

**Minutes of a Premises Committee Meeting of Watton Town Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at 7.00 pm at Wayland Hall, Watton.**

Members Present:            B Anderson                            J P McCarthy  
                                     K Gilbert                                L McCarthy – Vice Chairman  
                                     M Holmes                                M Wassell  
                                     R Ivory

Officers Present:            Town Clerk - J Seal

Others Present: Councillors: Wykes, Osborn and Walls

**79            APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Freeman

**80            CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**81            MATTERS ARISING**

Item 64 – The Clerk informed the Committee that an advert would be put in the next issue of the Wayland News for the removal of the mural.

Item 65 – It was reported that there had been no further problems with the dog on the field.

Item 68 – The Clerk reported the monitoring of the speeding of vehicles by the makesamsmile system has been started on Brandon Road and will extend to cover Dereham Road, Thetford Road and Norwich Road. A report will be submitted on completion.

Item 70 – The work on the drains had been completed.

Item 73 – It was agreed that a letter be written to Lord Walsingham asking if he would like the spare gate to be returned to him.

It was agreed that a special meeting be held to discuss the Refurbishment of Wayland Hall.

**82            PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Members discussed the various issues with having a crossing on Dereham Road, which had been suggested by a member of the public.

It was agreed that Norfolk County Council be asked to look at the feasibility of putting a crossing on Dereham Road in the vicinity of Lime Tree Walk and taking into consideration the ongoing survey.

It was agreed that this be discussed further as an Agenda Item for Full Council.

83            **FAX MACHINE**

It was proposed by Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Anderson and

**RESOLVED**

That the laser fax recommended by Norfolk Copiers be purchased.

84            **SKATEBOARD PARK**

Members discussed the correspondence in the press regarding the need for a Skateboard Park. One Member gave a brief history of how the Council had previously secured funds and looked at various sites. This had caused great anger from a number of residents and the scheme had been dropped.

It was proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor J P McCarthy and

**RESOLVED**

That a press release be put together stating that the Council is fully in support of a Skateboard Park and ask the Community to come forward with suggested sites for the Council to pursue.

85            **PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Clerk reported the recent vandalism at the public toilets. The police had been informed and had agreed to give extra patrols to the area.

The committee discussed the recent problems and agreed that the toilet opening hours should be changed to opening at 7.00 am and closing one hour earlier at 5.00 pm.

One Member suggested that to overcome drug use that blue lighting be fitted and the Clerk was asked to pursue this.

The Chairman felt very strongly that when incidents happen that the Clerk should make a statement in the Press on behalf of the Council. The Clerk, supported by the Chairman of the Council informed the committee that due to the attitude of some Members of the Council she was reluctant to make statements on behalf of Council without the approval of the full Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Anderson and

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk be given authority in conjunction with the Chairman to speak to the press on behalf of the Council in cases of emergency or urgent requirements.

86            **URGENT BUSINESS**

**Twining**

The Chairman had spoken to several people who had agreed that there should be a part of Watton named after the Twinned Town of Weeze in Germany and would be put on the Full Council Agenda.

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert, seconded by Councillor Anderson

in accordance with Standing Order No 66 and

**RESOLVED**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted concerning tenders, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw

It was proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Gilbert and

**RESOLVED**

That Paul Lincoln be awarded the contract for the surfacing of the car park area and the erection of a compost frame at the Thetford Road Allotment site.

The Meeting ended at 8.15pm

JS