



# BECCLLES TOWN COUNCIL

Mrs Claire Boyne ~ Town Clerk  
Mrs Julia Janney ~ Deputy Town Clerk

You are summoned, as a Beccles Town Councillor, to a meeting of the Town Council to be held on **Tuesday 1 May 2012** in the Council Chamber of Beccles Town Hall at 7.00 pm (*immediately following the Planning Committee meeting*). Members of the public may also attend this meeting.

Mrs Claire Boyne  
Town Clerk  
24 April 2012

## AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To receive Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda
3. To accept for accuracy and adoption the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 (*draft attached*)
4. To receive for information and adoption the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 (*draft attached*)
5. To receive reports from Council Representatives and Outside Bodies (if any) and, if appropriate to raise questions relating to these reports. In the event of any members of the public being present and wishing to speak, Council will then adjourn the meeting.

Suffolk Police  
Suffolk County Council  
Waveney District Council  
Beccles and District Regeneration Ltd  
Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies  
Committee Reports  
Working Party Reports  
Any other report available

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6. To consider the future of the Beccles Friday Market (*report attached*)  
*PROPOSAL that Council considers the future of the Beccles Friday Market and agrees a way forward*
7. Mayor's Communications
8. To confirm the date of the next Town Council meeting as **Tuesday 15 May 2012**
9. **Admission to meetings - pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining matters.**
10. To receive for information the correspondence from Council's solicitor in respect of the renewal of the lease of the Industrial Units and the recommendation from the Assets and Leases Working Party (*report and lease attached*)  
*PROPOSAL that Council approves the recommendation from the Assets and Leases Working Party of 17 April 2012 to agree and sign the lease for the Industrial Units*

Minutes of a meeting of Beccles Town Council held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 in the Council Chamber of Beccles Town Hall at 7.00 pm

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**PRESENT:** B Woodruff, Mayor, in the Chair  
G Catchpole, Deputy Mayor

B Bee	J H Sigsworth
Mrs S Bergin	C J Scott
Mrs S A Bubb	B G Taylor
S P Foulger	Mrs C A Topping
J D Harris	J B Walmsley
Mrs M D Haynes	E Wareham
D W Peck	

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sam Kenward, Member of Youth Parliament  
Mrs C Boyne, Town Clerk

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 2**

Councillor Sigsworth opened the meeting with prayer.

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The Mayor had received a request from Mr Searby, the right of way applicant, to speak on item nine, and so allowed him to give a little background to the application. The application to the Land Registry has been made as Mr Searby has applied for a mortgage for Woodview Farm and the property needs to be registered with the Land Registry in order to obtain the mortgage. The mortgage company also requires the Right of Way across the Common to be confirmed. Mr Searby has been given a tight deadline by the mortgage company to get all of this in place.

**550. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thwaites due to illness.

**551. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Councillor Foulger declared an interest in item nine on the agenda regarding the application for the right of way over the Common as he knows the applicant.

**552. TO ACCEPT FOR ACCURACY AND ADOPTION THE MINUTES AND THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2012**

**RESOLVED** to accept for accuracy and adoption the Minutes and the Confidential Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 April 2012

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**553. TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION AND ADOPTION THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2012**

RESOLVED to receive for information and adoption the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 3 April 2012

Councillor Walmsley raised a point of order and suggested that item nine should be brought forward as the applicant had attended the meeting.

**554. TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION A NOTICE FROM THE LAND REGISTRY OF AN APPLICATION TO REGISTER RIGHTS OF WAY OVER BECCLES COMMON**

Councillor Foulger left the room at this point.

Councillor Walmsley explained that the Assets and Leases Working Party had met to discuss this matter, and were seeking further information in order to be able to lodge an objection to the request from the occupants of Woodview Farm to register their right of way over the Common for themselves and the customers to their kennels. He therefore proposed that the Assets and Leases Working Party be given permission to collate all evidence and carry out negotiations on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Topping did not want the Council to appear to be obstructive as Mr Searby was working to a tight deadline, and the Deputy Mayor explained that the application was only received on 11 April 2012 and this did not give the Council much time to carry out investigations, as the deadline for objections to the Land Registry was 1 May 2012.

