attendance: Roz Barnett, Town Clerk, and 10 members of the public.

1) APOLOGIES AND APPROVALS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Byles

2) MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr M Ford declared a pecuniary interest in accounts payable item 21. R Berry declared a pecuniary interest in accounts payable item 25.

7.31 MEETING CLOSED – FOR PUBLIC SESSION

POLICE REPORT

Tony Watts the new sergeant for Eye gave the police report. He stated that the local priorities for the area are speeding and rural crime. There have been four crimes since the last meeting. Cllr Flatman expressed his concern about drugs in the area and congratulated the police on recent drug arrests. Cllr Horobin raised the problem of parking outside of the High School. Tony Watts asked the Council if they could reconsider their position on Lorry Watch.

DISTRICT COUNCIL –

Cllr Flatman reported that Mid-Suffolk District Council have been shortlisted for inclusion in the national housing zone scheme. If Mid-Suffolk are successful they could receive 20 million for housing development on brown field sites. The District Council has given each ward in Suffolk £5000 to spend on community projects. This will be spent at the discretion of the ward councillors and the money will be available after the May elections.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr McGregor restated Suffolk County Council's position on the power plant development which is to maximise community benefit and minimise any detrimental impact. The County Council has objected to the ECC compound in Yaxley. If the Power Plant does go ahead there could be as much as half a million pounds available for community benefit. Cllr McGregor also reported that the future of Children's Centres are being considered. Eye however is well supported by the local community and is unlikely to be affected. Robin Knight asked if there was any money from the County Council for implementing the 20 mile an hour limit in the centre of Eye.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Angela Lees asked about the Town Council's position on the Progress Power Development.

Bridget Bloom spoke in favour of Lorry Watch and expressed her hope that the Council will support the programme.

Robin Knight stated that they have recruited 5 new volunteers and had three new sites approved for the Speed Watch programme.

Steve Harris expressed disappointment with Council's response to the letter published in The Eye Magazine. Chris Willoughby reported that he would be publishing a response from the council.

8. 20pm MEETING RECONVENED

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the council meeting held on Wednesday 17th of December 2014 was proposed by Cllr Gould seconded by Cllr Cooper and agreed. The minutes were then duly signed by the Deputy Mayor as a true and correct record.

4) MATTERS ARISING- NONE

5) CLERKS REPORT

The clerk gave a brief update on actions from the last meeting and the clerk's written report was noted. It was agreed that the clerk would do a briefing for Councillors on the upcoming elections at the February meeting.

Signed Caroline E Byles Mayor R Barnett Clerk
Date 21/1/15

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6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

3914/14	Church Farm, Hoxne Road, Eye	Erection of building to provide garaging for horse box, motor home and garden machinery.
0003/15	Hartismere Hospital, Castleton Way, Eye	Erection of illuminated site entrance sign.

Cllr Carr proposed that the Council supported the applications, 3914/14 and 0003/15. This was seconded by Cllr Evitt and agreed.

7) DETERMINATIONS NOTED

Land to rear of 49 Church Street, Eye	Demolition of existing storage building, erection of new dwelling and works including re-arrangement of existing parking.	Planning Permission Denied 6.1.14 Grounds of privacy, highways issues and impact on conservation area.
17 Lambseth Street, Eye	Retrospective application for repairs and reinstatement of section of east elevation boundary wall	Planning Permission Agreed 13.1.14

8) FINANCE

- a) Financial statement –current bank balances were noted.
- b) **Two late accounts payable were added - £67.36 R Berry & £480 North Suffolk Trees, with these two additions Cllr Cooper proposed the accounts payable. This was seconded by Cllr Gould and agreed.**
- c) Cllr Hooton summarised the key points in the proposed budget which had been previously circulated to Councillors. He asked Cllrs to note that the expenditure is greater than income and that the Council plan to use some of their reserves in 2015/16. In the coming year the Council will be embarking on a number of invest to save projects to reduce costs and will be looking at ways to maximise income. He reported that the information from MSDC shows that the tax base on which to apply the precept had changed from last year. The base is now 765.33 (744.13 in 2014/15). MSDC had agreed to pass on a Local Council Tax Relief grant of £4300.33 reflecting the money passed through from Central Government to compensate for the changes in tax base. **Cllr Hooton proposed that the council adopt the proposed budget and agree a 2% increase which would set the Precept at £73957.51. This was seconded by Cllr Flatman and agreed.** The Precept request form was duly completed and signed by the Deputy Mayor. Cllr Flatman thanked Cllr Hooton, for the work on the budget. Cllr Hooton replied that the budget was a team effort because the Finance & Governance Committee played a key role in its production.
- d) **Cllr N Ford proposed the appointment of Heelis & Lodge as internal auditors at a maximum cost of £300. This was seconded by Cllr S Hooton agreed.**

9) ENVIRONMENT

- a) The record of the Environment Committee held on 13th of January 2015 was noted.
- b) **Cllr Cooper proposed the policy setting out conditions when Eye Town Council street lights may remain on all night. This was seconded by Cllr N Ford and agreed.**
- c) It was agreed in principle that the mobile speed signs were a good idea. It was agreed that the clerk would bring detailed costs for the mobile speed signs to the next meeting
- d) It was agreed that the Town Council would support the Lorry Watch Scheme. It was suggested that the clerk contacts PCSO Durrant to identify a volunteer to get the scheme up and running.
- e) **Cllr Cooper proposed spending £200 to repair potholes at the Eye Cemetery. This was seconded by Cllr Berry and agreed.**

Signed Carollee Berry Mayor U Bassett Clerk
Date 19/2/15

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10) STRATEGIC PLANNING

a) Cllr Gould gave a verbal report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultant has produced the consultation questionnaire and will be finalising the details with the Neighbourhood Team in the next few weeks. The application for designation is still with Mid-Suffolk however Town Councillors will be working together with Mid-Suffolk on a number of joint workshops to develop a shared vision. Cllr Gould is participating in the consultation on a new joint local plan for Babergh and Mid Suffolk and will present a report at February meeting.

