

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRANKLIN HALL, HALTON ROAD, SPILSBY

**PRESENT: - COUNCILLORS M.LENTON (CHAIRMAN), T.BEAUMONT,
P.GRANT, T.BAILEY, A.VENABLES, W.BAUGH, G.IREMONGER, G.WILLIS,
A.CADMAN**

1) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillors noted he had attended a Memorial Service at East Kirkby and that he and the Clerk had been interviewed for an article on Spilsby which will appear in the April edition of Lincolnshire Life.

2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G.Rymer, P.Odling and J.Pears.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

None.

4) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2013

The notes of the meeting held on 24th January 2013 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman.

5) MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2013

The notes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19th February 2013 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman. Councillor Beaumont thanked all those Councillors who had contributed to the budget process.

6) CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING

New play area equipment

A member of the public had asked during the public session when the remaining matting would be going down. Councillors agreed this would be laid as resources allowed in the next financial year.

Winter maintenance equipment

Councillor Lenton reported one of the spreaders had been modified and will be tested in due course.

1.28/2/13

Bus stops, Boston Road

As requested, the Clerk had suggested the bus stops be staggered rather than sited opposite each other. However, L.C.C. has replied that it is the same bus which turns round in Spilsby and therefore the chances of two buses stopping at the same time is highly unlikely.

7) EMERGENCY SERVICES

P.C.S.O. Pollard who joined the meeting at this point handed out a report summarising the dates and types of incidents in Spilsby over the past two years. He then went on to highlight the more serious incidents within the area. Councillors noted Inspector French had recently moved on and had been replaced by Inspector Ball whose contact details were noted. Councillors also noted P.C.S.O.s will no longer be able to issue tickets for traffic offences, following the transfer of on street parking enforcement to the County Council.

8) E.L.D.C./COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Both County Councillor J. Swanson and District Councillor R. Williams were present at the meeting.

Councillor Swanson said he wished it to be noted that his comments about the disabled bays marked out in the Post Office Lane car park had been misquoted in the press and that he was, infact, happy with their position. He also said he wished to take the opportunity to thank Alan Bugg and members of the Recreation Ground Committee for all their hard work. Councillor Swanson went on to talk about the budget, which services are being protected at the County Council and the amount of savings the Authority needs to make over the next few years. Despite this, the County Council has voted for a 0% increase in its share of Council Tax. A copy of the budget speech was left with Councillors to read. Councillors noted the high speed Broadband project for the area is on target. A spare copy of E.L.D.C.'s Draft Core Strategy was presented to the Council. There was a brief discussion about the Triton Knoll application.

Councillor Williams advised Councillors that a new Chief Executive had been appointed; Mr. Stuart Davy. E.L.D.C. has balanced its budget by reducing its staff from 750 to 500 and by working in partnership with other Councils. Councillor Beaumont asked about the success of Compasspoint. The average increase for a Band D property in East Lindsey will be £5 for the year. There was a discussion about fly tipping which appears to be on the increase. Councillor Williams assured Councillors E.L.D.C. would prosecute where at all possible. It is hoped the monies made available to District Councillors to spend in their wards will still be available next year. Finally Councillor Williams urged anyone in serious financial difficulty to get in touch with the CAB.

Councillors noted the next meeting of the Alford and Spilsby Area Committee will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at the Franklin Hall.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

2.28/2/13

10)PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the following accounts for payment:-

- a. Welton Garden Services - £684.00 (contractor's costs for February, New Town car park and tree removal)
- b. S.D.Marshall (salary for February)
- c. HW - £24.00 (payroll)
- d. Christmas Plus - £708.26 (dismantle of Xmas lights)
- e. Scott's Cobblers & Keys - £72.00 (Mayor's shields)
- f. B T - £194.01 (quarterly bill)
- g. R.Needham - £750.00 (tree removal)

11)PLANNING CONSENTS/REFUSALS

Noted as follows:-

- a. appeal by Mr.G.Batten against the refusal by E.L.D.C. to allow the redevelopment of 1 Market Street, Spilsby without the construction of an internal chimney.

It was resolved to support the applicant and to write a further letter to the Planning Inspector explaining why the Town council believed the application should be supported.

12)PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council had no comments to make on the following planning applications:-

- a. Mr.S.Goodrick - extension and alterations to existing dwelling, 8 Ancaster Avenue, Spilsby
- b. Western Power Distribution - erection of a power distribution depot, land adjacent to Unit 6, Vale Road, Spilsby

13)REPORT FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2013 AND 27TH FEBRUARY 2013 TO DISCUSS THE STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT

As most Councillors had attended the meetings on 19th February 2013, it was agreed it was unnecessary to report the detail of those meetings. At the meeting held on 27th February, 2013 it had been agreed to support future residential development in Spilsby on the scale proposed by the District Council.

14)SITING OF NEW CCTV CAMERA(S)

Bushes have agreed, in principle, to make a contribution towards the cost of the CCTV camera and J & A have confirmed they do not mind on which camera their money is spent. Alan Bugg has been asked if the Playing Field Committee would be willing to pay for the running costs of the proposed camera for the playing field and he has said that he feels sure this will not be a problem.

The Clerk and Chairman had recently had the opportunity to view the images from the camera at GPC Industries Ltd which overlooks the Franklin Hall. There is an opportunity for the Town Council to purchase a second camera for £250 which will look directly at the office and further down Halton Road. As well as increased security, there will be an increased opportunity to catch any dog owners allowing their pets to foul the pavements. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to purchase a camera at this location.

15)REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

The second surgery had again proved to be very successful. The Clerk handed out a written summary of matters raised and solutions offered.

16)DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday 28th March 2013 at 7.00p.m. in the Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

17)ANY URGENT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION BY LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

One of the Welcome to Spilsby signs has been knocked down. The driver of the vehicle has reported the matter to the Police and his insurance company and it is hoped the sign will be replaced at no cost to the Council.

Councillor Lenton reported that there were two sheets of asbestos which needed removing from the allotments. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Sid Dennis or a similar waste contractor regarding this matter.

Councillors noted the Mayor is intending to do a sponsored bike ride around the Market Place on Saturday 4th May 2013. All proceeds will go to the Lincolnshire and Nottingham Air Ambulance. The Council agreed they would support this event.

Councillor Beaumont spoke about a scheme to promote walks around the Town. It was agreed this was something a walking group or the Business Partnership might like to take on.

There was a discussion about the bill for the maintenance of the barrier baskets which had been presented to the Business Partnership.

Councillor Baugh advised the Council that he would no longer be taking part in daytime Council activities as he was not allowed to wear his shorts. As a consequence, he would only be attending evening meetings.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.