

Sleaford Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Sleaford Town Council held on Wednesday October 18th 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at The Town Hall, Quayside House, Navigation Yard, Sleaford.

Present: Cllr J Mathieson (Chairperson)

Cllr A Brand (Deputy Chairperson)	Cllr B Allan	Cllr J Brealeycook
Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr S Clegg (7:51pm)	Cllr P Coyne
Cllr S Dale	Cllr K Dolby	Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson (7:04pm)	Cllr H Lorimer
Cllr P McCallum	Cllr F Richards	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr M Shanahan-Kluth	Cllr A Snookes	

Also in attendance Council Officers: Clerk
Members of Public (2) Press (0)

FC.1 Chairperson's Welcome

001 The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting.

FC.2 Apologies for Absence

002 No apologies for absence were received. Prior to the meeting, Cllr S Clegg advised the Clerk he would be arriving late.

FC.3 Declarations of Interest

003 Cllr K Fernandes declared an interest in agenda item 8.3, transaction number 12727, due to being the recipient.

004 Cllr A Brand declared an interest in agenda item 8.3, transaction number 12702, due to being the recipient.

005 Cllr M Graves declared an interest in agenda item 8.3, transaction number 12724, due to knowing the recipient.

FC.4 Minutes

006 **Notes of the Council Meeting held on 4th October 2017 – IT WAS RESOLVED** that the notes of the Council Meeting held on 4th October 2017, with two minor amendments, be approved as Minutes of that meeting. Vote: for 15 – against 0 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried. The Chairperson signed the Minutes.

007 Cllr G Jackson arrived at the meeting.

FC.5 Chairperson's Report

008 The Chairperson thanked all who attended and helped with the St. Deny's Day Market.

009 **Mayoral invitations** – An update on events was given.

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Planning matters

6.1 Current Planning Applications – IT WAS RESOLVED to accept 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	Comment Date
17/1373/LBC	6 Parrys Court, Northgate, NG34 7BN	Reface existing brick (south elevation) with natural stone & new bricks to west elevation. Replace door & window on south elevation with double doors & replace window on west elevation	23 rd October 2017
17/1394/FUL	43 Westgate, NG34 7PU	Change of use from dwelling to beauty salon	20 th October 2017
17/1262/VARCON	Land at Rauceby Hospital, Greylees	Application to vary condition 7 (approved plans) to allow the provision of alternative house types re planning permission 15/0932/FUL	20 th October 2017
17/1213/FUL	16 Pride Parkway, Enterprise Park	Change of use to car sales business (retrospective)	20 th October 2017
17/1370/FUL	44 Southgate, NG34 7RR	Proposed 3 new external AC condenser units to rear/side elevation (wall mounted above flat roof area)	31 st October 2017
17/0826/FUL (amended)	Land off Town Road, Quarrington	Erection of 187 dwellings with associated works NB: Meeting 05.07.17 – no comments	1 st November 2017

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6.2. 17/1355/VARCON – Land East of London Road/Stumpcross Hill and West of Southfields (Handley Chase). Application to vary the wording of condition 3 (Master plan and design codes), 7 (Landscaping maintenance), 8 (Retention of trees and shrubs), 9 (Protection of retained trees and shrubs), 18 (Maintenance surface water drainage), 19 (Construction Environmental Management plan), 23 (Implementation written specification re archaeological remains), 24 (Travel plan), 25 (Travel pack), 28 (Certain road and junctions completed) and 30 (Vehicular access from London Road only) attached to planning permission 13/0498/OUT (Erection of 1,450 dwellings, two form entry primary school, care home, local centre (incorporating 5 no. retail units with offices above, health centre, nursery, community centre and public house) public open space, sports pitches and allotments and associated infrastructure (outline with means of access).

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012 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to make a comment that STC would like this development to comply with the Manual of Streets guidance. Vote: for 6 – against 1 – abstained 10. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be notified accordingly.

FC.7 Panel Reports

013 **7.1 Culture, Events and Markets** – none for this meeting

014 **7.2 Finance & Assets** – Cllr J Charlesworth gave a brief update on the F&A meeting held 17th October 2017.

015 **7.3 Services**

7.3.1 Recommendation: That the Clerk writes a letter to LCC to request they tackle weed control before drains get flooded. Vote: for 4 – against 7 – abstained 6. The Recommendation **failed**.

016 **7.3.2 Recommendation:** That the Clerk writes a letter to all businesses on Southgate explaining STC is already thinking of improving the Town and would they be interested in helping. Vote: for 4 – against 7 – abstained 6. The Recommendation **failed**.

