Swaffham Town Council

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10 August 2022 in the Town Hall

Councillors: Mrs J Anscombe, Mrs N Bass, Mrs L Beech, Mr S Bell

(Mayor), Mr P Darby, Mr C Houghton, Mrs S Matthews, Mr K

Oliver, Mr I Pilcher and Mrs J Skinner

Town Clerk: Mr R Bishop
Office Administrator: Mrs N Forrest

Public: Six

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr G Edwards - travel issues

Cllr N Bass – family commitments

Cllr W Bensley - holiday

Cllr L Scott – work commitments

Breckland Councillor - Cllr Wickerson - other commitments

Breckland Councillor - Cllr I Sherwood - work commitments

Breckland & NCC Cllr - Cllr E Colman

2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

None received.

3. Public Open Forum

<u>Motorbikes</u> – several members of the public raised issues regarding how many motorbikes are parked on the pavement. This blocks cyclists from reaching the cycle rack. Cllr K Oliver suggested to one of the shops owners they speak with the council regarding better places to park motorbikes. It was suggested the council add more parking spaces for motorbikes around Swaffham.

<u>Cycle Rack</u> – It was suggested by a member of public to place a new cycle rack near ASDA. It was decided to talk about this request in the Transport, Access & Environment Committee.

<u>Increase of noise in Theatre Street</u> – a member of the public raised an issue regarding the noise coming from theatre street.

4. Reports

- 4.1. Police No reports received
- 4.2. Norfolk County Council Report received by Cllr Ed Coleman See Appendix 1.
- 4.3. Breckland Council Report received from Cllr Ed Coleman See Appendix 2.

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5. Reports: Mayor and Town Clerk

5.1. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor, Cllr Stewart Bell, reported on recent Civic events attended.

Attendance of RAF Marham family's day, AGM at Litcham Hospice, and the new Mayor BBQ at Mildenhall.

5.2. <u>Urgent reports, correspondence, or information at the Mayor's discretion</u> – None received

5.3. Town Clerk's Report

5.4. <u>Hybrid Technology</u>

The Town Clerk gave an update on the new IT installed by Cloudy IT, we have issues to resolve in terms of conflict between the new technology and any amplification of sound in the meeting room. Training on the new equipment is to be organised.

5.5. SharePoint and Dropbox

Councillors section of SharePoint files is now up and running, although not all Councillors are fully conversant with the new system. In the coming weeks, the staff will be sharing more information with Councillors, as they become more proficient with the new system

5.6. London Street Residents

30 members of the public attended the meeting held on 4th August chaired by the Deputy Mayor, and attended by David Jacklin Area Highways Engineer Norfolk County Council, Harvey Woodyatt Area Highways Network Coordinator Norfolk County Council, Andrew Holdsworth Assistant Director Economy & Growth Breckland Council, Julie Brown-Rigsby Building Control Manager Breckland Council. Cllr Ed Colman Breckland and County Councillor, Cllr David Wickerson Breckland Councillor. The Town Council objective was to facilitate a meeting for the Residents of London Street to address their concerns in relation to the temporary measures put in place to deal with the partial collapse of a building in London Street. The subsequent long-term issues or desired improvements will be addressed by the Transport & Environment Committee. The next scheduled meeting for this Committee has been re-arranged to Wednesday 7th September to accommodate the attendance of County Councillor Ed Colman

5.7. Anonymous Mail Received

When anonymous mail is received at the town hall the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk will use their discretion to see if this is in the interest of the town and to be dealt with by the committee.

Cllrs voted and agreed to a change in policy.

6. Minutes

6.1. Wednesday 13 July 2022 - Full Council

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed and signed by the mayor as an accurate record.

7. Finance

7.1. Accounts for payment July 2022

The interim list of accounts was circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix 3).

The accounts were agreed.

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7.2. Sarcophagus Planter

An idea for a Sarcophagus Planter has been put forward by a resident. It has not been costed out, it is placed before the Council to see if they wish to explore the idea, or whether they note the suggestion.

Cllrs declined the proposal.

7.3. West Norfolk Deaf Association

A request for support from the West Norfolk Deaf Association, as they have identified a rival organisation who have been working independently of the West Norfolk Deaf Association, claiming to be the same organisation. Their concern is that they have entered towns without permission and has provided a duplication of service, that could lead to a withdrawal of funding from the NHS, preventing them from delivering their services.

It was agreed to defer the decision until further information could be obtained.

7.4. Christmas Lights

Consideration to costs of putting lights up and taking down, also remote switch-on mechanism, attendance at Christmas event and supply of electrical equipment was presented and passed seconded by Cllr Matthews.

7.5. Fire Alarm and Electrical Testing

Quotes for 2022 Fire Alarm and Electrical Testing were considered and passed Clirs unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Contractor B.

7.6. Lighting Column & Car Park Machine

Consideration for the cost of separating power supplies was presented. The Town Clerk has picked up this project from the previous Deputy Clerk, as part of the improvements required from last year's Christmas event. There has also been a change of officer at Breckland Council, hence this issue has fallen between two stools. Estimates were obtained for the separation of electric supply of the two car park machines and the streetlights in the car park, as when you turn off the supply to the light you turn off the car park machine. This is predominantly a Breckland Council expense, so we are looking for Breckland Council to reimburse the town Council

Clirs unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Contractor B, subject to Breckland Council reimbursing the payment.

7.7. Cemetery Signage/Wall

The Town Clerk updated the councillors on the sign for the Cemetery. The signage will be Black Granite – built into the wall.

7.8. Ashill Fire Fund

The Mayor Cllr S Bell proposed to pay £500 from the Mayor fund to the Ashill Fire Fund

All Clirs unanimously agreed.

7.9. Barn Update

Cllr Houghton updated that a local Architect (retired) will be doing a site visit to give a realistic summery of the works needing to be carried out.

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7.10. Swimming Pool

The Town Clerk has arranged for a meeting with members of the Swimming Pool Group on 12th September, to go through issues relating to funding and the preliminary work in relation to a potential lease. The timescale was set by the Swimming Pool Charity, who stated that they had members on holiday and the issues raised by the Council needed further discussion amongst themselves, prior to meeting with the Town Council.

In the autumn we will also have to put in a change of use planning application from school use to public use for the pool itself. There will also be further discussion with the school required to firm up earlier discussions for shared use of the car park, which will require removal of the dividing fencing and some re-surfacing works.

8. General Correspondence or Information

8.1. Weekly correspondence

The list of correspondence records items was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, the correspondence is in the Councillors section of SharePoint, on a temporary basis we are duplicating the link via Dropbox, this will cease when all Councillors are conversant with the new system.

8.2. Nourishing Norfolk Initiative

Seeking to arrange a meeting for a range of organisations to discuss their project and request a representative of the Town Council to attend. Cllr Anscombe discussed a popup shop to sell discounted groceries, it was discussed if they could liaise with the Baptist Church as they organise the food bank/fridge.

It was agreed Cllr Oliver would go to a meeting to gather further information.

8.3. MOSIAC applications by Cultural Consortium

The details of the Planning application submitting by the Cultural Consortium are circulated for information. The application will come to the Planning Committee for formal comments at their next meeting.

This is for information purposes only.

8.4. Car Boot Sales

A request from Friends of Swaffham to use the Haspall's road Recreation Ground for possible monthly events. Cllr Oliver outlined the proposal to use the Market Square in winter months, Cllr Darby requested a risk assessment for the safety of the public on the Recreation Ground.

Cllrs agreed this would be good for Swaffham Town.

8.5. Youth Project

Confirmation of arrangements for Youth Project trial for summer of 2022 – location, urgent action, and consideration of graffiti area.

