

**SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the **Services Committee** held on
Wednesday January 4th 2012 at 7:30pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Councillor D Vere-Critchler (Chair)

Cllr G Titmus (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr D Birks	Cllr J Charlesworth
Cllr D Croker	Cllr T Mayfield	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr B Watson (Leader)		

Also Present: Mrs S McIntyre (Clerk), Mrs M Waddingham (PA to the Clerk), D Howorth (Services Supervisor), Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford, K Fernandes, M Graves, J Mathieson, Cllr J Titmus and Cllr D Andrews.

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

SER.1 APOLOGIES. There were no apologies.

SER.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item 8 (Tennis Club) – Cllr D Suiter – personal – lives nearby.

Item 12 (Carre Gallery) – Cllr D Suiter – personal – has received an invitation to attend.

SER.3 MINUTES. Notes of the meeting held on October 26th 2011, had been circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr T Mayfield and seconded by Cllr D Suiter, that the Notes from October 26th 2011, be accepted as Minutes of that Meeting.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.

SER.4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. There was nothing to report.

SER.5 CLERK'S REPORT/UPDATES. There was nothing to report.

SER.6 FINANCIAL REPORT.

It was proposed by Cllr D Vere-Critchler to accept the financial report.
Seconded by Cllr G Titmus.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed.

SER.7 CEMETERY WORKING GROUP – Report from the Working Group.

The Chairman explained the report.

Cllr D Vere-Critchler proposed that the Deputy Clerk and the Services Supervisor have a look at the priorities and time lines for the work in the cemetery. Seconded by Cllr D Suiter.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed.

SER.8 TENNIS CLUB – Report from meeting with Tennis Club representative.

The Chairman informed members that the completion of the work at the Tennis Courts should be finished by the end of January.

Cllr G Titmus proposed that the Services Committee would support an application for play to be extended until 9pm but this to go to Full Council for approval. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Vote – 7 for and 1 abstention. The Resolution was passed.

SER.9 USE OF EASTGATE GREEN – Cllr G Titmus – permission to use Eastgate Green for Armed Forces Day July 1st 2012.

Cllr G Titmus proposed the use of Eastgate Green for the Armed Forces Day. Seconded by Cllr D Suiter.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed.

SER.10 USE OF EASTGATE CAR PARK –

- **Car Rally:** e mail circulated requesting the Car Park be used for 2 hours for the start of a car rally.

Cllr D Suiter proposed the use of the Car Park provided that Council office staff liaise with the organisers regarding stewarding. Seconded by Cllr T Mayfield.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed.

- **Car Park Charges:** NKDC ask if there will be any changes to the charges, so signage can be organised before April 1st. (Currently 1st hour free, 1-3 hours £1, over 3 hrs £3, and coaches £5).

Cllr D Suiter proposed for the charges to remain the same. Seconded by Cllr D Birks.

Cllr B Watson requested a Press Release stating no increase in Car Park fees in Eastgate Car Park.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed.

SER.11 **WAR MEMORIAL** – Update Cllr G Titmus.

Cllr G Titmus updated members of an initial inspection then a further inspection. A grant to the War Memorial Trust had been applied for.

Cllr B Watson thanked Cllr G Titmus for all of his hard work. All agreed.

SER.12 **CARRE GALLERY** – Letter from a volunteer asking for concessionary parking.

Members felt that this would not be possible and may set a precedent to other voluntary organisations. A letter to be written to Carre Gallery to explain they should write to North Kesteven District Council asking whether they would be able to help, as they have car parks which are closer to the Gallery.

SER.13 **COMMUNITY PAYBACK** – Letter circulated – does the council have any use for the Community Payback scheme?

Cllr D Vere-Critchler explained that all Councillors know of problems areas within their wards, which could be used as part of this scheme.

Cllr D Vere-Critchler proposed that all Councillors submit their ideas of areas where the volunteers could be used, to the office before the end of January.

The Services Chairman, Vice Chairman and Services Staff to look at all the ideas and suggestions then arrange a meeting with the Payback co-ordinator to fully discuss possible project and any personnel and financial implications. Seconded by Cllr D Suiter.

Vote – 8 for. The Resolution was passed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm.