



**Present:** Councillors; D Thomas (Chair), P Dutton, K Greenberg, S Leverett, R Lewis, M Took, D Wollweber.

**In Attendance:** P Welby (Assistant Clerk) and one member of the public.

## Minutes

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs A Fleming, K Forster, A Payne and T Gardner.
2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Leverett for item 12, Cllr Thomas for item 13
3. **Minutes:** The minutes were accepted as a true record apart from the Clerk adding Cllr Took to the list of those present.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  1. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Greenberg reported on his meeting with WDC officers Jo McCallum and Dickon Povey. There are grants available to help with the completion of a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Dutton said the Council need to make residents aware that this needs to be led by them and can't be run by the Council. Cllr Greenberg added that having a Neighbourhood Plan is the chance of having some influence rather none at all.
  2. Teen Shelter – Cllr Dutton reported that there will be a meeting this week with Cllr Goldson, Sgt Beresford, Simon Walker (Waveney Norse), Jo McCallum (WDC) and Eric Sewell (Apollo Centre) to discuss the possibility of moving the shelter and the overall antisocial behaviour in the town.
  3. Swan Lane Allotment hedge – Cllr Lewis asked if a tree surgeon had looked at the hedge. Clerk's office to chase.
5. **Emergency Plan** – Two evacuation/meeting centres have been agreed as Chinny's and The Day Centre.
6. **Flood Relief** – Cllr Thomas proposed that the Council continue to pursue the flood relief option and continue to work with the Environment Agency on this. This was seconded by Cllr Greenberg. All in favour. The NFU have said that they will put a piece in their newsletter asking landowners along the river to contact the Council so that they can be involved in the process.
7. **Apollo Centre** – The end of the lease for the Apollo Centre was discussed. Cllr Leverett proposed that the Council contact Eric Sewell and ask him what the current position was and whether he had confirmation of any verbal offers that had been made. This was seconded by Cllr Thomas. All in favour.
8. **Skills Centre** – The future of the Skills Centre (old Middle School site) was discussed. The Council are keen and want to encourage it to be retained as a training facility, Cllr Wollweber remarked especially if Sizewell C goes ahead as he believed it is the closest centre to Sizewell with engineering training capabilities. It was discussed that a possible conflict of interests could arise from County Cllr Goldson being the County Cllr for Halesworth and the Chair of the company which is applying to take over the Skills Centre. Cllr Leverett proposed that the Council contact Jayne Cole for advice on the situation and how to ask the appropriate questions of Cllr Goldson. This was seconded by Cllr Dutton. 4 in favour, 2 abs. Cllr Thomas did not participate in the vote.  
Cllr Wollweber proposed that the Council ask Cllr Goldson as the County Cllr for Halesworth what the long-term future and the time scale of development of the Apollo Centre and the Skills

Centre is from a County Council perspective. This was seconded by Cllr Greenberg. All in favour. Cllr Thomas did not participate in the vote.

9. **Patrick Stead Hospital** – The Clerk’s office had received the documents from Southwold Town Council regarding their application for listing Southwold hospital as an asset of community value. Cllr Wollweber is meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> September with the League of Friends to discuss the option of listing the building. Cllr Dutton suggested that a letter to NHS Property Co. be sent to ask if there were any plans to sell the building. Cllr Leverett proposed that the Committee recommend that the Council apply to list PSH as an asset of Community Value. This was seconded by Cllr Greenberg. All in favour.
10. **Rayner Green** – The Council has received a reply to a letter sent asking for an update on the Rayner Green Resource Centre from the Clinical Commissioning Group. Cllr Wollweber proposed that the Council reply to the CCG asking for an explanation of the vague terms used in the letter. This was seconded by Cllr Lewis. All in favour.
11. **Urban Improvement Working Group** – Cllr Dutton reported from the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. The proposals and suggestions for the Thoroughfare are nearing completion. The next stage will be to hold an open meeting at which residents can comment on them.
12. **London Road Building:** A letter has been received from WDC setting their terms for the transfer of the LRB, Town Park and public toilets. A meeting with Simon Eades from WDC will be arranged to allow the Council to ask questions that have arisen from the letter. It was agreed that there will also be a meeting of the LRB working group to discuss these questions prior to the meeting.
13. **CIL and S106 projects** – GAPP have already purchased another picnic bench for the park. The Millennium Green Trust have asked that the Council consider purchasing way markers with the s106 and CIL money. Clerk’s office to ask them for prices to be considered at the next finance meeting. Cllr Greenberg also suggest dog waste bins for Millennium Green. To be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. Cllr Thomas also suggested that the choice of a replacement bench for Saxons Way also be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. This cannot be paid from the CIL or S106 money.
14. **Website:** There were none.
15. **Maintenance:** The bench on Saxons Way has now been removed and the decision of what to replace it will be made at the Finance Committee meeting.
16. **Correspondence:** There was none.