

Minutes

Northam Town Council – Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 22nd June 2023 in the Town Hall a 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Hames, (Chair), Bach, Bruins, Edwards, Mrs Hodson, Leather, Lo-Vel, Newman- McKie, and Tait,
In attendance: Mrs J Mills, Town Clerk,

2306/113 **Chairman's Announcements**

Members were advised that a letter had been received from "Together Again" requesting funding for a community celebration for the 160th anniversary of Westward Ho!

Members asked for additional information and for the matter to go on the next Full Council agenda

Action Point: agenda item next meeting.

2306/114 **Apologies:**

Apologies received from Cllrs Himan, Singh, and Mrs Whittaker

2306/115 **Declarations of interest**

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

2306/116 **To agree the agenda as published**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda, as published

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Bruins (all in favour)

2306/117 **To receive a report on the governance statement, assertions and requirements.**

It was agreed to note the report.

It was **resolved** to provide a link on the website to the finance and transparency page which shows audit information.

Proposed: Cllr Bruins, seconded: Cllr Mrs Hodson. (all in favour)

2306/118 **To receive a report from the Internal Auditor**

The Internal Auditor's Report was noted, Members were concerned that there was a negative item regarding publishing "The Notice of Public Rights" on the web. A draft letter of explanation was read to Members and will be submitted with the Annual Governance Statement, to the External Auditor.

2306/119 **To consider the Annual Governance Statement Section 1**

It was **resolved** to accept the Annual Governance Statement Section 1

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Bach (all in favour)

2306/120 **To consider and approve the Accounting Statements Section 2**

It was **resolved** to accept the Annual Governance Statement Section 2

Proposed: Cllr Bruins, seconded: Cllr Leather. (all in favour)

It was further **resolved** to publish on the Town Council website and noticeboards with photographic date evidence.

The Notice of Public Rights (26th June 2023 to 4th August 2023)

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, seconded: Cllr Leather. (all in favour)

2306/121

To consider a recommendation from Westward Ho! Park Committee re the Tennis Courts

It was **resolved** to accept the recommendation from Westward Ho! Park Committee.

“That the council will pursue the refurbishment of three of the tennis courts, part funded by the LTA at a cost to Northam Town Council in the region of £30,000, to be allocated to the Westward Ho! Park cost centre. Initial costs payable by NTC are estimated at £24,308 with the addition of MUGA quality fencing for one side of the courts adjoining the play area and to proceed with signing the grant agreement”

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, seconded: Cllr Leather. (all in favour)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.05pm

Signed.....Dated.....