

Sleaford Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Sleaford Town Council held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 7.00 p.m. at The Town Hall, Quayside House, Navigation Yard, Sleaford.

Present: Cllr D Suiter (Chairman)

Cllr M Allan (Vice Chair)	Cllr B Allan	Cllr A Brand
Cllr J Brealeycook	Cllr S Clegg (7:52pm)	Cllr P Coyne
Cllr K Dolby (7:40pm)	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves
Cllr G Jackson	Cllr H Lorimer	Cllr J Mathieson
Cllr P McCallum	Cllr A Snookes	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr R Willis		

Also in attendance Council Officers: Clerk and Minutes Clerk
Members of Public 2 initially but 1 left at 6.55 p.m. after the Public forum
Press 0

Prior to the start of the meeting, a member of the public credited STC on the state of the recreation ground.

They raised concerns regarding the poor image portrayed of Sleaford by "tatty" shop fronts - one on Southgate in particular. He said that he has complained to NKDC with no response and he appealed to STC to use their persuasive powers to try to influence NKDC to prompt action.

The member of the public was informed that an initiative is in progress to revamp shop fronts and that there is money available for those shops that meet the relevant criteria.

The Chairman thanked them for their input and informed them that their concerns would be considered and a response made.

The Meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

FC.1. Chairman's Welcome

001 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

FC.2. Apologies for Absence

002 The Clerk reported that apologies for absence with valid reasons given had been received from Cllr J Charlesworth.

003 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the apology be noted with the reason accepted.

004 Apologies were also received from Cllrs Clegg and Dolby who were engaged at NKDC and would join the STC meeting as soon as possible.

FC.3. Declarations of Interest - to receive any declarations of pecuniary interests in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any requests for dispensations in respect of DPIs.

005 No Declarations of Interest were received.

FC.4. Minutes

006 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Notes of the Council Meeting held on August 3rd 201, be approved as Minutes of the meeting. Vote - For 15 - against 0 - abstained 0

FC.5. Chairman's Report

007 The Mayor's Fun Day will take place on August 21st at 11am. Cllrs J Brealeycook, A Snookes, B Allan and K Fernandes were thanked for their hard work organising this. Duck Races will take place at 1pm and 3pm.

FC.6. Planning Matters

008 **6.1 Current Planning Applications** - None for this meeting

FC.7. STC Neighbourhood Plan-

009 No update for this meeting.

FC.8. Finance

010 **8.1 Regular Direct Debits/Standing Orders for retrospective approval**

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the list totalling £3,133.72. Vote - for 15 - against 0 - abstained 0

011 **8.2 Pending BACS payments for approval** - **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £8,448.95. Vote - for 14- against 0 - abstained 1 (Cllr Suiter, due to being the payee of item 11311)

012 **8.3 Pending Cheque payments for approval** - **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £388,754.98. Vote - for 14 - against 1 - abstained 0.

013 Cllrs J Mathieson and M Graves signed the cheque amounting to £388,635.00.

014 Cllrs D Suiter and J Mathieson volunteered to sign the relevant paperwork.

FC.9. Internal Affairs

015 None for this meeting

FC.10. Clerk's Report - Internal Affairs

016 **10.1 Council meeting dates** - The dates were noted.

017 The Annual Town Meeting will be added to the list and will take place on 10th May 2017.

018 **10.2 Black Poplar Tree on Boston Road Recreation Ground** - The report was noted.

019 **10.3 Cemetery** - To resolve to provide a designated area for the burial of children and young persons.

020 **IT WAS RESOLVED** To provide a designated area for the burial of children and young persons, in an area between Sections TT and UU. Vote - for 15 - against 0 - abstained 0

021 It was noted that improvement of certain areas of the cemetery are already included in the Strategic Plan.

FC.11. External Affairs

022 **11.1 Town Council Liaison Reports, Local Community Panel** - The report received from Cllr Titmus was noted.

023 **11.2 Signage** - The report from Cllr Titmus and the recommendation were discussed and noted and the information to be used by the Strategic Panel.

024 Cllr Dolby joined the meeting at 7.40pm

025 **11.3 Anchor Point Testing**

026 7.52 Cllr Coyne left the room and returned 7:54.

027 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that STC will confirm that it will cover the cost of testing and maintenance of the anchor points. The Clerk be instructed to speak to Mr Dunham to see if he will negotiate over the rental income charged weekly. Vote - for 14 - against 1 - abstained 2

FC.12. Clerk's Report - External Affairs

028 **12.1 Kiosk Lease Boston Road** – The Clerk gave a verbal update which was noted.

029 8.03pm Cllr Brealeycook left the room and returned at 8:05pm

FC.13. Resolution to move into Closed Session.

030 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press for the consideration of the following confidential matters. Vote - for 17 - against 0 - abstained 0

031 The remaining member of the public left the meeting.

FC.14. Staffing and Employment Matters –

032 The following **WAS RESOLVED**

1. To note the report.
2. To authorise the Clerk to request NKDC to write a letter on his behalf. The former employee to be thanked again for their work and state that the Council

does not believe there is a case for a payment to be made. Vote - for 16 -
against 0 - abstained 1

FC.15. Boston Road Site Access - former Advanta Seeds Site

033 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Councillors M Graves and G Jackson meet Roythornes, at the
Town Hall to discuss the proposal.

035 **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that Cllrs M Graves and G Jackson report back to STC
before the Clerk is provided with an appropriate resolution to take back to Tesco and
NKDC Vote - for 17 - against - abstained 0.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed
the meeting at 8.45 p.m.