

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
30 June 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 30 June 2015

Town Mayor:

Mrs B West

Town Councillors Present:

Mrs A Abbs

Mrs J Melville

Mr G Bull

Mr P Oakes

Miss A Canham

Mrs M Seward

Mr F Choudhury

Mr A Thirtle

Mr A Fryer

Mr D Turner

Mrs E Wheeler

District Councillors Present:

Miss V Gay

Mr P Moore

Mr N Lloyd

Mr E Seward

Mrs A Moore

Mrs V Uprichard

County Councillors Present:

Mr E Seward

The meeting opened at 19:20.

Part I: Open to the Press and Members of the Public

1 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

(a) Introduction of new Councillors

The Town Mayor introduced co-opted Councillors Diane Evans, Sallie Stuckey and Jon Witte to their first full meeting of the Town Council.

(b) Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

(c) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hester.

(d) Minutes of the previous meeting

The following updates were given:

- *Item 4(e)*: The Town Clerk had met Diana Velhagen of the North Walsham & District Community Archive Group on Friday 12 June 2015. Following a tour of the building, she agreed that it should be included within the National Heritage Day programme. Matt Townsend of NNCT agreed to make the first floor offices available for a possible guided tour. Over the course of the weekend, arrangements were made with Nicholas Groves, a historian and relative of the original owners of

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Cedar House prior to its sale to the UDC, to hold a presentation and tour on the final day of the programme, Saturday 12 September 2015.

- *Item 4(h)*: Norfolk Property Services had expected to submit details of the costs of taking on the overflow area of the Midland Road car park, which NNDC no longer required. Unfortunately this information had not been received.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 26 May 2015, and be signed by the Town Mayor.

2 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be adjourned to allow contributions from North Walsham Police, District Councillors and members of the public.

(a) Crime Report

Unfortunately police officers were on a high priority call and therefore unable to attend. The monthly police and crime report, which can be found at Annex A, had been submitted.

(b) Reports from County and District Councillors

A written reports from County Cllr Seward can be found at Annex B. A written report from District Cllr Gay can be found at Annex C. In addition, Cllr Seward reported the following:

- The roadside shrubbery between Acorn Road and Bluebell Pond would be picked up by Highways as part of their normal maintenance programme.
- Highways had confirmed that they had no responsibility for St Nicholas Court. Although a public thoroughfare, it was privately owned.
- The Highway Engineer had submitted a Priority 1 bid for parking restriction on Northfield Road for the 2016/17 traffic management programme. In addition, Cllr Seward had written to Insp Brooks (North Walsham Police) regarding the parking problem in this area. He asked if the Town Council could write in support of action, and copy to the Chief Executive at NNDC.
- The Acorn Road play area/green would now be cut on a monthly basis.

(c) Public Participation

Mr Gerald Randall spoke on traffic concerns in the White Horse Common/Happisburgh Road/Field Lane area. Mr Bob White spoke on town centre traffic. A summary note of the discussions during permitted public participation can be found at Annex D. The Town Mayor thanked both for their input.

It was **RESOLVED**

That the meeting be reconvened.

3 REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Written reports from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor can be found at Annexes E and F respectively.

4 ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

(a) Street naming and numbering

It was **RESOLVED**

That the Town Council would retain the naming process to ensure consistency and continuation of historical/local interest themes, but would pass the numbering process back to NNDC.

(b) Traffic concerns at White Horse Common

Following the detailed written and personal representations, this was deferred to Item 4(e).

(c) Proposal to merge the Funday Committee and Christmas Lights Group

Following concerns raised by members of the Funday Committee, it was agreed to defer this item.

(d) Westover Vets Fun Dog Show

It was **RESOLVED**

That the proposal be approved, subject to ensuring that first aid provision was in place.

(e) Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme 2016/17

It was **RESOLVED**

To approach the Highway Engineer for his support for bids for traffic calming measures on Acorn Road, especially in the vicinity of the play area/green, and flashing ‘wig-wag’ signs and additional SAM2 brackets in the White Horse Common/Happisburgh Road/Field Lane area,

To ask the Town Clerk to enquire from Highways about signs that log speeds, and

To ask the Town Clerk to write to North Walsham Police/Safer Neighbourhoods Team about a community speed watch scheme.