Cllrs agreed to postpone until summer 2023.

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9. Dates of forthcoming meetings and items for future agenda

Meeting	Date & time		<u>Staff</u>
9.1 PLANNING Committee	Tues 30 th Aug	4.00pm	HC HD
9.2 TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT Committee	Wed 7 th Sept	4.00pm	RB HC
9.3 FULL COUNCIL	Wed 14 th Sept	6.30pm	RB HC
9.4 MARKET Committee	Mon 19 th Sept	6.30pm	HC RO
9.5 ASSETS & OPEN SPACES Committee	Mon 26 th Sept	6.30pm	HC NF
9.6 PLANNING & BUILT ENV Committee	Tues 27 th Sept	4.00pm	RB NF

10. ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT (PUBLIC BODIES) 1960:

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS following the exclusion of the public and press

10.1. Two-Acres Land Transfer

The Town Clerk provided an update from progress to date, the contract has been signed and are awaiting the denosit to be paid

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	signed and are awaiting the deposit to be paid.	
2.	Days Field	
	The Town Clerk provided an update on progress to d	late.
	Meeting Closed at 8.10pm	Chairman

Norfolk County Council Report 2022 Clir Ed Colman 07940 406356 ed.colman@breckland.gov.uk

Norfolk County Council launches consultation on the future of mobile libraries

Norfolk County Council has launched a consultation about changes to the rural mobile library service, as part of proposals to save £13 million.

The six mobile libraries operated by Norfolk County Council stop outside a variety of places within local communities, ranging from playgroups, schools, care homes, and traveller sites - as well as locations where there is high footfall such as parish halls, pubs, and supermarkets. There are currently 1,304 stops and time spent at each stop ranges from 10 minutes to an hour.

The Council is asking for views, to help shape how the reduced funding should be used for the future delivery of the mobile library service and what should be considered when potentially reducing the number of routes.

Our consultation will explore:

- What is important to people currently using or wanting to use the service
- How we should prioritise where and for how long a mobile service happens
- Whether we could introduce and make better use of digital services
- Which partners or other services could work with us to improve the rural and mobile library service
- Whether there are local needs and other factors that will help shape delivery

With ever-increasing pressures on public sector resources, it is important for local service providers to work together to share resources and investment. Our mobile library services could work with our partners to deliver services fit for the future.

The Council, like all organisations, continues to face higher costs and demand for services. Initial proposals to save £13 million as part of a £60 million target for next year were considered by Cabinet on 4th July, and one of the proposed savings is to reduce the budget for the mobile library service by £200,000 - this is nearly half of the existing budget of £422,000.

The consultation opened on 22 July and runs until 14 September. The results of the public consultation will be presented to the County Council's cabinet in November 2022, and final decisions on the council's budget will be made in February 2023.

Travel Norfolk launches new multi-operator bus ticket

Travelling by bus in Norfolk has just got easier with the launch of the new Travel Norfolk Fusion Day ticket.

The day ticket allows passengers to use all buses run by all operators across Norfolk and is an ideal solution for both residents and visitors who want to use buses across areas that have services run by different operators.

The Norfolk Fusion Day ticket costs just £12 for an adult, £9 for a young person (5-19 years) or £22 for a group (maximum 2 adults and 3 young people) and can be purchased on board all services or via operator apps.

Better value for money and simpler ticketing are things that bus passengers in Norfolk have asked for so launching this ticket just four months into our Enhanced Partnership demonstrates how effectively operators and Norfolk County Council are working

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together to deliver the Bus Service Improvement Plan. We intend this to be just the start of improving the simplicity and integration of bus services.

