

Southwold Town Council notes – from meeting held in June 15.

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Meeting – 30th June 2015.

- Prior to the meeting, Andy Evans Chief Executive of Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG, and Dr Stammers Chair of Great Yarmouth & Waveney CCG provided details of the present public consultation on “The Shape of the System” with particular reference to the future closure of Southwold Hospital and the effect on residents of Southwold, Reydon, Kessingland and other local parishes. Mr Evans confirmed that he would arrange for more information about the community care teams to be made available so that people could understand how this part of the care would be provided. Mr Evans also advised that 2 further public meetings were being held so that people could make their views known and these are as follows – 9th July at Reydon Village Hall at 7.30pm and 13th July at Stella Peskett Millennium Hall from 6-8pm. Mr Evans and Dr Stammers took questions from councillors and public.
- Police Report from 26th May to 30th June. During this period there were 5 recorded crimes in Southwold. 28th May – minor wounding – Ferry Road; 30th May – theft from shop – Victoria Street; 18th June – common assault – Blackshore; 27th June – common assault – High Street; 28th June – criminal damage – Market Place. This is a reduction in reported offences compared to this same period last year. With regards to parking offences, since the 14th June over 25 fixed penalties have been issued. This is roughly the same number as those issued for the same period last year.
- WDC Cllr Ladd updated the meeting about the PSPO for dogs on the beach and promenade. Town Council had previously met with the Environmental Health Officer Andrew Reynolds who had suggested that Southwold become a pilot for the new PSPO legislation, being aware that the dog control order needed amending/updating. Mr Reynolds has now advised that this is not likely to be in place for the summer 2015 as although the PSPO is simple to put in place, difficulties have been encountered in relation to the cessation of the existing dog control order. WDC are taking legal advice on this matter and will ensure that the Town Council are kept updated. Cllr Ladd advised that in view of this delay, he has requested that Norse ensure that there are new and sufficient signage along the beach and prom highlighting present dog control order regulations.
- WDC Cllr Ladd took questions from Councillors and the public. WDC Cllr Ladd was asked about the properties on Fieldstile Road which, it was said, were being sold by WDC. Cllr Ladd was asked to confirm whether this was correct, and if so why it was happening. A resident advised that the WDC Cabinet Member for Housing had previously advised him that the previous properties that WDC sold on Chester Road would be the last ones being sold in Southwold and the resident asked whether this policy had now changed. Cllr Ladd offered to find out the details and advise the Town Clerk accordingly.
- A resident asked Cllr Ladd what action WDC/STC was taking about the intended right to buy legislation. The resident was concerned that the present affordable homes being built by Hastoe Housing Association on Blyth Road would be subject to the right to buy legislation. Cllr Ladd advised the resident that there are covenants within the lease to ensure that these properties remain in local ownership and verifications would take place to ensure that this can remain the case. Further discussion took place regarding the right to buy and the potential implications.
- SCC Cllr Ladd advised that SCC has a large devolution agenda and suggested that SCC provide councillors with a full briefing on the details. It was agreed that SCC Cllr Ladd would arrange for a meeting to take place.
- Councillors received the report of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 3rd June 2015.
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- A meeting has taken place with Police, SCC Highways officer, and SCC Cllr Ladd regarding updates of highways/policing matters in Southwold.
- The recommendation from the Accounts / Best Value group that the amended wording for the Risk Assessment for 2015/16 be approved was agreed by all, and Town Council noted the action required regarding Right to Buy legislation and will discuss the matter further at a date to be determined.
- The Town Council approved the recommendation that The Financial Standing Orders be amended to reflect that the limit for full Town Council approval of emergency payments be increased to £7500.
- It was agreed that reports from working groups/ task and finish groups that are referred to in the Town Council agenda, will be made available with public copies of the Town Council agenda, and on the website.
- Cllr Windell provided feedback from the Town Plan/ Neighbourhood Plan Event held at St Edmunds Hall held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015. It was felt that the event had been well received whilst acknowledging that the Neighbourhood Plan section was technical and may need to be made less technical if a similar event is held in the future.
- Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement Event held at Stella Peskett Millennium Hall – Saturday 13th June 2015. Cllr Bradbury advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group had attended this event which had been organised by WDC.
- Feedback from Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement Event held at Arts Festival Street Festival - Saturday 27th June 2015. Cllr Bradbury advised that this event had been very well attended and was very positive in relation

to the Neighbourhood Plan. Approximately 130 questionnaires were handed out on the day and these are already being returned. The questionnaire will be placed inside the Annual Report when it is produced.

- The Town Mayor reported that she had attended ; Charter Fair – Thursday 28th May 2015, Civic Sunday - 14th June 2015, St Barnabas AGM, Arts Festival Opening – 27th June 2015.
- The Town Mayor advised that there had been much positive feedback from Civic Sunday – especially in regard to the new venue. Thanks were extended to Cllr Doy for organising the parade in and out of church and to all councillors, partners, and friends who had assisted the Town Mayor on this day.
- Cllr Doy provided a report from the Waveney Area Meeting. WDC Jack Green had been the guest speaker discussing “projects to improve quality of open spaces”. Cllr Doy advised that the Town Council could submit a motion for the SALC AGM. Within the reports from individual parishes, Southwold Town Council was congratulated for the poppies on Ladies Walk.
- Cllr Doy provided a report from the recent Allotment Association meeting. There is presently a waiting list of 12 for allotments. The Allotment Holders had voiced concern that Hastoe may leave the site before being able to carry out the provision of the 2 new allotments (which had been held up with the legal teams). Cllr Ladd advised that it had been his understanding that should Hastoe leave the site, they would pay for an independent contractor to clear the area needed for the new allotments. Cllr Doy also advised that the Allotment Holders Association believed that there may be a marsh free at present.
- Cllr Bradbury provided the debrief from the recent meeting that councillors had attended with EDF in relation to Sizewell C. A visit to Sizewell B has been offered to the Town Council – date to be arranged. A report of the key points discussed during the meeting was tabled to all councillors.
- It was unanimously agreed that the Town Council nominates the hospital site as an asset of community value. The nomination will be sent to WDC for consideration.
- Date of next Town Council Meeting: Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 8.00pm at the Town Hall.

Mrs Lesley Beevor, Town Clerk, Southwold Town Council