

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Full Council** held on
Wednesday January 11th 2012 at 7:00pm
in The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor J Charlesworth (Mayor)

Cllr T Mayfield (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr D Birks	Cllr I Dolby
Cllr B Watson (Leader)	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr D Croker
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr J Titmus	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr D Vere-Critchler	Cllr M Graves	Cllr D Suiter

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (PA to the Clerk), C/Cllr Hagues, 1 member of the public and a representative from Sleaford Standard.

FC.1 APOLOGIES. Apologies, with reasons, had been given to the Clerk by Councillors D Andrews, K Dolby, M Allan and J Mathieson. These were accepted.

FC.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item 4 (Trees on the Recreation Ground) – Cllr D Suiter – personal – lives close to the trees.

FC.3 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE – (Cllr Watson). Protocols surrounding the ‘civic’ line –up: Councillors and Officers.

Cllr B Watson explained the history of the protocol.

Cllr B Watson proposed to accept the listed ‘marching order’, with the Town Clerk once again calling the line to order and also the Town Council move to the Alms Houses gardens to witness the parade. Seconded by Cllr M Graves.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed.

FC.4 TREES ON THE RECREATION GROUND AROUND TENNIS COURT AREA. Resolution from Services Committee meeting held on October 26th 2011

“After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr B Watson to ask for the trees to be removed. There was no seconder.

It was proposed by Cllr J Charlesworth for the trees to remain. Seconded by Cllr D Suiter.”

To examine circulated report and decide whether to ratify this Committee decision.

Cllr B Watson briefed members.

It was proposed by Cllr B Watson to propose the recommendation that the Town Council agrees to removal of this line of trees as they have been allowed to grow far too tall and they are no longer needed as shelter for the tennis courts. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

There was no vote.

Cllr M Graves said we need clarification about the trees as the Tennis Club now seem to believe they are not obligated to remove the trees.

Cllr B Watson asked if a letter could be written to the Tennis Club asking them if the removal of the trees was part of the lease agreement. Cllr M Graves said that the planning permission had nothing to do with the lease agreement to remove the trees.

Cllr B Watson proposed that the Clerk and the Chair of the Services Committee look through the paperwork and report back to the Finance & Strategy Committee on January 25th. Seconded by Cllr I Dolby.

Vote – 12 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

It was proposed by Cllr T Mayfield to use the soft landscaping scheme associated with the new courts. Seconded by Cllr I Dolby.

Vote – 13 for. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting 7:25pm.