(f) Street Lighting

It was **RESOLVED**

That the quote from TT Jones for necessary repair work logged during their annual survey be accepted, and

To ask the Town Clerk to seek a quote for replacement of those lamps listed as obsolete.

(g) Recycling

This item was deferred as Palm Recycling had yet to respond to requests for information regarding similar glass recycling schemes in which councils had been able to claim recycling credits.

5 REPORTS

(a) Training for Councillors

Councillors were reminded to let the Town Clerk know if they were interested in attending the finance or chairmanship courses.

(b) Meetings with North Walsham High School and NWHS School Council

Cllrs Hester and Oakes had compiled a written report of meetings on 9 June with the Head Teach and Deputy Head of NWHS, and the School Council on 18 June (Annex G). In addition to an ongoing project for 13 to 16 year olds, discussions included an offer to the School Council to have regular meetings with the Town Council.

(c) Highways issues

Vehicle activated sign on approach to Cromer Road Bridge: It had been reported that the sign, which the Town Council had asked to be located outside Waitrose, appeared to have been installed incorrectly opposite Green's Road (which is the last exit available for drivers). Highways provided the following explanation of the technical reasons for the change:

- **When we started looking at updating the signage for the low bridges at North Walsham under the scheme PM8665, we realised that a VAS had been ordered for the bridge at Cromer Road through the Parish partnership scheme. However, the original VAS had to be redesigned mainly because the originally requested triangular warning sign wasn't appropriate as a roundel is required for a flat bridge. However, a roundel is a regulatory sign, so extra care had to be taken with regards to its final design and its location. It is worth mentioning that this VAS complements the rest of the signage for the bridge at Cromer Road, and therefore it has to work in conjunction with the rest of the signs. Also after discussions between us and Phil Hayton, this final location was also identified as more suitable from a technical point of view.**

As part of our signage scheme, a new sign to Dia. 818.3 has been provided at the junction with the Industrial Estate's access (where Waitrose is located at) and the advance directional sign opposite Travis Perkins now shows the correct height restriction. The new VAS will now be the third sign warning eastbound

drivers at Cromer Road approaching Cromer Bridge, so I do believe that the best location for the VAS is where the diversion begins. It is worth reminding that the sign will switch on when a lorry is detected (I believe that the detector is near the access to Travis Perkins) and it will say 'Low bridge ahead - Overheight Turn Right' , right where we want those high vehicles to divert along the B1145, Greens Road.

I have spoken to Phil Hayton this morning and he has agreed to send a crew to look if further trimming is required to improve the visibility of the sign, but it is worth mentioning that the visibility of the VAS varies from a pedestrian on the footway to that of the lorry driver, which is the one that this VAS is meant for.

Work on Mundesley Road Car Park: Following receipt of complaints from local residents about the impact of the car park closure, the Highway Engineer provided the following comment:

- **NCC is aware of the impact of the closure of the car park will have on this area of the town. It is hoped that the District Council would be able to make some arrangement elsewhere to minimise the impact that this closure and future pricing of parking following the work will cause to the surrounding roads. The Police and CPE officers will also need to be made aware of this situation as well.**

Following a meeting with Cllr Eric Seward, Mundesley Road junction with Northfield Road and Northfield Road junction with Nelson way have been identified as pinch points and have been placed on the TMP for investigation.

I cannot advise as to a delivery date at this stage, but am acutely aware of the problems that the NNDC works will cause.

I have asked others to comment and will feed back in due course.

Blocked drains on the bypass between Lyngate Road and Cromer Road junction: The Highway Engineer reported that

- **We are currently in discussions with our contractors LT for them to chase Bagnall and Morris to complete the work. I am still awaiting a response to my formal request with a plan of action.**

(d) Damage to trees in the War Memorial Garden

The damage had been reported to the police and a crime number issued. However, police thought it unlikely that this would be resolved.

6 **FINANCE**

(a) **Financial Risk Management Policy**

The Town Clerk introduced a newly drafted policy document which was required under the Accounts and Audit Acts 2003 and 2006. It was **RESOLVED**

To approve the Financial Risk Management Policy document.

