

## Sleaford Town Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Sleaford Town Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at The Town Hall, Quayside House, Navigation Yard, Sleaford.

**Present:** Cllr J Mathieson (Chairperson)

Cllr A Brand (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr B Allan	Cllr J Charlesworth
Cllr S Clegg (8:15pm)	Cllr P Coyne	Cllr S Dale
Cllr K Dolby	Cllr K Fernandes	Cllr M Graves
Cllr H Lorimer	Cllr P McCallum	Cllr F Richards
Cllr M Shanahan-Kluth	Cllr D Suiter	

**Also in attendance Council Officers:** Clerk and Assistant Clerk  
Members of Public (6) Press (0)

Prior to the start of the meeting a member of the public ask a question regarding the mature trees at Boston Road Recreation Ground. The Clerk clarified the situation.

#### **FC.1 Chairperson's Welcome**

001 All were welcomed to the meeting including.

#### **FC.2 Apologies for Absence**

002 Apologies for absence with reasons were received from Councillors G Jackson, A Snookes, J Brealeycook. Cllr S Clegg would be late arriving to the meeting.

003 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the above apologies with reasons. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

#### **FC.3 Declarations of Interest**

004 Cllr K Fernandes declared an interest in agenda item 13.1 and asked the Council for a Dispensation.

005 Members in favour of allowing Cllr K Fernandes to speak and vote on agenda item 13.1 – **for 5 – against 7 – abstained 1**. Cllr K Fernandes to leave the room at agenda item 13.1.

#### **FC.4 Minutes**

006 **Notes of the Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017** – amendment to page 2, 014, the date should read 2<sup>nd</sup> August not 19<sup>th</sup> July.

007 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the notes of the Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017, with the above amendments, be approved as Minutes of that meeting. Vote: for 14 – against 0 - abstained - 0. The Resolution was carried.

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Signed:

**FC.5 Chairperson's Report**

008 **5.1 Mayoral invitations** – An update of invitations attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was given.

009 **LALC Training Courses** – New and existing members are encouraged to attend courses offered by LALC. Arrangements to be made via the office for those wishing to attend.

010 **Official Opening of Sleaford Skate Park** – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017 from 11am to 4pm.

**FC.6 Planning Matters**

011 **6.1 Current Planning Applications** – **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept officer recommendation for no comments on the following applications. Vote: for 12 – against 0 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be notified accordingly.

Ref No	Location	Proposal
17/0492/ADV	20A Southgate, NG34 7RZ	Erection of non-illuminated projecting shop sign
17/0933/HOUS	3 Linnet Way, NG34 7UB	Erection of first floor extension above garage
17/0853LBC	7 Parrys Court, Northgate, NG34 7BN	Insert new external door
17/0866/VARCON	Land off Furlong Way & South of A17 Holdingham	Revisions of 12/1022/OUT & 15/0569/RESM comprising the reduction of dwellings from 290. To 284 no. units (with associated reduction in affordable housing provision to 99 no. units) through revised site layout & house types on plots 40, 50, 125, 128-130, 172-174, 180-183, 186, 187, 192-200 & 218

012 **6.2 17/0880/FUL** – Orchard House Rauceby Hospital, Grantham Road, South Greylees. Demolition of Orchard House and erection of 43 dwellings and associated works.

013 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to comment on concerns as to the conservation of the trees and suggest that any TPO's on the site are observed with only dead or diseased trees to be removed. Vote: for 12 – against 0 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried.

014 Four members of the public left the meeting.

- FC.7 NG34 Plan**  
015 Cllr P Coyne explained that the public forum held on 12<sup>th</sup> July was well attended. Display material was also exhibited at the Greylees Funday.
- FC.8 PANEL REPORTS**  
016 **8.1 Culture, Events and Markets**  
**8.2 Finance & Assets**  
**8.3 Services**
- 017 It was requested to add ‘promote room hire and use by public charitable groups’ to the extended use of Town Hall on the Culture, Events and Market Panel work plan.
- 018 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve that above panels TOR en-bloc. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- 019 **8.4 Clerk’s Management Team - IT WAS RESOLVED** to add as number 2, ‘To agree monitor and progress the Clerk’s key objectives for the Council year’ to the TOR. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- FC.9 Finance**  
020 **9.1 Regular Direct Debits/Standing Orders for retrospective approval – IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £27,856.90. Vote: for 11 – against 1 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried.
- 021 **9.2 BACS payments made for retrospective approval – IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £109.89. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.
- 022 **9.3 Pending BACS payments and Cheques for approval - IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the lists totalling £4,743.24 and £478.88. Vote: for 13 against 0 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried.
- 023 **9.4 Request for 2 volunteers to sign paperwork –** Councillors J Charlesworth and J Mathieson volunteered.
- 024 **9.5 Budget Comparison Report –** The Clerk to investigate the income relating Town Hall Room Hire and report back to Council. This report was noted.
- FC.10 Internal Affairs –** none for this meeting.
- FC.11 Clerk’s Report – Internal Affairs**  
025 **11.1 Request to move Meeting scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> August to 23<sup>rd</sup> August –** It was agreed to move the meeting to 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
- 026 **11.2 Councillors Basic Allowance - IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council instruct the Clerk to obtain clarification as to what constitutes an ‘Elected Councillor’ and

confirmation that this is achieved through all of the three pathways which are available to becoming a Councillor.

The three pathways to becoming a Councillor are:

1. Through an Election (where the public vote)
2. Through being returned unopposed when an Election is not held (where the number of Candidates standing is either equal to or less than the number of seats in that Ward)
3. Through Co-Option (where a Councillor is elected by their peers)

Vote: for 12 – against 2 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

027 **11.3 Review of Constitution** – The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Cllr M Shanhan-Kluth to meet and review Chapters 1-4.

028 The Clerk read out a thank you letter from the Civic Trust. This was noted.

029 The Clerk, again, reminded Councillors of the Communications, Press & Social Media Protocol.

030 A meeting has taken place with the Environment Agency to help clarify responsibilities with the River Sleat.

#### **FC.12 External Affairs**

031 **12.1 Eastgate Car Park Agreement** – **IT WAS RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting in order for the Clerk to seek clarification from NKDC as to Sleaford CCTV operation. Vote: for 12 – against 0 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried.

032 **12.2 Tractor Shed Security** – **IT WAS RESOLVED** to instruct the Clerk to accept the quote for CCTV services covering the Tractor Shed and the intruder alarm. Vote: for 14 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

033 Cllr K Fernandes left the room.

#### **FC.13 Clerk's Report – External Affairs**

034 **13.1 Boston Road Site Access** - There was a short discussion regarding the consultation generally.

035 Cllr S Clegg entered the meeting.

036 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council, having considered the letters received, confirms its resolution from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to proceed with the land transaction and authorise the Clerk to sign both the option agreement with the land owner and the agreement with the Fields in Trust.

037 Cllr H Lorimer requested a recorded vote.

**FOR:** Cllr M Graves, Cllr K Dolby, Cllr M Shanahan-Kluth, Cllr S Dale, Cllr F Richards, Cllr P Coyne, Cllr J Charlesworth, Cllr A Brand, Cllr J Mathieson and Cllr S Clegg. (10)  
**AGAINST:** Cllr B Allan, Cllr D Suiter and Cllr H Lorimer. (3)  
**ABSTAINED:** Cllr P McCallum (1)

038 Cllr K Fernandes returned to the meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:25pm