Here are just a few examples of where the new Travel Norfolk Fusion Day ticket is best value:

- Norwich to Oxburgh Hall (Adults save £3.80 2 adults, 2 children save £14.60)
- Broadland villages such as Brundall to Hunstanton beach (Adults save up to £9.20)
- Terrington St Clement to Norwich (Adults save £1.60 2 adults, 2 children save £4.70)
- Terrington St Clement to Hunstanton (2 adults, 2 children save over £13)
- Dereham to Cromer (Adults save £1.90 2 adults, 2 children save over £10)
- Swaffham to Cromer (Adults save £1.60 2 adults, 2 children save £20)
- Harleston to Carlton Colville (Adults save £1.60 2 adults, 2 children save £10)

Norwich Western Link Pre-Planning Application Public Consultation to launch later this month

A public consultation on Norfolk County Council's Norwich Western Link project will launch in August, with people being invited to give their views on proposals before the planning application is finalised and submitted.

The Norwich Western Link is a new 3.9 mile dual carriageway road that would connect the A1270 Broadland Northway to the A47 west of Norwich. As well as improving travel between these two major routes, the new road would tackle traffic congestion and delays on the local road network and in communities, and prevent them from worsening due to planned housing and job growth in Greater Norwich.

The Pre-Planning Application Public Consultation will launch on Monday 15 August and will close eight weeks later, at midnight on Sunday 9 October.

Four consultation events will be held during the consultation period, with information on display and members of the project team available to discuss the proposals and answer questions. These events will be held at:

- Barnham Broom Village Hall on Friday 2 September (12 8pm)
- The Costessey Centre on Friday 9 September (1 8pm)
- Weston Longville Hall for All on Thursday 15 September (12 8pm)
- Felthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 22 September (12 8pm)

There will also be opportunities for people to speak to members of the project team about the proposals via bookable online and phone appointments. Once the consultation launches, people will be able to view information on the proposals via the Norwich Western Link webpage and fill in an online questionnaire. Email and postal responses will also be accepted.

The planning application for the project is due to be submitted next year. Subject to gaining necessary statutory approvals, construction of the Norwich Western Link is scheduled to get underway in late 2024 with the road open for use in late 2026.

APPENDIX 2

Breckland Council 2022

Cllr Ed Colman 07940 406356

REMINDER: Breckland Council Inspiring Communities Match Funding

Breckland Council Inspiring Communities is a match funding scheme providing grants of up to £5,000 for groups working in Breckland District.

The funding is for community projects that can demonstrate that they address identified community needs and align with Breckland Council's Inspiring Communities outcomes which are:

- To lead the recovery from COVID-19, supporting all Breckland's communities;
- To address vulnerability and work with the most disadvantaged members of our communities to improve their life chances;
- To enhance the health and wellbeing of Breckland's residents as part of Norfolk's Integrated Care System and by providing excellent leisure facilities and activities.

Applicants can apply for a maximum of 50% of the total project cost therefore match funding is required. This can be from your own funds, external funders or in the form of in-kind contributions.

How to apply

- Step 1 follow the link below to read the Funding Guide. Make sure your planned work aligns with Breckland Council's Inspiring Communities outcomes.
- Step 2 Contact your Breckland ward member(s) Find your Councillor to inform them that you are making an application and ask that they contact Norfolk Community Foundation grants@norfolkfoundation.com to give their view on your project. Please ensure you give them sufficient time to respond before the deadline.
- Step 3 Begin your online application via the Apply Online link below.

APPLY NOW https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/groups/breckland-council-inspiring-communities/

Breckland Council submit plans for £1.6 million shared prosperity funding

Breckland Council's Cabinet has agreed to submit an investment plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which if approved by the Government would see over £1.6 million national funding brought into the district as part of the UK Government Levelling Up programme.

Breckland's proposed £1.6 million investment plan would see the money spent on: investing in skills - particularly for the vulnerable, and for people looking to build a career in high growth sectors. Furthering the council's Inspiring Communities programme for vulnerable residents. Helping businesses to reduce their costs, and their carbon footprint. Helping businesses grow, and investing in Town centre amenities.