(b) **Payments and receipts**

It was **RESOLVED**

To approve the payments reports for May and June 2015,

(c) **Spend to date report**

It was **RESOLVED**

To approve the spend-to-date report for June 2015.

(d) **Revised reporting format**

It was **RESOLVED**

That the changes to reporting practice introduced for this meeting, which gave Councillors sight of the information in advance of meetings, be approved.

(e) **Approval of audited accounts**

The draft return had been presented to the previous meeting, on 26 May 2015. As the co-option process had not been completed at that point, co-opted members had no background and chose to abstain. It was **RESOLVED**

That the annual governance statement be approved, and that the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be asked to sign as required.

(f) **Approval of audited accounts, War Memorial Park Trust**

As for Item 6(e), the draft return had been presented to the previous meeting. The return had been signed by the previous Town Mayor, as it covered the period up to 31 March 2015. It was **RESOLVED**

That the annual return be approved for submission to the Charity Commission.

Cllr Choudhury left the meeting at 20:25

(g) **Quote for Council-owned trees**

It was **RESOLVED**

To ask the Town Clerk to seek details of tree Hopper's certification, to ask why they differed from AT Coombs in classifying medium/low risk

(compared to medium/low priority), and to clarify the cost including removal of dead wood so that like-for-like quotes could be considered.

(h) Grant Committee recommendations

It was **RESOLVED**

That the recommendations of the Personnel & Grants Committee (Grants) recommendations in relation to applications for the WWI Commemoration and the VJ70 Commemoration be approved, with the Town Council covering costs of up to £300 and up to £400 respectively.

Consideration of an application from Catch 21 was deferred pending resubmission.

7 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 May and 9 June 2015 were received.

8 REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES and GROUPS

A report from Cllr Oakes of the meeting of the Bittern Line Community Rail Partnership on 3 June 2015 was received.

9 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

The following meetings had been arranged for July 2015:

- Friday 10 July: Visit to the Registrars' Office, Kings Arms Street at 10:00
- Tuesday 14 July: Media & Information Committee at 18:00
Funday Committee at 19:00
- Sunday 26 July: Annual Fun Fair arrives at War Memorial Park
- Wednesday 29 July: Personnel & Grants Committee at 18:00
Fun Fair opens
- Sunday 2 August: Fun Fair departs

10 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received:

- (a) The Rt Hon Norman Lamb, MP had written regarding road gritting on the Brick Kiln Road estate. The Town Clerk would investigate current provision, and noted that the Council had a spare, unused bin in the Barn.
- (b) Peter Edwards of Planning Progress (a planning consultancy that has advised local councils) regarding their available support in developing Neighbourhood Plans.

11 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Councillors were asked to contact the Town Clerk regarding any items/motions they wished to have discussed.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was **RESOLVED**

That due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed, members of the public be excluded from the meeting as per Standing Order 36.5.

The meeting closed at 21:25

Norfolk Constabulary:

Report to North Walsham Town Meeting 30 June 2015

Crime Figures for the period 26/5/15 to 30/6/15

Crime Breakdown

69 crimes in total have been reported to police between the dates above. This can be further broken down into the following categories.

- Criminal Damage – 7
- Theft – 8
- Assaults – 24
- Domestic non crime – 18
- Public Order – 8
- Drugs – 2
- Burglary - 2

54 crimes for the same period last year.

- Criminal Damage – 10
- Theft – 7
- Assaults – 10
- Domestic non crime – 16
- Sexual offences – 1
- Public Order – 8
- Burglary-2

Up and Coming events and initiatives involving the SNT

Our next priority setting meeting will be Wednesday 29th July 2015 at 1900 hours held at the Atrium. Next Pubwatch meeting 3rd August 2015 at The Kings Arms Public House.

Current North Walsham Priorities

1. ASB Criminal in North Walsham parks including Gold Park Mundesley.
2. Speeding in Worstead along Withergate Road.

Current Issues around North Walsham

1. Speeding in Swanton Abbott

County Council Budget

The County Council faces the twin problem of reductions in public funding and a rising demand for its services particularly with a growing older population. A funding gap of £111 million over the next three years has been identified. The Council's current budget is around £330 million.