11) EVENTS

a) Cllr M Ford gave a verbal report on the Xmas Lights and asked that it be noted that Bruce Salter had helped to remove the Xmas tree. Cllr Hooton promoted the next Ethic Event which will be a talk by Anthony Edwards on the architect Edward Buckton Lamb which will be held on the 22nd of March.

12) BUILDINGS

a) Cllr Berry confirmed maintenance contracts in place and was now looking forward to investing money in the improvements. He also reported that the Buildings Committee will be focussing on income generation in the next few months. Cllr Berry stated that Aardvark flooring did a good job on the floor and worked very hard. This project was led by ETHIC and Paul Abbot. It was suggested the clerk should send a letter of thanks. Cllr Berry asked that a vote of thanks be noted in the minutes for Rosemary Berry, Liz Govan, Jenny Siderfin, Trish Shepherd, and Merlin Carr came out to clean the hall after the floor works had been completed.

13) GOVERNANCE

Cllr N Ford reported that the Governance Committee had focussed on the budget and had little to report.

14) CORRESPONDENCE – Was noted

b) URGENT MATTERS AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Hooton propose £45 to refurbish the lecterns. This was seconded by Cllr Evitt and agreed.

Cllr Hooton said we must take measures to ensure that the door downstairs remains open during Council Meetings.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10pm

Signed Cawthie E Byles Mayor A Barnett Clerk
Date 18/2/15

EYE TOWN COUNCIL - Financial Statement and Accounts Payable as at 21st of January 2015

Balances

National Savings and Investment Account	£	29,775.98	
Barclays Premium Business Account 114	£	62,267.76	
Barclays Current Account Statement	£	54,809.26	
Current Account less unrepresented cheques	£	44,553.61	
Total January Spend	£	12,025.89	
Projected Current Account balance	£	32,527.72	
Un-Represented cheques			10,255.65

Cheque no 105530	£	100.00
Cheque no 105568	£	50.65
Cheque no 105569	£	123.69
Cheque no 105570	£	14.36
Cheque no 105571	£	30.00
Cheque no 105577	£	80.55
Cheque no 105578	£	29.00
Cheque no 105579	£	1,320.00
Cheque no 105580	£	1,139.00
Cheque no 105581	£	500.00
Cheque no 105582	£	500.00
Cheque no 105583	£	1,500.00
Cheque no 105584	£	500.00
Cheque no 105585	£	500.00
Cheque no 105586	£	500.00
Cheque no 105587	£	818.40
Cheque no 105588	£	1,500.00
Cheque no 105589	£	1,000.00
Cheque no 105590	£	50.00
Sub Total	£	10,255.65

No	Payee	Item	Approved	Amount
1.	Hammond	Pocket Park/Skate Park Cut	Contract	£ 47.50
2.	R Fiebelkorn	CemeteryChurchyard Cut	Contract	£ 380.00
3.	S Kaye	Street Carer	Contract	£ 452.49
4.	R Barnett	Clerk	Contract	£ 1,006.19
5.	D Rouse	Toilet Carer	Contract	£ 187.77
6.	K Rouse	Toilet Carer	Contract	£ 71.50
7.	B Beamish	Town Hall Caretaker	Contract	£ 414.05
8.	HMI	PAYE	Contract	£ 265.84
9.	R Barnett	Stamps	petty cash	£ 22.48
10.	R Barnett	Phone	Contract	£ 11.86
11.	Local Council Advisory Service	Training	Clerk	£ 20.00
12.	Community Development Foundation	Grant Refund	Clerk	£ 3,730.00
13.	Anglia Book keeping	Wages	Contract	£ 63.75
14.	Robin Moore Electrical	Xmas Lights	Sept	£ 2,479.41
15.	Diss Salvation Army	Remembrance	Nov	£ 100.00
16.	Heelis and Lodge	Internal Audit	Contract	£ 234.50
17.	Strategic Resources Ltd	neighbourhood Plan	Dec	£ 1,200.00
18.	CNG Gas	Town Hall	Contract	£ 224.95
19.	Mid-Suffolk DC	Garage Hire	Contract	£ 221.78
20.	Paul Cottrell	Window Cleaning	Contract	£ 85.00
21.	Maria Ford	Storage boxes	Nov	£ 22.50
22.	Roz Barnett	Grit Bins	Dec	£ 188.40
23.	Mid- Suffolk DC	Bin Bags	Clerk	£ 48.56
24.	North Suffolk Trees	Cemetery	Oct	£ 480
25.	R Berry	Shelves in Hall	Oct	£ 67.36
Total Accounts Payable				£ 12,025.89

Signed Lawrence Bygas Mayor Clerk R Barnett
 Date 18/2/15