The plan has been developed based on the evidence, feedback and learning from the 'Future Breckland' programme, also funded by Breckland Council. The core aim of Future Breckland is to help the district build a strong and sustainable economy for the future.

Cllr Paul Claussen, Executive Member for Economic Development and Growth at Breckland Council, commented: "We are confident that we will be able to secure this £1.6 million national investment for Breckland projects and that these projects will make a big difference to our district's residents."

The council expects to receive confirmation of the bid's success in the autumn.

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Work starts on five new affordable homes in Thetford aimed at former rough sleepers

Work has started on a £926,000 project to build five new affordable homes aimed at helping former rough sleepers in Breckland.

Breckland Council has gifted the land, a former school car park on Elm Road in the town, for the new homes, while Broadland Housing is developing the new homes. Combined with capital from Broadland, grant funding has come from Homes England via the Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme.

The five one-bedroom homes - four houses and one bungalow - are being built with a timber frame design for speed of construction and to ensure low embodied carbon. The new homes, which are being built by local firm H Smith of Honingham, will be energy-efficient, with air source heat pumps.

The residents will be supported with housing management and tenancy support services by Access Community Trust.

This project is a great example of what can be achieved when organisations such as Breckland Council and Broadland Housing work together in partnership to tackle the problem of homelessness.

These much-needed energy-efficient homes will be built to the high quality standards we have for all our homes. By bringing back into use a piece of surplus land, we can ensure that more people leave the streets and can have a home to call their own.

The five new homes will be completed in early 2023.