To seek to address this situation the Council is asking each Committee responsible for providing services to start a process of modelling services on the basis of 75per cent of what is currently spent. This does not mean that all services will be cut by 25per cent but to see what may be possible in a difficult financial climate.

Highways Issues

The parking restrictions (double yellow lines) that were considered and approved in the last financial year have now been installed (the yellow paint brush has got to work). The sites are at Nelson Way (rear Mundesley Rd car park) and in front of East Coast Plastics on Laundry Loke.

County Highways have been asked to deal with the uncut grass verge on Mundesley Rd between Northfields Rd and the Funeral Undertakers buildings and a similar problem plus overgrown shrubbery on Bacton Rd between Acorn Rd and Bluebell Pond.

St Nicholas Precinct (Square)

As part of the discussions on what to do over the future upkeep of the square inquiries are being made with the County Council on what their responsibilities (if any) for the square are. This is still ongoing but it is known that the square is not a registered public right of way.

Eric Seward
24 June 2015

Report from North Walsham's District Councillors

It is our intention to report to you regularly and we shall take turns in doing this. As you will perhaps know, we have stayed as we were. Eric Seward and Nigel Lloyd are the representatives of North Walsham North to the District Council. Vivienne Uprichard and Peter Moore represent the East ward of the town. Ann Moore and I are the representatives for the West ward. We are all members of the opposition; Eric Seward is the Deputy Leader of our opposition group. The Council is run by the Conservatives.

The Leader of the Council is Cllr. Tom Fitzpatrick and he will be responsible for Publicity, Strategy and the Big Society Fund, among other things. Cllr. Wyndham Northam will remain responsible for Finance. Cllr. Sue Arnold will become the cabinet member for Planning and Cllr. Nigel Dixon will become cabinet member for Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Cllr. Judy Oliver will be in charge of Legal, Electoral and Democratic Services, as well as Licensing. Cllr. Becky Palmer will become the cabinet member for Leisure, Culture, Health and Well Being. Cllr. John Rest will be responsible for Strategic Housing and Corporate Assets. The Conservative Deputy Leader will be Cllr. Angie Fitch-Tillett, who will retain her Coastal Management and Environmental Services portfolio.

As for the six of us, we have been involved in the following matters in the last few weeks.

(i) 4 Market Street

The District Council's plan for the site of the historic, listed building which once stood at 4 Market Street is beginning to emerge. Nick Baker, one of NNDC's corporate directors, will be in touch with North Walsham Town Council to arrange a discussion about this.

(ii) The Town Council Building and JD Wetherspoon

It is our understanding that JD Wetherspoon and NNDC have recently signed a Heads of Terms agreement. Licensing and planning consents must be obtained before work on the site may begin. We have been advised that the contract also contains a requirement for work on the site to be completed within a specified amount of time.

(iii) Citizens Advice Bureaux

Councils throughout Norfolk contribute significant sums to the running of Norfolk's Citizens Advice Bureaux. As these are not statutory payments, it is the duty of councils to determine whether and how to provide advice services to citizens. In the last Council, North Norfolk's Scrutiny Committee (Cllr. Peter Moore is its Chairman) invited the two bureaux which serve North Norfolk – the Norfolk CAB and the Mid Norfolk CAB – to present an account of their services to the Committee's councillors. The County Council and NNDC then jointly made a decision to continue funding the service for a further six months, but to review its service agreements with the CAB and to invite competitive tenders for the provision of an advice service for North Norfolk. The District's Health and Communities Officer, Sonia Shuter, has been overseeing this work and submissions should have been made by September or October. As I have reported before, at the NCAB's stakeholder forum we were assured that NCAB remained committed to providing an advice service in North Walsham. But we are paying close attention to this issue as all six of us believe North Walsham should have an advice service with a physical presence in our town.

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(iv) Grass Cutting

As a result of an item brought to the District's Scrutiny Committee by Cllr. Eric Seward, the Chief Executive has pledged that standards for grass cutting in North Walsham must be upheld in accordance with the Council's grounds maintenance contract. Acorn Road will be a priority.

(v). Parking in Northfields Rd.

