

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2013 AT 7.00P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRANKLIN HALL, HALTON ROAD, SPILSBY

**PRESENT: - COUNCILLORS P.GRANT (CHAIRMAN), M.LENTON,
W.BAUGH, G.IREMONGER, T.BEAUMONT, A.CADMAN, J.PEARS (ARRIVED
AT 7.10P.M. AND LEFT AT 8.20P.M.)**

1) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Councillors noted the Chairman had represented the Town Council at Fred Panton's Memorial Service, the Spilsby Show and Lincolnshire County Council's Civic Sunday. In addition, he had attended a sponsored event at Storm UK Kickboxing and had presented, together with the former Mayor, shields to pupils at the various schools in Spilsby.

A meeting of representatives from a number of Town Councils had taken place at Alford the previous week to discuss the car parking charges recently levied by E.L.D.C. Councillor Grant had attended on behalf of the Town Council and a co-ordinated letter from all present at that meeting is to be formulated and sent to the District Council.

2) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.Odling, A.Venables, G.Willis and G.Rymer.

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

None.

Councillor Pears advised that she had now submitted the form declaring her disclosable pecuniary interests.

4) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2013

The notes of the meeting held on 27th June 2013 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman.

5) CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS OUTSTANDING

Re-investment of Council reserves

1.25/7/13

Councillor Beaumont advised that as the minutes had now been formally approved, these and all paperwork to enable the Council's agreed investment with Nationwide Building Society to be opened would be sent off.

Letters of thanks

The Clerk read out letters from the Franklin Hall, Spilsby JFC and Spilsby Primary School all thanking the Town Council for their recent generous donations.

Play area

Councillor Beaumont said he was pleased to report the wet pour at the bottom of the slide had been repaired at no cost to the Council. It was agreed to send a letter to Neil Newby thanking him for his prompt attention to this matter.

6) EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sergeant Commings who was again present for this part of the meeting gave an update on events in the Town since the last meeting. Eleven arrests have been made and the main offender charged. He is awaiting trial on 30th September 2013 but in the meantime, is not allowed to enter Spilsby. Having breached his curfew once, he is currently in Police custody for a week. A number of evictions within the Town are also being instigated by the Police. In response to a request made at the last meeting, Sergeant Commings said he had looked at the CCTV Reports but it was difficult to say how many actually resulted in an arrest/prosecution. Sometimes footage helps with an investigation and obviously having CCTV is a deterrent. Councillors thanked Sergeant Commings for his Report and Councillor Lenton added that he had recently witnessed P.C. Young in action carrying out a first class job. Councillor Pears said she, too, was pleased to see the continued presence of P.C.S.O.s in the Town and felt they did a sterling job. District Councillor R. Williams said he was concerned about youths drinking in St. James' churchyard and Councillor Cadman said speeding along Ashby Road was becoming an issue. There is also a vehicle which races up and down in the Tasman Road area of the Town.

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

District Councillor R. Williams who was present for this item, said E.L.D.C. had now accepted responsibility for the parcel of land off Eresby Avenue. Arrangements were being made to have it made safe. It was suggested the District Council might be willing to rent or give this piece of land to the Town Council to maintain in future. Councillor Williams said he would make enquiries. Councillors noted E.L.D.C. is to charge for the collection of green waste from 2014. It will be an opt-in charge of £25.00 per annum. Councillor Grant suggested the projected savings of £800,000 which the District Council were hoping to make was unlikely to be achieved if there was insufficient take up of the service. Councillor Williams agreed to look into this.

During this agenda item, Councillor Pears asked if she could have permission to speak on the items particularly relevant to her without having to wait until the relevant points on the agenda. She explained that, as District Councillor for Coningsby, she also needed to attend their meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. Following some discussion, it was proposed, seconded and agreed not to move any agenda items other than Emergency Services when a member of the Police is present.

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8) CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the summer edition of LALC News was made available for Councillors to read.

Councillors were handed a copy of the Spilsby Recreation Ground accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013.

9) PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

- a. Welton Garden Services - £588.00 (contractor's costs for June and weeding A16 border)
- b. HW - £24.00 (payroll)
- c. Franklin Hall - £945.00 (quarterly rent)
- d. Franklin Hall - £500.00 (donation)
- e. Christmas Plus Ltd - £316.80 (LED lamps)
- f. Viking - £58.15 (paper)
- g. Shaw & Sons - £45.30 (burial stationery)
- h. Peter David Photography - £235.00 (various)

There was further discussion about the invoices from Tony Lawie Electrical Ltd totalling £1121.86. Although a brief explanation of the costs had been received, Councillors were concerned that an excessive amount of time had been charged for labour. Councillor Lenton offered to provide the job specification to two other electrical/CCTV firms with a view to getting a fair price for the job. Councillors thought this was a good idea and Councillor Lenton was instructed to proceed.

10) PLANNING CONSENTS/REFUSALS

Noted as follows:-

- a. Tennyson Homes Ltd - outline erection of dwellings, Former Gables Hospital, Main Road, Hundleby **GRANTED**

11) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A planning application by Barclays Bank PLC for consent to display illuminated ATM surround and alterations to existing building was deferred, on the advice of Councillor Pears, pending further information from E.L.D.C's Conservation Officer.

Councillor Pears was invited to give a verbal report on the hearing held earlier in the week to determine the appeal by Mr.G.Batten in connection with 1 Market Street, Spilsby. All who attended thought the Planning Inspector had been very fair but there were concerns about the outcome, following the site visit made in the afternoon of the hearing. The Council agreed it was disappointing the case had been on-going for seven years and that agreement could not have been reached before now. Councillor Grant added that he hoped the case would not go to high court and that both sides should work together to get a workable result.

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12)LIBRARY CONSULTATION

Councillor Beaumont said he was disappointed in the time it had taken to provide the Council with more copies of the library consultation document appertaining to Spilsby. He also felt the public consultation document failed to explain to the residents of Spilsby what was proposed. It was agreed a meeting of the Working Group would be held imminently, followed by a public meeting to gauge the view of residents. Councillor Beaumont suggested the possibility of purchasing a portacabin in which to house the library. There was also a discussion about use of the Co-op premises as had originally been proposed by Lincs County Council. The Clerk was asked to write to the Co-op in this connection and also to contact County Councillor V.Ayling who had recently met with the Town Council to discuss this matter and had promised to obtain various facts and figures.

13)BEST KEPT TOWN COMPETITION

A second litter pick of the Town was carried out the previous week in anticipation of the first round of judging taking place this week. Six bags of rubbish/weeds had been collected. Councillor Baugh said some of the Town's road signs were in need of cleaning. Councillor Lenton offered to see to this.

14)REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY

Councillors Grant and Lenton covered the surgery as Councillor Venables was ill and Councillor Pears did not attend. The lady who looks after the Wildlife Woodland called in to thank the Council for getting the grass cut satisfactorily.

15)DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday 26th September 2013 at 7.00p.m. in the Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

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

Councillor Beaumont said he was making enquiries about outdoor fitness equipment for the play area. Councillors noted this would have to be paid for by way of a grant.

Councillor Grant concluded the meeting by congratulating all involved with the Spilsby Show for making it such a resounding success.

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

4.25/7/13