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APPENDIX 3

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No	nt	Name	Details		Price	VAT		Total
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342	Card	Lloyds Bank	Monthly credit card fee - June 22	£	3.00	£ -	£	3.0
346	Card	Lloyds Bank	Adobe - new Acrobat software	£	12.64	£ -	£	12.0
347	Card	Lloyds Bank	Blinds Direct - office blinds replacement	£	57.69	£ 11.54	£	69.3
348	Card	Lloyds Bank	NCC - road closure	£	40.55	£ -	£	40.
349	Card	Lloyds Bank	Unique Jewellery - Mayor chain engraving	£	80.00	£ -	£	80.0
tfr	Card	Lloyds Bank	Petty cash - cashline withdrawal	£	52.50	£ -	£	52.
tfr	Card	Lloyds Bank	Petty cash - cashline withdrawal	£	52.50	£ -	£	52.
tfr	Card	Lloyds Bank	Petty cash - cashline withdrawal	£	102.50	£ -	£	102.
351			Town Hall - Rates	£	1,048.00		£	1,048.0
352	-1/-1	Breckland Council	Market - Rates	£	349.00		£	349.0
353	d/d	Breckland Council	Cemetery - Rates	£	190.00		£	190.0
354			Barn - Rates	£	115.00		£	115.0
350	d/d	Hitachi	Truck Lease - July 22	£	336.88	£ 67.38	£	404.
			VOIP router & line - 720014	£	-	£ -		
			Town Council - Fax & Broadband 720469	£	-	£ -		
	d/d	Immervox (July 22)	Swaffham Heritage - Telephone 721230	£	-	£ -	£	
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			Town Council - Alarm 724968	£	-	£ -		
			Town Wi-Fi - 336135	£	-	£ -		
355	d/d	PWLB	Loan accounts - 483005	£	3,071.25	£ -	£	3,071.
384	d/d	SSE Southern Electric	Public Toilets - electricity - July 22	£	149.36	£ 7.46	£	156.
	d/d	SSE Southern Electric	Cemetery Chapel - electricity - July 22	£	-	£ -	£	
356	d/d	SSE Southern Electric	Town Hall - electricity - June 22	£	402.89	£ 20.14	£	423.
	d/d	SSE Southern Electric	Town Hall - electricity - 29 Apr-1 Jun 22	£	1,337.61	£ 267.52	£	1,605.
	d/d	SSE SWALEC	Buttercross - electricity - July 22	£	-	£ -		
357	d/d	SSE SWALEC	Rec Ground - electricity - June 22	£	12.58	£ 0.62	£	13.
358			Mobile Phone bills - July 22 - S Dent	£	15.68	£ 3.14	1	
359	d/d	Vodafone	Mobile Phone bills - July 22 - R Ostler	£	15.53	£ 3.11	£	37.
360			Mobile phone - MF - July 22	£	25.00	£ -	£	25.
	d/d	WorldPay	Monthly payment charges - July 22	£	_	£ -	£	
	BACS	Net Salaries	Town Council salaries	£		_	£	
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	BACS	Inland Revenue	Employer National Insurance contribution	£	-		£	
			Employee National Insurance contribution	£				
	BACS	Norfolk Pension Service	Employer Contribution	£			£	
			Employee Contribution					
361	BACS	Ben Burgess	Strimmer parts	£	64.20	£ 12.84	£	77.
362	BACS	Brook HR	HR Services - June 22	£	135.00	£ -	£	135.
363	BACS	Carter Accommodation	Orford Road event - portable toilets	£	205.00	£ 41.00	£	246.
385	BACS	Carter Accomodation	Carter 22 Campingland dig - portable toilets	£	125.00	£ 25.00	£	150
363	BACS	ССМ	Grass cutting - July 22	£	448.38	£ 89.68	£	538.
365	BACS	Cloudy IT	IT usage - July 22	£	333.60	£ 66.72	£	400.
	BACS			£			£	
368		Cloudy IT	IT usage - August 22		333.60		-	400.
365	BACS	Cooleraid	Drinking water - July 22	£	4.94	£ 0.99	£	5.
366	BACS	Council HR & Gov Support	HR & Governance - annual subscription	£	1,500.00	£ -	£	1,500.
386	BACS	Express Lifts	Town Hall - lift replacement battery	£	263.60	£ 52.72	£	316.
367	BACS	Hags SMP Ltd	Rec Ground - replaced table tennis	£	399.59	£ 79.91	£	479.
369	BACS	Ice Queen	Xmas event - ice rink - deposit	£	981.25	£ 196.25	£	1,177
370	BACS	K Lock	Orford Road - play area repairs	£	5.59	£ 1.12	£	6
371	BACS	n Power	War Memorial electric Apr-Jun 22	£	16.02	£ 0.80	£	16
344	BACS	ROSPA Play Safety	All Play Areas - annual inspection	£	556.50		£	667
372	BACS	Swaffham Building Supplies	Orford Road - materials	£	4.80	£ 0.96	£	5
373	BACS	Swaffham Building Supplies	Campingland - fencing repair materials	£	37.34	£ 7.46	£	44
374	BACS	Swaffham Building Supplies	Campingland - fencing repair materials	£	27.90	£ 5.58	£	33
375	BACS	Swaffham Building Supplies	Campingland - fencing repair materials	£	13.58	£ 2.72	£	16
376	BACS	Travis Perkins	Mortice Lock	£	15.75	£ 3.15	£	18
377	BACS	Uncle Lukes	Cultural Consortium - Carter 22 signage	£	375.00	£ 75.00	£	450
378	BACS	Veolia	Town Hall waste - July 22	£	3.52	£ 0.70	£	4.
379	BACS	Veolia	Cemetery waste - July 22	£	2.20	£ 0.44	£	2
380		WAVE - Anglian Water	Public Toilets - 341378101 - July 22	£	96.03		£	96
381	BACS	WAVE - Anglian Water	Town Hall - 346045001 - July 22	£	63.72	£ -	£	63
382	BACS	WAVE - Anglian Water	Rec Ground- 225554301 - July 22	£	7.23	£ -	£	7
383	BACS	Worzels Roofing	Barn roof repairs	£	135.00	£ -	£	135
		-		Total £	13,624.50	£ 1,221.96	£	14,846
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Jul-22		Cash & Cheques taken over the					£	84
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