

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL**

Minutes of an **Extra Ordinary Meeting** of the **Full Council**
held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016, at 9pm, in The Town Hall, Quayside
House, Navigation Yard, Sleaford, Lincs, NG34 7TW

PRESENT: Councillor G Titmus (Chairman)

Cllr D Suiter (Vice Chairman)	Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr P McCallum
Cllr B Allan	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr K Dolby
Cllr J Brealeycook	Cllr A Snookes	Cllr S Clegg
Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson	Cllr P Coyne
Cllr A Brand	Cllr M Allan	

Also Present: Council Officers: Office Manager and Minutes Clerk

Press (0) Members of Public (0)

FC.1 Chairman's Welcome - Cllr Titmus welcomed all to the Extra Ordinary meeting.

- 001 The Sleaford Town awards will take place early April.
- 002 At the Extra Ordinary meeting on 6th January it was proposed that STC would arrange to meet with LCC and NKDC. This meeting has now been arranged to take place Thursday 18th February in NKDC offices at 14.30 hours. Venue to be confirmed.
- 003 Names and availability for attendees at this meeting to be notified to the office.

FC.2 Apologies

- 004 Apologies, with reasons had been received from Councillors H Lorimer and J Mathieson. These were accepted. The Attendance Register was completed.

FC.3 Declarations of Interest

- 005 No Declaration of Interest were declared.

FC.4 Proposed Changes to Parish Boundaries.

- 006 Information regarding changing boundaries within Lincolnshire has been available and all were aware of this. These changes will also include wards and STC.
- 007 A Working Group to be organised to meet the morning of 4th February 2016.
- 008 Boundary changes were explained and the below points were discussed:-

- If Quarrington and Mareham are to be a single ward or be separated and if there should be a separate ward for Greylees.
- If Quarrington and Mareham are joined the ward bye-elections would be expensive.
- There are distinct benefits to splitting Quarrington and Mareham.
- Navigation ward would have an extra councillor making 3 Westholme would have 2.
- Whether 19 or 20 councillors would be a better option than the current 18.
- Most important point to consider if Quarrington and Mareham were one ward is that it would be financially impossible for independent candidates to stand for the STC and that this would not be democratic.
- The area should be divided into 4 areas. A specific councillor for Greylees would be advantageous.

008 Suggestions which Members felt is a fair representation :

1. Greylees - Smallest area should have 1 seat
2. Mareham - houses to the East of London Road should have 2 seats
3. (Could be called Clay) Grantham Road to A17 including Clayhill would be largest and should have 3 seats.
4. Quarrington should have 2 seats.

009 It was explained that changes in Lincoln had rippled out into the county. It is proposed that part of Sleaford and Cranwell be part of Ruskington.

010 It was suggested to object to one large ward with 8 seats. The Hoplands and Kingsleigh within Sleaford Parish.

011 There are grounds for increasing the number of councillors from 18 to 19 or 20. The urban extensions are a long way off.

012 It was decided to detail what Councillors were in agreement with -

1. Quarrington/Mareham - It is vitally important that we go back to the original split and also consider that Greylees should be separate. What is proposed doesn't meet the criteria.
2. Holdingham should be part of Sleaford not Ruskington. The criteria is not met.
3. Kirkby La Thorpe - These residents belong to the Sleaford community and should remain in Sleaford.
4. Number of Councillors. We would consider having 18 or changing to 19 or 20 to help balance the numbers.

013 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to object to the draft proposal. Volunteers for the WG - Cllrs Titmus, Suiter, Jackson and Charlesworth will meet at the office 4th February, at 9.00 a.m. to draft a response letter to the Review Officer. Vote – Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.