Against the wishes of town and district councillors for North Walsham, there have been changes to the Mundesley Road Car Park. These changes have apparently aggravated parking problems in Northfields Rd. We have been advised that the situation is being monitored by the Police and will be an item for discussion at the meeting of the next SNAP (Safer Neighborhood Action Panel) meeting.

(vi) Laundry Loke

We have made constant enquiries about the future of this site. We have in the past met with representatives of its owners (as I have reported to the Town Council on previous occasions) and it has long been the subject of enquiry and discussion at the District Council's Enforcement Board. We have no news to relate to you at the moment, but we understand that there may perhaps be something to report to you soon.

As a result of an inquiry made by Cllr. Uprichard during the election campaign, last week we met NNDC's Chief Executive, Sheila Oxtoby, to discuss North Walsham matters. We welcomed this meeting and we hope that there will be more such meetings in the future. We believe it is important for all of our sakes that we exercise a constructive voice within North Norfolk District Council.

In conclusion, we would like to say that we think that the flowerbeds within the town have never been lovelier. We would like to record our thanks to North Walsham in Bloom for the pleasure which they have brought to all of us.

Virginia Gay
24 June 2015

Report on Public Participation, Item 2(c)

1. Mr Gerald Randall raised concern about traffic and speeding in the White Horse Common/Happisburgh Road area. Residents were increasingly concerned about the area around the sharp bend, where the speed restriction dropped suddenly from 60mph to 30mph. The area was part of the Weaver's Way, and was regularly used by pedestrians, particularly children. The signage was poor and was obscured by vegetation. Some Town Councillors had already visited the site, as had District and County Councillor Seward.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Randall for his contribution, and noted that the issue had been included for formal discussion on the agenda, for which Mr Randall was welcome to stay and observe.

2. Mr Bob White (Showcase Gallery) congratulated Councillors on "being democratically elected to serve the people of North Walsham". He further congratulated Arts North Norfolk, the Funday Committee and North Walsham in Bloom volunteers, and proposed that the Town Council consider making an annual award for the volunteer of the year. He noted a worsening situation in the town caused by an increase in traffic, particularly following the reopening of Lidl. Local bus services had deteriorated and no longer served the town centre, and this had been done with little or no advertising by the bus company.

Mr White noted that he had previously proposed reversing the flow of traffic through Market Place and Market Street, and circulated a written proposal.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr White for his contribution.

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Annex D

Proposal Transport in the Town Centre
Tuesday, 30 June 2015
By Bob White
Showcase Gallery

I speak on behalf of my wife and I, and from the perspective of having personally invested tens of thousands pounds of our own money, as owners of the Showcase Gallery situated in the middle of the market place, also as an employer of four part time staff and eighteen news delivery staff.

Buses are used by people, people are customers, the very life blood of the town.

Shops in the town centre pay higher rates for one reason only, the higher number of customers passing.

It's ironic then that customers arriving in North Walsham from Norwich wishing to travel up the coast are left outside the town on the new stop in Alysham road to wait for their connection. They never see the town.

Another recent development has been the removing of large numbers of customers from Market Place who now wait with no shelter on New Road. Further more certain buses now only allow customers to get off in the Market Place and are only allowed to get on at the bus stop opposite Roys.

Keeping the buses in the town centre is paramount, and to this end I suggest reversing the flow of traffic in the market place, therefore enabling buses to use the existing parking area outside the chemists and bank, and the existing bus stops on the opposite side to be used for parallel parking for both types of drivers.

Traffic flow in Church Street would be reversed, therefore doing away with the dangerous acute left hand turn as it is currently approached.

Buses arriving at the bottom end of town on Market days, could use the existing lay by near the market cross, this could be incorporated in future development of that area.

The current customer collection point (bus stop) situated between both zebra crossings in front of the post office could become a disabled parking space, as there is currently no provision for disabled parking on the post office side of the road, and possibly a drop off / pick up point for cars.

Funeral arrangements currently necessitate the use of the bus stop and frequently the cortege and mourners have to endure busses attempting to off load customers in the middle of the road surrounding the cortege. Very undignified.

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If my proposal was acted upon the parallel parking could easily accommodate cortege and mourners giving a much more respectful send off to love ones as the busses would be on the other side of the road.

