

88 MATTERS ARISING

Item 82b – Item 62 – It was agreed that the £100 for Councillor e-mails on the web site be taken from this year's budget.

Item 77 – Item 62 – Councillor Anderson felt that although the Sunday Bus Service had returned there was still a need to meet Norfolk County Council Transport Department to try to secure an evening service to Norwich.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Anderson on her efforts in securing the Sunday Bus Service and wished her good luck on the evening and London bus return.

Item 77 – Item 66, the Chairman asked that information relating to any 100th Birthday or 50th, 60th or 70th Wedding Anniversaries be given to the office.

It was agreed that a Certificate be given to the person or couple.

89 URGENT BUSINESS

Fly posting was discussed with the Clerk explaining that the Council had no power to remove the posters. It was agreed that Breckland and be informed and asked to remove the posters or delegate power to the Town Council.

Cycle stands at the Youth & Community Centre were discussed and agreed that they be sited to the side of the Centre.

90 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report Submitted by the Chairman.

90a VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Councillor Ivory thanked everyone for their help at the "Festive Christmas Market".

91 CLERKS REPORT

Report Submitted by the Clerk.

92 PRECEPT

It was agreed that the agreed Precept be claimed for the year 2010/2011 from Breckland Council.

93 COMMITTEE REPORTS

93a Planning & Forward Development Committee

Councillor Rudling stated that the meeting convened prior to the Full Council meeting had not been quorate. Items had been discussed but no decisions had been made.

93b Recreation and Environment Committee

Councillor Harvey reported that a meeting had been held with Breckland Planners who after inspection of various sites advised that there were only two pieces of land that were suitable for a Skateboard Park, both of which were situated at the Sports Centre.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Sports Centre before consulting with the Skateboard users.

Brett's Stonemasons had made an offer to the Council to carry out the tree work in the cemetery free of charge in return for the removal of the wood. Members discussed and agreed that the contract be offered to them with the condition that should any damage occur to headstones and graves surrounds that they repair or replace at no cost to the Council.

The locking and unlocking of the children's playground was discussed and the Clerk was asked to confirm with the Sports Centre that they were still taking on this responsibility.

Councillor Cooper stated that he had taken over the responsibility temporarily but did not want to do it on a permanent basis.

94 CORRESPONDENCE

94a Taxi Initiative

Letter of complaint from the proprietor of Anne Cabs complaining that he is receiving complaints from the public because he will not supply a free service on Friday and Saturday evenings. He also reported that the contracted taxi was not in Watton at the agreed time of 1.30am as they were picking up in Norwich.

It was agreed that this be passed to the police for investigation.

94b Web Site

The office had received a number of compliments on the new web site. District Councillor Claire Bowes said that it was very accessible and looked attractive.

96 REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATION REPORTS

Councillor Wykes tabled a report for the Watton Sports Centre and reported that the Centre still did not have a Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary.

Councillor Crabtree – Youth Focus Group – An interesting meeting had been held with the police on Anti-Social Behaviour.

Councillor Crabtree - Senior Citizens Christmas Party - he thanked the Council for their grant and said the party had been a great success.

The Chairman asked that in future an invitation should be sent officially to the Mayor through the office.

Councillor Holmes – Stephen Alms Houses - Tenders had now gone out for the work needed on the Alms Houses.

The Chairman wished Members a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and invited them to share a glass of wine and mince pie with her.

The Meeting ended 8.10pm

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