

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2013 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRANKLIN HALL, HALTON ROAD, SPILSBY

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

1) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2013-14

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to appoint Councillor Grant as Chairman for 2013-14.

2) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

3) ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2013-14

Councillor Rymer was proposed as Vice-Chairman for 2013-14. Proposal seconded and agreed.

4) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

None received as a full complement of Councillors present.

The Clerk reported she had invited the newly elected County Councillor to the meeting and had given her a list of future Council meeting dates. It is also hoped to arrange a meeting to introduce Spilsby, the Clerk and Chairman to Councillor Ayling before the next Town Council meeting.

Councillors noted, with regret, Councillor Bailey was attending his last meeting as a Town Councillor. The vacancy is to be advertised forthwith.

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

None.

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH APRIL 2013

The notes of the meeting held on 25th April 2013 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman.

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7) CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING

Pigeon droppings

The Clerk said she was pleased to report that since speaking to E.L.D.C. before the last meeting, an Officer has, in fact, offered to come out and see the problem first hand. E.L.D.C.'s original offer was to put together some advice for the businesses who are suffering from this problem.

Best Kept Town Competition

The Clerk reported that E.L.D.C. has agreed to add Ashby Road to their litter picking work schedule.

Proposed left turn filter at A16/Church Street junction

Highways have replied that they have lots of similar road improvements which they would like to carry out but will investigate the Council's request and report back in due course.

Projector with USB port

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to go ahead with the purchase of this.

Re-investment of Council reserves

Councillor Beaumont said he would like to organise another meeting of the Working Group as further information had come to light since sending out the paperwork for the meeting.

Land at bottom of Eresby Avenue

Councillor Rymer queried whether any progress had been made with maintenance of the land at the end of Eresby Avenue. In particular she was concerned about a hole left at the base of a tree which had been cut down. District Councillor Williams was invited to respond and said he had approached E.L.D.C.'s Estates Department who clearly stated the land was not their responsibility but that it was privately owned. Mr. Bugg who was present at the meeting, said he believed this to be incorrect and would forward a map showing E.L.D.C. as being the owners of the land.

8) EMERGENCY SERVICES

Councillors noted Spilsby Police Station is only manned on a Monday morning by a volunteer but that Officers come and go all the time. A meeting can be arranged at the station at a specified time if required.

There was a lengthy discussion about disabled drivers parking inappropriately along Market Street and the press report in the local paper following last month's meeting. Councillors agreed they welcomed disabled drivers to the Town and it had not been their intention to discriminate against them. However, they also agreed there was a need to keep pedestrians safe and allow the free flow of traffic through the Town, especially in an emergency situation. Councillor Grant referred Councillors to the notes taken at this month's Town Council Surgery, as a resident had raised the matter of disabled parking. He was, in particular, unhappy with the newly marked out bays in the Post Office Lane car park which have been moved next to the ticket machine and away from the Dr's surgery. Following further discussion, P.C.S.O. Pollard who was present at the meeting, was invited to give the Council an update on the parking issue along Market Street. Whilst P.C. Young has assured the Council in an email that the Police will monitor and give advice to disabled drivers parking along this stretch of road, P.C.S.O. Pollard said a

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longer term solution was needed and with this in mind, he had contacted Graeme Butler at L.C.C. Highways Department who has agreed to look first hand at the markings/signage between the hairdressers and the former Modens Bakery. The outcome of these investigations will be reported to the Town Council in due course. P.C.S.O.Pollard also handed out a flyer to Councillors which highlighted the correct number to ring to report a parking problem. P.C.S.O.Pollard went on to talk about the success of the Town's CCTV system which meant that there was much less anti-social behaviour in Spilsby. As a result, the Police are better able to use their resources. A list of incidents in and around Spilsby over the past month was read out. Councillors noted mini-motos racing around the Town are still a problem as is the speeding of vehicles generally.

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

District Councillor Williams reported that, following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission, the number of Councillors for East Lindsey is to be reduced from 60 to 55. Councillor Williams advised that no date had yet been agreed for the charging of green waste collection.

10) CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors noted a copy of the year end accounts for the Spilsby Recreation Ground had been received.

11) 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 May)
- b. HW - £36.00 (payroll)
- c. Viking - £121.09 (stationery)
- d. C.C.Ltd - £1467.10 (insurance)
- e. BT - £175.26 (Broadband/telephone)
- f. L.A.L.C. - £598.20 (subscription)

12) ADOPTION OF COMPLIMENTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Following some discussion, it was agreed the word 'Complaints' should be changed to 'Concerns' and the word 'customers' should be changed to 'customers/residents'

13) PLANNING CONSENTS/REFUSALS

Councillor Pears read out a letter from E.L.D.C. advising the Council that the appeal by Mr.G.Batten would take place on 24th July 2013 at the Franklin Hall. It was agreed Councillor Pears (or the Planning Chairman of the Town Council if different) would speak at the hearing on behalf of the Town Council and in accordance with the letter already sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

14) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered a planning application by Tennyson Homes Ltd for the outline
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erection of 22 dwellings at the former Gables Hospital, Hundleby. Whilst the Council had no objections to the plans, Councillor Odling suggested the Town Council obtain the opinion of Hundleby Parish Council before submitting their response.

15)CCTV UPDATE

Councillor Lenton advised the Council that the new CCTV equipment will be placed in locked cabinets at both the Pavilion and at Bush Tyres. It is hoped the cameras will be up and running in the next week or so. Councillors also noted the CCTV equipment at the former Modens premises had been moved to the ground floor.

16)MATTING FOR PLAY AREA

The Clerk and Councillor Venables had obtained two quotes for the remaining matting required for the play area. The quotes were too expensive and it was therefore agreed to obtain a price from the Council's grass contractor for laying the turf and a separate price for the mats. Councillor Beaumont suggested the Council might be able to obtain a grant towards the cost of the matting.

17)REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

The written Report from the Town Council Surgery held on 9th May 2013 was handed out.

18)TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was agreed Council representation would be as follows:-

- a) Grammar School Foundation - Councillors Iremonger and Cadman
- b) Spilsby Recreation Ground Committee - Councillor Grant
- c) Alford and Spilsby Area Committee - Councillors Lenton and Grant
- d) Poorlands Trust - Councillors Iremonger and Cadman

19)DATES AND TIMES OF FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was agreed no changes be made to the current meeting arrangements. It was proposed, seconded and agreed to appoint Chairmen as follows:-

- a) Amenities Committee - Councillor G.Willis
- b) Finance Committee - Councillor T.Beaumont
- c) Planning Committee - Councillor J.Pears

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday 27th June 2013 at 7.00p.m. in the Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

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

It was agreed to send a letter to Councillor J.Swanson thanking him for his past efforts as County Councillor.

Councillor Bailey confirmed it was his last meeting and added that he had enjoyed being part of the Town Council.

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Councillor Willis said more help was needed at the Spilsby Show.

Councillor Pears suggested the Council carry out a litter pick in advance of the judging of the Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk mentioned that the Scouts had offered to do litter picks around the Town but the Town Council would need to purchase its own litter pickers to enable them to do this. These can be purchased from E.L.D.C. at a cost of approximately £10 each. It was suggested GPC Industries may also be able to supply these and the Clerk is to make enquiries.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.25p.m.