

Sleaford Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Sleaford Town Council held on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at The Town Hall, Quayside House, Navigation Yard, Sleaford.

Present: Cllr D Suiter (Chairman)

Cllr M Allan (Vice Chair)	Cllr B Allan	Cllr A Brand
Cllr J Brealeycook	Cllr J Charlesworth	Cllr S Clegg
Cllr P Coyne	Cllr K Dolby	Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr M Graves	Cllr G Jackson	Cllr H Lorimer
Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr P McCallum	Cllr A Snookes
Cllr G Titmus	Cllr R Willis	

Also in attendance Council Officers: Office Manager and Finance and Administration Officer

Members of Public (3) Press (0)

FC.1. Chairman's Welcome

001 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

FC.2 Apologies for Absence

002 No Apologies for absence were received.

FC.3. Declarations of Interest

003 No Declarations of Interest were received at this point.

FC.4. Minutes

004 15th March 2017 – amendment to page 4, Minute Number 026, should show “vote: for 14 – against 1 – abstained – 0.’

005 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the notes of the Council Meeting held on 15th March 2017, with the one amendment, be approved as Minutes of that meeting.
Vote: for 14 – against – 1 abstained - 3. The Resolution was carried.

FC.5. Chairman's Report

006 The Chairman reminded the Council that his Civic Service was being held on Sunday 2nd April. He announced that the charity dinners at the India Garden had been very successful and that £720 had been raised. The Chairman also informed the Council that an Autism exhibition was taking place in the Town Hall during the present week.

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Planning Matters

6.1 17/0049/FUL – erection of 182 dwellings and associated infrastructure, land to the North of Grantham Road

IT WAS RESOLVED that an objection be raised to the number of houses being proposed, as they be will taking up land that was meant for a public open space.

Vote: for 13 – against 3 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the above objection be put forward, together with the comment that the houses proposed will take up land that business units, that were originally requested, were meant to be sited on.

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6.2 Central Core, Greylees: Planning Appeal by Barratt Homes

After discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the report be noted and that the response to both questions A and B be ‘no.’

Vote: for 18 – 0 against – 0 abstained . The Resolution was carried.

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6.3 Current Planning Applications – IT WAS RESOLVED to accept officer recommendation for no comments on the following applications. Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried. NKDC to be notified accordingly.

Ref No	Location	Proposal	Comments Due
17/0309/LBC	Pizza Hot Shop, 31 Southgate, NG34 7SY	Removal of redundant signage, wiring, security cameras & lighting, repainting of shop frontage & boarding to external windows & door.	31 st March 2017
17/0363/HOUS	111 Boston Road, NG34 7HP	Erection of two storey side & rear extensions & single storey rear extension	5 th April 2017
17/0157/FUL	Bailey Trailers Ltd, Pride Parkway Enterprise Park	Extension to existing finishing bay building to form additional storage area	11 th April 2017

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STC Neighbourhood Plan – update from Cllr Coyne

There was nothing to report.

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FC.8. Finance

011 **8.1 Regular Direct Debits/Standing Orders for retrospective approval – IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £20,559.18.

Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

012 **8.2 Pending BACS and cheque payments for approval - IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £19,740.00 respectively.

Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

013 **8.3 Payments for retrospective approval - IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the list totalling £28,954.81.

Vote: for 17 – against 0 – abstained 1. The Resolution was carried.

014 **8.4 Request for 2 volunteers to sign paperwork –** Councillors Snookes and Mathieson volunteered.

The three members of the public left the meeting.

FC.9 Internal Affairs

015 **9.1 Strategic Plan Panel**

Councillor Brand updated members on the recent meetings of the Strategic Plan panel, including preliminary discussions about the Market, open spaces and litter picking. It was requested that the subject of the Market be put onto a future agenda, for discussion.

FC.10 Clerk's Report – Internal Affairs

016 **10.1 Tractor Shed and Skate Park** - the Chairman updated members with regards to the work on the tractor shed and the almost completed skate park. The Clerk be requested to follow up with the contractors that correct procedures are being adhered to.

017 **10.2 Mayor's Allowance** – Councillor Jackson declared a personal interest in this item, due to being a member of 'Evergreen.'

After discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting, in order for the Clerk to seek further clarification of the legalities of the allocation of the Mayor's Allowance to charities.

Vote: for 12 – against 4 – abstained 2. The Resolution was carried.

FC.11 External Affairs

018 Councillor Brealeycook informed the Council that tree planting at the four Sleaford Primary Schools had taken place. This will be followed by the scattering of seeds by ten pupils from each School at 10am on 20th April, at Woodside. The two General Operatives that helped with this work were thanked and their efforts were much appreciated.

FC.12 **Clerk's Report – External Affairs**
019 **12.1 Storage of Museum Artefacts**

Councillor Titmus explained the current situation regarding the storing of the Sleaford Museum artefacts.

The following points were proposed:

Suitable capacity for the storage of museum artefacts is procured for siting at the Town Cemetery. Dual use (STC/SMT) flexibility to be considered.

A container or containers to be in keeping with and appropriate to the Cemetery environment.

Funding for the procurement to be met fully or largely from the Sleaford Museum Trust, depending on the final choice of storage container, with any shortfall funded from the STC capital equipment budget.

The Clerk to investigate a suitable solution for the container, site preparation and site leasing and report the final proposal to Council before the end of April 2017.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the proposals.

Vote: for 13 – against 2 – abstained 3 . The Resolution was carried.

FC.13 **Resolution to move into Closed Session.**

020 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press for the consideration of the following confidential matters. Vote: for 18 – against 0 – abstained 0. The Resolution was carried.

The Office Manager and Finance and Administration Officer left the room.

021 **HR Matters**

Councillor M Graves, Chairman of the HR Panel, reported that they had had a further meeting with the HR advisor on 21st March. The Council had subsequently received further communication from one of the Union representatives. The Council will continue with its original resolution with regards to the new contracts of employment.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.