

Sleaford Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Sleaford Town Council held on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 7.00 p.m. at The Town Hall, Quayside House, Navigation Yard, Sleaford

Present: Cllr G Jackson (Chairman)

Cllr A Snookes (Deputy Chairman)	Cllr B Allan	Cllr A Brand
Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr L Edwards-Shea	Cllr K Dolby
Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves	Cllr H Lorimer
Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr P McCallum	Cllr J Parry
Cllr F Richards	Cllr M Shanahan-Kluth	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr S Shanahan-Kluth	Cllr S Clegg (7:38pm)	

Also, in attendance Council Officers: Clerk
LCC Councillors (0) Members of Public (1) Press (0)

Please note the Audio Recording from this meeting is available on the Town Council's Website.

FC.1 Chairman's Welcome

001 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

FC.2 Apologies for Absence

002 No apologies for absence were received.

003 Prior to the meeting Councillor S Clegg advised he would be late arriving. This was noted.

FC.3 Declarations of Interest

004 Councillor M Graves declared an interest in agenda item 6.1, planning application 19/0134/FUL, agenda item 8.2, transaction no. 14442 and agenda item 14.1

005 Councillor G Jackson declared an interest in agenda item 8.3, transaction no 14445.

FC.4 Minutes

006 **Notes of the Council Meeting held on 6th February 2019** – amendment to page 1, 006 to include “.... to the precept”.

007 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the notes of the Council Meeting held on 6th February 2019, with the above amendment, be approved as Minutes of that meeting. Vote: for 16 - against 0 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried.

FC.5 Chairman's Report

008 Civic Service – 17th March 2019. This was noted.

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Planning Matters

6.1 Current Planning Applications. After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the officer recommendation for no comments on the following applications. Vote: for 16 – against 0 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be notified accordingly.

Ref No	Location	Proposal
19/0098/HOUS	4 Greylees Cottage, Grantham Road, Greylees	Demolition of existing timber & brick double carport & erection of single storey extension. Alterations to existing dwelling
19/0134/FUL	Royal Oak Business Park, Land off East Road, NG34 7EQ	Erection of proposed storage building 3 (B8) including canopy & associated hard standing
19/0162/LBC	58 Southgate, NG34 7RR	Change of use of 2 nd floor from storage to 2 residential apartments. External repairs to make the building wind & watertight & the creation of a new door opening in the existing shop front on Southgate to create access to a newly created utility meter room on the ground floor of the premises
19/0173/HOUS	64 Snow Close, Holdingham, NG34 8YT	Installation of amateur radio 10-meter wind up box section mast & antennas to be fitted to the back of the property & a 2x5 meter fibreglass masts to be installed at the back of the garden to support a wire antenna

010 **19/0069/FUL – Change of use of disused land to extend residential curtilages. 11, 15 & 17 Turnberry.** After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of loss of open space and adverse impact on nature conservation. Vote: for 6 – against 5 – abstained 6. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be notified accordingly.

011 **19/0120/LBC – fit replacement boiler and move location of boiler flue. Sleaford Station Business Centre, Station Road, NG34 7SJ.** After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of the adverse effect on a listed building. Vote: for 4 – against 4 – abstained 9. The Chairman had the casting vote, NKDC to be notified of the objection.

012 It was requested that the Clerk writes separately to NKDC about the loss of open space land on new building Estates.

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Panel Reports

7.1 Culture, Events, and Markets – The notes from the meeting held on 6th February 2019, were noted and the recommendations were discussed.