017 **7.3.3 IT WAS RESOLVED** that Full Council suggests areas for seating to be placed, with the town. Vote: for 8 – against 3 – abstained 6. The Resolution was carried.

FC.8 Finance

018 **8.1 Regular Direct Debits/Standing Orders for retrospective approval - IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £4,383.48. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

019 **8.2 BACS payments made for retrospective approval – IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £8,417.18. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

020 **8.3 Pending BACS payments for approval - IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £13,406.16. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 3. The Resolution was carried.

021 **8.4 Pending cheque payments for approval - IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £92.42. Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

022 **8.5 Request for 2 volunteers to sign paperwork** – Councillors J Mathieson and M Graves volunteered.

023 Cllr S Clegg arrived at the meeting.

024 **8.6 Income and Expenditure report for the six months to 30th September 2017** – Councillors requested a list of room hire bookings. The Income and Expenditure Report was noted.

- 025 **8.7 Initial draft budget for 2018/19 –**
8.7.1 IT WAS RESOLVED to agree, in principle to an inflation increase in Band D council tax precept for 2018/19. Vote: for 17 – against 1 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
8.7.2 IT WAS RESOLVED to confirm no charges in market and cemetery fees for 2018/19. Vote: for 16 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
8.7.3 Car Parking Charges to be deferred until the next Council meeting.

026 **8.8 External Audit report for 2017/18** – This report was noted

027 **8.9 Request for Grant Budget - report and recommendation from Cllr J Charlesworth and Cllr B Allan - IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council identifies a budget line that deserving groups within Sleaford Community can apply, and be considered, to receive funding. The scope of the budget identifying which activity areas are preferred, should be agreed and promoted for each financial year, by Full Council. Vote: for 16 – against 1 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried.

FC.9 Internal Affairs

028 **9.1 Block Dispensation – IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve a dispensation to allow councillors to both discuss and make resolutions on basic allowances. Such resolution to apply until October 2021. Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

029 **9.2 Elected Councillors** – Clarification as to what constitutes as an ‘Elected Councillor’ – report and recommendation from Councillor P Coyne.

030 A recorded vote was requested.

031 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk be instructed to contact LALC and obtain the following:

- 1] A copy of the request for advice dated 8 August 2017 from LALC to NALC [Reference Lincs 17/181]
- 2] An explanation as to why they provided STC with an opinion on co-opted councillors’ entitlement to receive a basic allowance
- 3] An explanation as to why they didn’t provide STC with an opinion on what constitutes an ‘elected councillor’ as was requested of them
- 4] Confirmation as to who was responsible for STC being provided with an opinion on a matter other than that which was sought from them
- 5] Their full explanation as to how this unacceptable situation has occurred
- 6] An answer from them on the question of what constitutes an ‘Elected Councillor’ in line with STC’s original request to them

FOR: Cllr F Richards, Cllr J Brealeycook, Cllr P Coyne, Cllr P McCallum, Cllr H Lorimer, Cllr A Brand, Cllr A Snookes, Cllr S Dale, Cllr M Shanahan-Kluth, Cllr M Graves (10)

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAINED: Cllr K Fernandes, Cllr D Suiter, Cllr S Clegg, Cllr J Mathieson, Cllr G Jackson, Cllr B Allan, Cllr K Dolby, Cllr J Charlesworth (8)

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- 032 **9.3 Independent Remuneration Panel** – after discussion, the following **WAS RESOLVED:**
- 1) Note the report from the IRP
 - 2) Approve that the basic allowance for elected councillors be increased to £600 pa from 2017/18 and to £800 pa from 2018/19
 - 3) Instruct the Clerk to publish the required notices as required by the relevant acts
- Vote: for 9 – against 1 – abstained 7. Cllr J Brealeycook did not vote.
- 033 **9.4 Standing Orders** (Chapter 3 of the Constitution) – It was requested that any amendments to be given to the Assistant Clerk by Wednesday 18th October. This item was noted.
- FC.10 Clerk's Report – Internal Affairs**
- 034 **10.1 Christmas Market** – It was requested for Councillors to support the event.
- 035 **10.2 Panels** – Request from Clerk for a review of the current arrangements for the Panels – This item was deferred to the next Council meeting.
- 036 Cllrs P McCallum and S Dale left the meeting at 9:40pm
- 037 **10.3 Security Services at Cemetery** – **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council agree that patrols continue for the next 6 months and be reviewed again in March 2018. Vote: for 16 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- FC.11 External Affairs**
- 038 **11.1 Consultation on The Heart of SLEAFORD Signage Strategy** – draft consultation not available. Item deferred to a future meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9:50pm.