

# **SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRANKLIN HALL, HALTON ROAD, SPILSBY**

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

### **1) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all those standing in the forthcoming County Council elections success. Councillors noted the Mayor had attended a Civic event at Horncastle and had opened a new delicatessen and the relocated opticians in Town. He went on to thank Councillor and Mrs.Grant for standing in for him at the Chapel St.Leonards Civic event, Councillors Beaumont and Willis for working on the Compliments, Comments and Complaints Procedure and Councillor Bailey for all his hard work as a Town Councillor over the past two years.

### **2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN**

None received as a full complement of Councillors present.

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

None.

### **4) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

The notes of the meeting held on 28th March 2013 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman.

### **5) CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

#### **Matting for play area**

Councillors noted the Clerk and Councillor Venables are in the process of obtaining quotes for the matting.

#### **CCTV cameras**

The two new cameras have been ordered and will be installed shortly. Councillor Odling agreed to speak to Bush Tyres about the amount they may be willing to contribute to the cost of one of the cameras.

#### **Vermin**

The Clerk explained that, in addition to the pigeon droppings, reports of an inordinate

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number of rats living in the bank adjacent to the allotments had been made. Highways have been asked to look at the bank and are satisfied that the rats are not causing any damage. E.L.D.C. is not willing to get involved in either issue unless the number of rats or pigeons is being caused by individuals or businesses leaving food waste out etc. Councillor Swanson confirmed that E.L.D.C. would not be willing to get involved and that Horncastle suffers from a similar pigeon problem which it is unable to solve. It was therefore agreed there was very little the Town Council could do other than to raise the matter with E.L.D.C. as it had done.

## **6) EMERGENCY SERVICES**

There was no representative from the Police present. The Clerk was asked to request that they attend the next meeting. Councillor Pears said she was concerned that the opening hours of Spilsby Police Station are not on their website if, indeed, the Station is open to the public.

Councillor Odling expressed his concern about disabled drivers obstructing Market Street by parking on the yellow lines as they are legally allowed to do. However, as disabled badge holders are not allowed to cause an obstruction as they frequently do, it was agreed a letter would be sent to the Police asking that they issue the necessary warnings/tickets.

## **7) E.L.D.C./COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

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

Councillor Swanson handed out several copies of the Leader's Review of the Council 2009-13 together with a leaflet on the County Council's Superfast Broadband project. Copies have also been sent to the Clerk for circulation.

Councillor Williams spoke about E.L.D.C.'s current proposal to charge for the collection of household green waste. The Clerk confirmed she had received a letter inviting the Town Council to take part in the consultation process. She did, however, feel the consultation was badly written with no real option to object to the proposed annual charge. Councillor Odling said he felt the result would be an increase in the amount of green waste dumped which would cost the District Council more in the long run. Councillor Williams agreed to take the Council's comments back to the Portfolio Holder. Councillor Rymer raised concern about the state of a piece of land belonging to the District Council near the Police Station and the Clerk said she was unhappy with the amount of paperwork the District Council is now expecting Town and Parish Councils to print out on its behalf.

## **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

E.L.D.C. is currently consulting on its planning policy and systems. It was agreed Councillor Pears would respond to this.

A list of Area Committee meeting dates was handed to those Councillors who represent Spilsby on the Alford and Spilsby Area Committee.

A letter from a resident of Spilsby who wishes to campaign for a leisure centre was

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noted.

#### **9) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

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

- a. Welton Garden Services - £540.00 (contractor's costs for April)
- b. HW - £24.00 (payroll)
- c. Spilsby Recreation Ground Committee - £1200.00 (annual donation)
- d. Spilsby Primary School - £240.00 (books)
- e. Spilsby JFC - £150.00 (Fresnay trip)
- f. Cash - £200.00 (petty cash)

#### **10) PLANNING CONSENTS/REFUSALS**

Noted as follows:-

- a. Western Power Distribution - erection of a power distribution depot, land adjacent unit 6, Vale Road, Spilsby **GRANTED**

#### **11) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

Councillors noted a letter had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate in support of the appeal by Mr.G.Batten to bring 1 Market Street back into use without the need to reinstate the external chimney. There was some debate about the content of the letter and Councillor Pears was unhappy that the letter that had been sent was not the same as her draft.

#### **12) BEST KEPT TOWN COMPETITION**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Town again enters the Best Kept Market Town Competition.

#### **13) REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY**

Councillor Odling reported that the surgery had been successful and gave a brief summary of the issues raised. In addition to action already taken following the surgery, it was agreed the Clerk would contact Highways about a possible left turn filter at the Church Street/A16 junction and that she would liaise with the lady who looks after the Wildlife Woodland about the mowing of some grass.

#### **14) REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

Noted.

Councillor Baugh reiterated what he had said at a previous meeting i.e. that he was not willing to carry out any duties as a Town Councillor other than to attend the monthly evening meetings. Councillors noted this was because he had not been allowed to wear his shorts during daytime meetings.

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Councillor Beaumont advised the Council he had sourced a projector with USB port for £258. Councillor Pears said she would like to look at the suitability of the projector before a decision is made to purchase same.

**15)REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

Noted.

Councillors noted NatWest are not able to re-invest the Council's monies in a similar Bond. Councillor Beaumont spoke about the possibility of finding somewhere else to invest the £20,000 and a small Working Group of Councillors Beaumont, Willis, Lenton, Cadman and the Clerk is to be set up to look at this.

Following some discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed to adopt the Council's Reserves Policy.

**16)COMPLIMENTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Councillors were asked to take the Draft Procedure home to read with a view to it being adopted at the next Council meeting.

**17)DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 at 7.00p.m. in the Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

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

Concern was raised about vehicles parking along Ashby Road in the vicinity of Pooles Lane during school dropping off and picking up times. It was agreed to ask Highways to lay some zig-zag lines along this stretch of road.

The Chairman read out a formal thank you to all his fellow Councillors and the Clerk and said he had felt honoured to represent the Town over the last two years.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.05p.m.