- 014 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** that in principle, Sleaford Town Councillors run the Car Boot Sale in Eastgate Car Park on Sunday 3rd March 2019. A member of the Services Team will be required to put the barriers out on the morning of the Car Boot Sale. The Culture Panel to revisit the Charity Car Boot Sales idea at their next meeting, after seeing if any more charities or groups come forward. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- 015 It was agreed for 3 Councillors to be involved in the 1st March 2019 Car Boot Sale.
- 016 Councillor S Clegg arrived at the meeting at 7:38pm.
- 017 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Market be kept for all three days – Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays and a move to Money’s Yard be trialled. This would be reviewed in two months’ time. If NKDC agree to the trial, the move to take place for 1st April 2019. Traders at the regular Markets and the Farmers Markets would be contacted to inform them of this and advertising would take place. Also, that the Council participate in the ‘Love Your Local Market’ event in May 2019. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 4. The Resolution was carried.
- 018 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** to **withdraw** the recommendation that the gazebos are not hired out in future for STC Markets and event, but they would be made available to members of the public who wanted to hire them to take away for external events, pending discussion with original donors, by the Clerk. Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- 019 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** to agree in principle and subject to clarification of costs, to hold a 1940s event at the Town Hall and in Navigation Yard. A budget of up to £500 to be allocated from the existing fund for the event. Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- 020 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the St. George’s Market takes place in the Town Hall and Navigation Yard, with indoor stalls charged at £10 each and outdoor pitches free of charge, with a refundable deposit. Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- 021 **7.2 Services & Assets** – Next meeting 26th February 2019.
- 022 **7.3 Finance & Strategy** – The Panel Lead introduced the notes from the meeting held 7th February 2019. These were noted. Council agreed to holding a future Council Meeting in the Shel Drake room, as a trial.
- 023 Councillor F Richards left the meeting at 8:00pm
- FC.8 Finance**
- 024 **8.1 Regular Direct Debits/Standing Orders for retrospective approval** – After being proposed and seconded, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £17,846.59. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

- 025 **8.2 BACS payments made for retrospective approval** – After being proposed and seconded, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £6,111.38. Vote: for 16 – against 0 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried.
- 026 **8.3 Pending BACS payments for approval** – After being proposed and seconded, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £1,002.79. Vote: for 16 – against 0 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried.
- 027 **8.5 Request for 2 volunteers to sign paperwork** – Councillors D Suiter and A Snookes volunteered.
- FC.9 Internal Affairs**
- 028 **9.1 Continuity in the run up to the May Election** – The Clerk gave a brief verbal report. This was noted.
- 029 **9.2 To appoint a Councillor to fill the vacancy on Culture, Events and Markets Panel.** After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor John Parry would fill the current vacancy on the Culture, Events and Markets Panel. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- FC.10 Clerk/Deputy Clerk’s Report – Internal Affairs**
- 030 **10.1 Government Ethical Standards** – Councillors G Jackson and J Charlesworth both spoke on this item.
- 031 After being proposed and seconded, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to endorse what is in the Ethical Standards Report and await NKDC’s revision to their Code of Conduct before considering it further. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 3. The Resolution was carried.
- FC.11 External Affairs**
- 032 **11.1 Updates from District, County and Ward Councillors.** No updates were given.
- 033 **11.2 Newfield Tenants Meeting** – Councillor H Lorimer’s Ward report was noted.
- FC.12 Clerk/Deputy Clerk’s Report – External Affairs**
- 034 **12.1 Visit to North Hykeham Town Council** – The Clerk gave a brief up date following a recent visit to North Hykeham Town Council.
- 035 **12.2 NG34 Neighbourhood Plan** – The Clerk gave an update. This item was noted.
- FC.13 Resolution to move into Closed Session.**
- 036 After being proposed and seconded, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press for the consideration of the following matters. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

FC.14 HR Panel

037 **HR Advice Service** – The Panel Lead gave a verbal update on this item. After being proposed and seconded, a vote was taken on appointing NKDC as the Council’s HR Advisor for 2019/20. Vote: for 4 – against 7 – abstained 6. The Resolution **FAILED**.

038 After being proposed and seconded **IT WAS RESOLVED** to appoint Personnel Advice Solutions as the Council’s HR Advisor for 2019/20. Vote: for 8 - against 0 – abstained 9. The Resolution was carried.

039 Councillor S Clegg left the meeting.

FC.15 Clerk/Deputy Clerk’s Report – External Affairs

040 **15.1 Eastgate Green – Letter from NKDC** – After much discussion, it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to defer the matter to allow the Clerk to request more information. Vote: for 16 – against 1 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9:20pm.