Councillor Walmsley's proposal was seconded by Councillor Sigsworth, a vote was taken and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Assets and Leases Working Party be given permission to collate all evidence and carry out negotiations on behalf of the Council in respect of the application from the occupants of Woodview Farm to register their rights of way over the Common

Councillor Foulger returned to the meeting.

**534. TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BECCLES WELFARE VEHICLE LTD REGARDING THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF THE WELFARE VEHICLE SERVICE**

Councillor Scott explained that he was a representative on this Committee on behalf of the Council. The Chair and the Secretary were resigning from the Committee and Councillor Scott was currently Vice-Chair. The rules of the Committee state that the Vice-Chair automatically has to become the Chairman, but as Councillor Scott did not want to take on this responsibility, he had resigned as Vice-Chair. He explained that the service was mainly used by the Women's Institute and the Sunday Club, and although the service was not used as much as it used to be, he would still not

like to see it lost.

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The Mayor felt that there was not much that the Council could do, and that the Committee appeared to be asking for volunteers to become Trustees. Councillor Harris clarified that the Council does have a large input into the service as it has supplied the vehicle in the past and also has a reserve set aside for the replacement of the vehicle.

Further discussion ensued, and Councillor Scott proposed that the Council could help to advertise the service and request volunteers to come forward and become Trustees by putting a press release in the newspaper and also a piece in the Charter. This was seconded by Councillor Bergin, a vote was taken and it was therefore

RESOLVED to advertise the Beccles Welfare Vehicle service and request that volunteers come forward to become Trustees by putting a press release in the newspaper and also a piece in the Charter

**535. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR PECK REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SEAT AT THE JUNCTION OF BALLYGATE/RINGSFIELD/BUNGAY ROAD IN HONOUR OF THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Councillor Peck explained that the seat at the junction of Ballygate/Ringsfield/Bungay Road was looking very tired, and he had been carrying out minor repairs to the seat for quite a while, but a new seat really was now required. He felt that it would be appropriate to put the seat in a prominent place, close to the Town Sign.

The Mayor clarified that there was a budget of £1,500 for the replacement of seats.

RESOLVED to agree to install a replacement seat at the junction of Ballygate/Ringsfield/Bungay Road to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

**536. TO CONSIDER AN OFFER FROM BECCLES HELPING HANDS TO REPLACE AND RESITE TWO BENCHES ON THE RIVER BANK BETWEEN THE BRIDGE AND THE SAILING CLUB**

Councillor Sigsworth explained that an offer had been received from Helping Hands to replace some seating by the river. There would be no cost to the Council. It had been suggested that the seats should be moved to the other side of the path on a slightly higher level in order to avoid the flooding that is common in that area.

RESOLVED to accept the offer from Beccles Helping Hands to replace and re-site two benches on the river bank between the bridge and the Sailing Club

- 537. TO AGREE TO APPLY FOR A FACULTY FOR KILBRACK TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL PLANTING OF SMALL TREES AND BUSHES NEAR THE NEW FENCE, AND AN INFORMATION BOARD AND A NEW BENCH SEAT (TO BE PROVIDED BY BECCLES HELPING HANDS)**

Councillor Sigsworth explained that Pride in Beccles would like to apply for an additional Faculty from the Diocese in order to carry out some planting next to the new fence at Kilbrack. Much of the planting will be externally funded provided it consists mainly of fruit trees. Beccles Helping Hands had also offered to install a seat at the site and an Information Board that could give some history behind the people who are buried in the area.

RESOLVED to apply for a Faculty for Kilbrack to allow additional planting of small trees and bushes near the new fence, an Information Board and a new bench seat (to be provided by Beccles Helping Hands)

- 538. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO DATE AS PER BUDGETARY REGULATIONS**

RESOLVED to receive and approve the Summary of Receipts and Payments to date as per budgetary regulations

- 539. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APRIL 2012**

Councillor Topping asked what the ladder was to be used for, and the Mayor explained that it was to be used to change the flags on the Town Hall.

RESOLVED to receive and approve the Schedule of Payments for April 2012

- 540. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION**

There were no communications.

- 541. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Mayor confirmed that the next meeting of the Town Council is Tuesday 1 May 2012.

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