

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 28th November 2013 at 7pm In the Council Chambers, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Councillor P Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Rymer (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Baugh	Cllr Beaumont
Cllr Iremonger	Cllr Lenton	Cllr Odling
Cllr Willis		

Also Present: C/Cllr Victoria Ayling, Mr Alan Bugg (Spilsby Recreation Ground), Member of the press, Sgt Richard Comins, PCSO Zaza Warren
Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting at 7pm.

A minutes silence was observed following the death of the Town Clerk, Mrs Sara Marshall.

Mr Alan Bugg gave a report on the Recreation Ground. He said that the grant applications had been successful and the new disabled toilet work would be starting in January 2014.

He said that the CCTV camera bracket had been broken by children kicking a football at it and also that the netting to the hard court had been damaged again. The damage, which had happened 22nd October 2013, had not been reported to the police. Sgt Comins suggested that, had it been reported, then the police could have intervened and action taken. Mr Bugg said that the damage had not been reported to the insurance company due to it being within the excess cover.

The car park surface was starting to break up.

1. Chairman's Report

- The Chairman had attended Remembrance Sunday
- The Chairman had attended Civic Sunday at Skegness
- He thanked Cllr Odling for the daffodil bulbs. Highways said that he had done a good job.
- The Dunkley and Crust families had helped with the Christmas tree and had offered to take it down too. Tongs and Jacksons had helped also.
- **ACTION-** Town Clerk to send letters of thanks
- The Christmas lights were effective and he thanked all who had helped.
- Christmas Tree Boards, which the children had painted, looked excellent and hoped that the schools will participate next year.

2. Apologies

Apologies with reasons had been given to the Clerk from Cllr J Pears, Cllr A Venables, Cllr A Cadman. These were accepted

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Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with Localism Act 2011.
There were none.

3. Minutes of Meeting held 24th October 2013

Agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lenton Seconded by Cllr Iremonger.
Cllr Beaumont thanked Cllr Willis for producing the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

- Cllr Baugh asked the static CCTV was going to be discussed.
- **ACTION-** Cllr Willis to put as an Amenities Agenda item
Cllr Beaumont said that he had not heard from Cllr Rod Williams. The Chairman suggested that he spoke to the Clerk for contact details.
- Cllr Beaumont asked if mention could be made in the press for the Emergency Snow Clearing. Currently have 12 people but 18 required.
- There was a discussion concerning the miscommunication regarding the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. It was decided that the Schools should be notified in the September of the date in order for parental permission to be gained.
- **ACTION-**The Clerk will set a reminder for the letters to go out.

5. Emergency Services

- There had been 3 burglaries and a theft from a motor vehicle this month. CID is investigating. The Council will be updated as necessary.
- The focus is now on High St and Market Place regarding motor vehicles, scooters and motor cycles with some being confiscated.
- Football is being played in the Buttercross Car Park however there needs to be ~~No Ball Game~~ signs erected. There is a by-law which states the area is for car parking not playing football.
- **ACTION-** The PCSO will check on signage and Town Clerk to contact ELDC to confirm signs required.
- Cllr Odling thanked the Police for a quick reaction to remove someone who had exclusion for Spilsby.

6. ELDC/County Council Matters

- Cllr Ayling reported on the current library situation regarding volunteers and siting. The current building is due to be sold. Opening hours and days will change.
- **ACTION-**Clerk to contact LCC re sale of building.
- She said that there is some money in the Community Grant Fund. Cllr Beaumont mentioned the outdoor gym facility on the playing fields-the initial amount being 14K and that an application was being made to WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd)
- There had been a public meeting regarding stop over sites for travellers and Gypsies. There were expected to be 2 in East Lindsey.

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General Correspondence

- Letter had been received from Spilsby Primary School for a donation towards the new community room. Referred to Amenities Agenda
- Letter received from ELDC re proposal for commemoration of fallen members of the Armed Forces.
- **ACTION**-Clerk to reply and advise contact Royal British Legion.
- Email received from Trevor Larder of Lincs Credit Union requesting an opportunity to give a presentation to the Council. Agreed to invite him to next Full Council Meeting.
- Letter from Mr G Booth, Headteacher, Spilsby Primary regarding Tree Lights being switched on. After discussion, it was decided to write to all the schools to apologise for not inviting them to the event.
- Email from Debbie McGrath regarding Transforming your Town Workshop in Stamford on 3rd December 2013.
- Email from Iain Banks regarding donation of Winter Fuel Allowance to a local body.
- **ACTION**-Clerk to reply
- Email from Bill Lovelock regarding Empty Homes policy (ongoing) ELDC are dealing with this.
- **ACTION**-Clerk to reply

7. Payment of Accounts

It was agreed that all outstanding invoices be paid subject to two councillors approving invoices.

Recipient	Reason	Amount
HW Accountants	Clerk's Salary computation	£24.00
Welton Garden Services	Cemetery Maintenance	£540.00
GPC Industries	Aluminium Folding Step	£42.00
Stone Printers	Letter Headed Paper	£94.80
Viking	Address Stamp	£40.19
BT	Telecoms	£221.44

Resolved: That the following accounts be approved for payment

8. Planning consents/refusals

None

9. Planning applications

S/165/02278/13- application by C Tomey received for change of use of unit on Vale Road.

10. Co-option of Councillor

There were 3 candidates interviewed 18th November 2013. After a secret ballot, the Clerk counted the votes and returned that Mrs Ebony Feek was duly elected as co-opted councillor.

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Cllr Iremonger excluded himself from the vote as he did not take part in the selection interview.

ACTION- Clerk to notify all candidates of outcome.

11. Report on Town Council Surgery

- Cllr Beaumont reported that 2 residents had complained about children riding bicycles on the footpaths. The law states that no-one can ride on the footpath however it was agreed that unless the police caught them in the act was difficult to stop.
- A complaint about refuse collectors leaving the bins in a haphazard manner. Previously, the complainant had a broken bin which was removed but she was not informed.
- **ACTION-**Clerk to write to ELDC regarding refuse collection in the Tasman Road area.
- After discussion it was decided that the surgery rota is displayed on the notice board.
- **ACTION-**Clerk to action
- The period of opening was discussed and decided it should be decided by Amenities Committee.
- **ACTION-** Cllr Willis to put as an Amenities Agenda item

12. Town Clerk's hours of work

Chairman moved item to closed session due to Financial and Confidentiality.

13. Urgent Business

- Best Dressed Window-Cllr Willis to take the lead on this. Head Boy and Girl from KEVIA to judge on 11th December 2013 at 330pm.
- Cllr Iremonger is dealing with the stolen coping stones from the Church wall. Will ask the Police for an incident number and make investigations as to replacement cost.
- Cllr Iremonger said that a dog fouling sign was required for the playing fields.
- Cllr Odling asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Stephen Wrisdale, Michael Scott and the Rotary regarding the daffodil planting
- **ACTION-**Clerk to send thank you letters
- Chairman said that there were highway problems on Ashby Road near the junction with Reynard Street.
- **ACTION-**Clerk to write to LCC to arrange a meeting to discuss.
- Cllr Willis raised the issue of the Chairman's inappropriate verbal behaviour towards her on the 20th November 2013 when she had visited the Town Clerk's Office. Cllr Lenton then read out an account of the events which followed. A general discussion then took place surrounding the events.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 1015 pm

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