



Sleaford Town Council
Notes and Report of Services Panel Meeting –10th October 2017
11am to 12.30pm

Panel members present:

Councillor David Suiter
Councillor Ken Fernandes
Councillor Bozena Allan
Councillor Melody Shanahan-Kluth
Councillor P McCallum

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr S Dale

Also present: Councillors J Charlesworth and J Mathieson

Meeting and Panel supported by Assistant Clerk.

1. **Agree Notes and Report from the meeting 5th September 2017**

The Panel agreed the notes.

2. **Service Work Plan**

Woodside - It was requested to seek more information regarding the ownership of the hardstanding area at Woodside.

The future development of this hardstanding area was discussed and ideas for use included changing rooms, if Woodside was to be used for sporting events. This to be a future agenda item.

George Street – It was reported that adverse behaviour, in this area, had been discussed at recent Police Panel Meeting. It was requested that a lockable fence at this site be a future agenda item.

Street Sweeping – Panel Members asked if there had been any further progress on this item. The Panel Lead explained that the Clerk will be arranging a meeting with NKDC, to discuss this.

Parks – It was requested to sand dress play areas within the Boston Road Recreation Ground.

3. **Feedback from 'Walk about' 3rd October 2017**

Photographs from the walk about were circulated. Areas covered, included Nags Head passage, Southgate and Carre Street.

The Panel Lead explained the location of the photographs and the findings. There was a discussion regarding litter and weeds and the concerns surrounding blocked drains, as a result of this. (It was noted that LCC have said they would tackle weed control in October)

Recommendation: That the Clerk writes a letter to LCC to request they tackle weed control before drains get flooded.

Clarification needed if a letter at been sent to the MP.

It was requested to start a service maintenance plan throughout the year to maintain bins and benches, using the correct durable paint etc. Members also asked for clarification as to owns them.

The recent development of the precinct was discussed and its current state. Cllr K Fernandes clarified the precinct is owned by the Co-op.

It was suggested that the Clerk writes a letter to the Co-op to ask if STC are allowed to improve this area by placing seating and planting shrubs. The feasibility of contacting local business to take pride in the Town and clear up outside their properties was also suggested.

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.

It was requested that all litter bins are cleaned and painted, in rotation, in the winter months. All STC's assets to be numbered and identified.

It was requested to find out who owns the building on Southgate, next to Clarks shoe shop, as this building is in need of repair.

Monument Gardens – in need of a tidy up. It was requested to plant permanent flowering shrubs and bulbs.

4. **Street Sweeping & Litter Collection**

The Clerk to arrange a meeting with NKDC.

5. **Toilets**

The Panel Lead explained the current position with regard to toilet provisions.

Cllr K Fernandes said Woodside needs toilets to be established as a recreation area. It was requested to investigate the cost of 'Green toilets' with Sports England and Hill Holt Wood.

Museum Toilets – Clarification still needed from the Clerk with regard to charging for the use of this facility.

Boston Road Recreation Ground - It was requested to budget for an upgrade of these toilets for an additional disabled toilet, including disabled access.

Budgets for toilet provision to be passed to the F&A Panel, for future budgeting.

6. **Street Lighting & Street Furniture**

It was requested to invite Cllr M Graves to a future panel meeting or ask him for an update to Full Council, at what stage he is at with the Pride in Sleaford Initiative.

Cllr J Mathieson left the meeting

It was requested that more seating is placed around the Town, starting with Lincoln Road.

Recommendation: That Full Council suggests areas for seating to be placed. Advertise for donations from members of the public.

Cllr J Charlesworth left the meeting.

7. CCTV

Panel members queried where CCTV footage can be viewed. The Panel Lead gave an update.

It was requested to seek confirmation of when the CCTV agreement ends.

It was requested that Full Council or the Finance & Assets Panel suggest where to go for additional funding from for certain projects.

8. Agenda Items for next meeting

Woodside – Hardstanding area

George Street – Lockable fence

Self Help Scheme – (LCC grass cutting seasons, locations needed, cost of work carried out by contractors) (When does this Scheme end?) Cllr BA

Speed signs and Cameras

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 11am.

‘Walk about’ – Monday 30th October at 11am starting from St. Deny’s Church.