

**Minutes of a meeting of Beccles Town Council held on Tuesday 1 May 2018 in the Council Chamber of Beccles Town Hall at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT**

**R Stubbings, Mayor, in the chair  
E Brambley-Crawshaw, Deputy Mayor**

<b>G Birrell</b>	<b>Mrs M D Haynes</b>
<b>N Brooks</b>	<b>J Janney</b>
<b>Mrs S A Bubb</b>	<b>R Kathuria</b>
<b>G Catchpole</b>	<b>S Kenward</b>
<b>G Elliott</b>	<b>Mrs C A Topping</b>
<b>N Elliott</b>	<b>J B Walmsley</b>
<b>J D Harris</b>	

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Mrs C Boyne, Town Clerk  
Rev Bosse, Hungate Church**

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC 0**

Rev Bosse led the council in prayer.

**257. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Downes.

**258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR ANY REQUESTS FOR THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS IN RELATION TO ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**259. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2018**

Councillor G Elliott asked for a correction to item 241. The new toilet block at Beccles Lido had been installed that day and not at the start of April as recorded in the minutes.

**RESOLVED** To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the town council meeting held on Tuesday 3 April 2018, subject to the above amendment.

**260. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**261. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING, AND TO ALLOW COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:-**

Reports attached.

**262. TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:-**

**Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Beccles Lido

Councillor G Elliott reported that the new toilet block was now in place.

Fauconberg Trust

Councillor Walmsley reported that the trust was looking for new members, particularly younger people. The trust gives out grants to pupils in the last year of primary school up to sixth form age. Assistance has been given in the past for trips and the purchase of musical instruments. Councillor Walmsley confirmed that the trust had approached the schools.

**Working Party Reports**

There were none.

**263. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2018**

**RESOLVED** To receive the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2018

**264. REQUEST FROM THE BECCLES BUSINESS AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW BECCLES LEAFLET**

It was generally agreed that this leaflet was beneficial for the town. The clerk reported that the Waveney District Council logo on the back would be replaced with the town council's crest.

**RESOLVED** To agree the request from the Beccles Business and Tourism Association for a contribution to half of the cost of the new Beccles Leaflet (£400)

**265. APPLICATION FROM SIR JOHN LEMAN HIGH SCHOOL TO THE DOROTHY HODGKIN BURSARY FUND**

There was a question as to whether the mayor and members of the Crowfoot family were invited to the presentation of the bursary and what the selection process was. The clerk confirmed that, with prompting, the mayor had been invited. The selection criteria was detailed on the application form.

**RESOLVED** To agree the application from Sir John Lemman High School for £60 to be granted from the Dorothy Hodgkin Bursary Fund

**266. FUNDING SHORTFALL AND LONG TERM FUTURE OF CLINKS CARE FARM**

Councillor G Elliott proposed that a letter should be sent to the Clinical

Commissioning Group and Peter Aldous expressing concern regarding the loss of this service and request that other avenues are explored to enable the service to continue. It was a very effective service with some very positive outcomes.

It was reported that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was very close last year to being put into special measures due to being in debt. This would have led to NHS England making cuts in services across the board. Fortunately this did not happen, but the CCG had been put into 'special measures' and was under significant pressure to save money and so cuts to services were inevitable. Decisions on service cuts were made by a committee whose membership was made up of at least 50% General Practitioners (GP's) so there was clinical input into the decisions being made. Many services had been cut, not just Clinks Care Farm.

It was felt that although cuts were inevitable, it was important to still make objections. Councillor Brambley-Crawshaw seconded Councillor G Elliott's proposal, with the addition of including NHS England in the recipient list, a vote was taken and it was

**RESOLVED** To write to the Clinical Commissioning Group, Peter Aldous and NHS England expressing concern regarding the loss of Clinks Care Farm and request that other avenues are explored to enable the service to continue

## **267. NEW SIGNATORIES FOR BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED** To agree new signatories as follows:-  
 Co-Op Current Account – Councillors Harris and Janney  
 Santander Bond – Councillor Stubbings  
 Nationwide 95 Day Notice Account – Councillor Walmsley  
 Lloyds 1 Year Bond – Councillors N Elliott and Brooks

## **268. REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING POINT IN THE TOWN**

The mayor explained that currently the nearest charging point was at Lowestoft. A charging point could be installed in the town centre where the market electricity points were situated.

It was suggested that a charging point would be more suitable in a Waveney District Council off street car park rather than taking up spaces in the town centre. Lidl had included a charging point in its planning application.

It was reported that an Environmental Strategy Officer had been appointed at Suffolk County Council who was trying to bring together all councils to implement an electric car charging point strategy. Funding was also available.

The mayor therefore proposed that the council writes to Suffolk County Council expressing interest in installing an electric charging point in Beccles, with no further commitment at this stage. This was seconded by Councillor Brambley-

Crawshaw, a vote was taken and it was therefore

**RESOLVED** To write to Suffolk County Council expressing interest in installing an electric charging point in Beccles, with no further commitment at this stage

**269. PETTY CASH RECONCILIATION**

**RESOLVED** To approve the Petty Cash Reconciliation

**270. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO DATE**

The clerk reported that the summary was from 1 April and so was only showing budgets at the moment.

**RESOLVED** To approve the Summary of Receipts and Payments to date

**271. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR MAY 2018**

There was a question regarding the period that the rates for the Blyburgate Hall Cottage covered. The clerk explained that the charge of £298.06 covered from February through to April.

There was a question regarding the payment of £3,250 to Randall Surveys. The clerk explained that council had agreed to contribute £1,400 to the cost of this survey, with the Broads Authority and Bungay Town Council agreeing to contribute the rest.

**RESOLVED** To approve the Schedule of Payments for May 2018

**272. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The mayor reported that Waveney District Council (WDC) was organising a joint Beccles Community Information and Well Being Session at Blyburgate Hall on 5 June. Community Groups were being invited to have stalls at the event. WDC wanted it to be a joint venture across all three tiers of local government and would like to include the Town Council logo on the posters.

**273. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AS TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 7pm.

*E Crawshaw 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018*