

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, LAND AND PROPERTIES
COMMITTEE, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2016 AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, KINGS HOUSE, THETFORD STARTING AT 2.00 P.M

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor T J Jermy

Councillors

Mrs S Armes
Mrs B J Canham (Chairman)
C Harvey
R G Kybird
M S Robinson

M P Brindle
D M Crawford
Mrs J Hollis
J Newton (Vice Chairman)

Officers in attendance:

Tina Cunnell Acting Town Clerk
Chris Crimmen Committee Secretary

Minutes

- 59/16 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE
MAYORAL YEAR 2016/17
Chair
RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs B J Canham be elected Chairman of the ALP
Committee for the Mayoral year 2016/17.
Vice Chair
RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs S J Armes be elected Vice Chairman of the
ALP Committee for the Mayoral year 2016/17.
- 60/16 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
Councillors T Jermy, M P Brindle and Mrs B J Canham declared an interest in
agenda number 64/16 as Trustees of CBC Ltd.
- 61/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillors C R P Burnett and S N H Wright.
- 62/16 MINUTES
Resolved the minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 4th May 2016, as
received by Council on 31st May 2016. To be confirmed as a true record and
signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.
- 63/16 ALP COMMITTEE PRIORITIES
The Chairman led a discussion to agree the top three ALP Committee priorities
to the end of September 2016. The following three priorities were agreed:
1. Community Safety – CCTV, PCSO/Warden, Public Safety.
2. Open Spaces – Barnham Cross Common, Castle Mound Steps.
3. Outstanding Tenders – Toilets, Trees, Play Areas.
- 64/16 COMMON LAND
The Acting Town Clerk had received two requests for permission to use
common land for exercise purposes:
Barnham Cross Common – A 10 kilometre run starting from the Charles Burrell
Centre on 27th November 2016. Councillor D Crawford proposed and Councillor
C Harvey seconded that the Council give permission to use Barnham Cross

Common for a 10 km run subject to receiving the relevant paperwork from the organiser.

RECOMMENDATION: The Council give permission to use Barnham Cross Common for a 10 km run subject to receiving the relevant paperwork from the organiser.

Melford Common – A boot camp in early July by a Personnel Trainer. Councillor M Robinson proposed and Councillor J Newton seconded that the Council give permission to use Melford Common for a boot camp in July subject to receiving the relevant paperwork from the organiser. It was noted that a donation was requested for the Mayor's Charity.

RECOMMENDATION: The Council give permission to use Melford Common for a boot camp in July subject to receiving the relevant paperwork from the organiser. It was noted that a donation was requested for the Mayor's Charity.

There followed a discussion on the Councils Open Spaces and it was decided that a small Task and Finish Group should be formed to formulate a draft policy for Open Spaces and a proposed charging structure.

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ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

a) USE OF A PCSO FOR AN 8 WEEK PERIOD

The Acting Town Clerk reported that the Council have been offered a dedicated PCSO for a period of 8 weeks. Councillor T Jermy stated that this trial was offered following a meeting with Chief Inspector Paul Wheatley attended by Councillors T Jermy, Mrs B Canham, J Newton and the Acting Town Clerk. It was up to the Town Council to set the priorities but the Acting Town Clerk stated that as this is an experiment the Council should chose a consistent environment so results can be studied. It was noted that the Police will appoint an external analyst who will report on this experiment. There followed a discussion and the main priorities were discussed:

- Anti-social behaviour.
- Illegal parking.
- Cycling on pathways.
- Drug taking.
- HGV's.
- Litter.

It was agreed that the PCSO should focus on the Town Centre with all its associated issues.

b) SWIMMING POOL AT CHARLES BURRELL CENTRE

Mr M Hassey asked the Town Council at the Full Council forum if they could release so funds from Town Reserves to undertake a survey of the swimming pool at the Charles Burrell Centre to find out how much it would cost to renovate the pool and run it in the future. It was recommended that this matter was referred to the ALP Committee. It was agreed that Councillor M Brindle should have a meeting with Mr Hassey to discuss the way forward.

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PRESS RELEASES

None.

Chairman.