Finally I believe very few individuals or businesses have tried to support the town as much as my wife and I, producing many North Walsham souvenirs, not forgetting having many local books reprinted.

Businesses like ours will be looking, as all businesses must, at the medium to long term prospects of investing in the town, and the uncertainty of whether customers will be a central part of the town, is in our opinion, absolutely critical to future investment.

With the viability of lots of businesses so finely balanced, I urge this council to publicly clarify their position after considering my proposal.

Yours sincerely

Bob White

Town Mayor's Report

This is to outline my attendances since May 19th 2015

20/05. Steering Committee Meeting for Dementia Friendly Town Launch 21st July 2015
6.30pm to 9pm at the Atrium (handing out invitations to High Street Businesses/services
along with Councillor Abbs) All councillors invited. Refreshments.

23/05. WW2 Committee meeting Atrium (Councillor Melville and Councillor Wheeler are
members of this committee)

25/05. Children's Day St Nicholas Church

28/05. Atrium Friesenried Welcome

1/06. Sheringham Community Centre (Dementia Friendly Town)

1/06 - 11/06 various days North Walsham In Bloom Town Planting and Collection where
£137 was collected.

10/06. Neech Loan Meeting

21/06. Civic Service.

22/06. Attended Poppies in Steel Sculpture unveiling at DC offices Cromer. NB sculpture can
be seen in garden nearest road.

27/06. Attended Atrium at request of Arts North Norfolk to present Talent Show certificates.

28/06. Funday Parade & Funday on Memorial Park.

Attended various meetings of the Personnel & Grants Committee, Media & Information,
Amenities & Markets etc.

Attended various other meetings on matters pertaining to Town Council business.

**Brenda West
Town Mayor**

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Annex F

Deputy Mayor Report – June

I have attended meetings of the Personnel & Grants Committee, Media & Information Committee, Development & Amenities Committee, Christmas Lights Group and Funday Committee.

I attended the Civic Service on Sunday 21st June and was privileged to give the first reading.

For July I am scheduled for:

- Battle of Britain Celebration combined with the Family Picnic and Play Session at Manor Road School on Saturday 4th July
- Rose Meadow Open Day at the Care Home on Wednesday 8th July
- About With Friends AGM at the Community Centre on Thursday 9th July.

Councillor Barry Hester
Deputy Mayor

**North Walsham Town Council
Report from, Youth Project 13 to 16 year olds Night Club meetings held on Tuesday 9th
And Thursday 18th June.**

Councillors will be aware of this ongoing joint project between our Town Council and the Kings Arms (Club KA) Landlord Martin Miles. The project is to secure a 13 to 16 year olds Night Club initially within school holidays. You will be aware that this project has now secured the support of the Police, We have a long list of rules and regulation to satisfy. We are at the stage of contacting the High School, the Students and Parents.

On Tuesday 9th of June at 9:45 am, Councillors Barry Hester and Paul Oakes had a meeting at the High School with both Caroline Brooker (Head) and Ian Winter (Deputy Head) to lay out the idea of this project. Both seemed pleased at the idea. Caroline raised a point about transport for the children that lived outside North Walsham. Something that we could speak to community transport about. Caroline also suggested that the town council might like to meet the School council to present this idea to them. We agreed, and a meeting would be arranged.

On Thursday 18th of June at 10 am, Councillors Barry Hester, Paul Oakes and Martin Miles (Landlord of the Kings Arms) did a presentation to the School council, some 20 students made up of a girl and boy from each year plus the school prefects. We put the idea to the council, show of hands unanimously in favor of the idea. The School Council are going to survey the students, they will then contact us for further meetings. Martin Miles offered the School Council the opportunity to visit Club KA to look at the venue.

The next stage will be securing the parents permissions via a form they will fill. If agreed a date can then be set and tickets sold. At this point we could get this news into the press.

While in conversation with the School Council we made the offer of the Town Council meeting the School Council on a regular basis, this to start a conversation about all things youth. It would be good to have the Students comments about their ideas, and they might gain an insight as to how their Town Council works. We explained that they could well be Town Councillors of the future, gaining the experience from their School Council. The Students are very keen to take up this option!