

## **SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7pm In the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.**

#### **Present: Councillor P Grant (Chairman)**

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

Also present: Cllr Victoria Ayling

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk)

In the public session-Mr Allan Bugg of the Spilsby Recreation Ground (SRG) Committee informed the Town Council that some of the hedges on Winston Road, which back up to the playfields, were overhanging and needed cutting back.

**Action-** The Clerk to write a letter to the residents regarding the hedges and the Chairman to deliver them.

He also said that the tree which had been felled needed removing before the Spilsby Show if possible and that the children's bench was still awaiting installation.

Mr Bugg also reported that the SRG Committee were disappointed that the Town Council did not take up the offer of ELDC to buy the strip of land on Eresby Avenue. It was explained to Mr Bugg that the Town Council could not afford the upkeep of the land and trees.

#### **71. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and reported that he had been to the GAFTA Awards which was sponsored by the Rotary and many other organisations. He thanked everyone who had helped in the Sunday clean up in readiness for the Best Kept Town Competition and said that the two flower beds looked great and that the work is appreciated. He thanked Cllr Willis for taking the minutes for the previous meeting.

#### **72. Apologies for absence and reasons given**

Apologies with reasons received from Cllr Feek, Cllr Odling and Cllr Pears.

#### **73. Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **74. ELDC/Lincolnshire County Council matters**

Cllr Ayling reported that, regarding the library closure, she had sent Cllr Pears analysis to LCC and had complained about the flawed statistics. She issued a copy of the email she had received from Carole Oldfield, Library Area Manager regarding the accuracy of the statistics. Cllr Ayling that LCC had still missed the point from her question regarding the collation of statistics.

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Cllr Grant said that a Judicial Review had been mentioned at the Area Meeting and that it was due to take place in July.

Cllr Willis said that the Volunteer Action Group may be able to help with progressing the change to volunteer staffing of the library.

**ACTION**-Clerk to contact the Volunteer Group for advice.

Cllr Grant felt that LCC want the library to close so that they can sell the building as all the other tenants have now gone.

Cllr Beaumont asked if the Rural Development Fund was now open and Cllr Ayling confirmed that it was.

The Chairman said that he was disappointed that Cllr Williams was not at the meeting. He continued to say that the Council are not getting the updates regarding the District. Cllr Willis agreed that he does have a responsibility to attend.

**75. Notes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 to be approved as the minutes.**

24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 notes;-

Proposed by Cllr Lenton and Seconded by Cllr Beaumont. Agreed as a true record.

**Resolved:** The notes are accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014 notes;-

Amendments-

Page 1 list of those present-Cllr Gale was at the meeting, his name to be added.

Page 3 para 9-Date library opened to read 1931 not 1031.

Proposed by Cllr Lenton and Seconded by Cllr Beaumont. Agreed as a true record.

**Resolved:** The notes are accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

**76. Matters Arising not covered on the agenda**

Page 1, Declaration of Interest- Cllr Pears reported that Sue Brewitt (ELDC) had confirmed that the Town Council were correct in having a meeting as the Council Chamber was not part of the Polling Station.

Page 2, para 8, The Clerk said that she had not written to the Chief Constable again as a report had been received from the PSCO via email as requested, she was unable to make it available to Town Council due to Annual Leave commitment.

Cllr Baugh asked about the Christmas Boards and school liaison regarding them. Cllr Lenton suggested that letters be sent at the end of September as prior to that, the Schools would be busy with end of term business.

**ACTION**-Educational establishments liaison for Christmas Boards and Carols around the Christmas Tree to be placed on agenda for July 2014.

Page 5-Burger Van-The Clerk said that she had reported the matter to environmental health at ELDC and they had already had a complaint which they were pursuing.

Page 4 Item 11-Cllr Lenton informed the Council that the CCTV at the Pavilion would not be installed for another 2 weeks. He said that the clarity of picture was not good enough and that new connectors were awaited.

Cllr Beaumont apologised for not being at clean up Sunday. He pointed out that the benches at the Buttercross Car Park were in a poor state and that ELDC should be contacted and informed that they are not accepting their responsibilities.

**ACTION**-Clerk to contact ELDC re benches at Buttercross Car Park.

**77. To receive report from the Emergency Services**

The clerk said that no report had been received this month.

**ACTION**- Clerk to email Inspector Ball and copy to Chief Constable.

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## **78. Town Clerk's report and Action Points follow-up**

The clerk had tabled a comprehensive report of her activities.

(para 71c 24<sup>th</sup> April) There was a discussion regarding the digitalisation of the Cemetery Records. Cllr Beaumont wanted to propose that the Council support the digitalisation. Cllr Lenton was worried about taking money out of reserves. Cllr Willis said that the records were in a state and needed digitalising. As this was not on the agenda, it was decided to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Town Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 at 10am to consider the digitalisation of the records.

(para 11 22<sup>nd</sup> May) Regarding the relaying of the Cobblestones at the Old Grammar School, it was felt that a robust paper trail was necessary. The clerk said that she had all the emails and letters.

The Clerk reported that the change from 3 to 2 signatories on cheques had still not been resolved and that she would contact the bank again for an update.

## **79. Payment of Accounts**

The Clerk informed the Council of payments due for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014-previously not resolved by Council

Proposed by Cllr Lenton and seconded by Cllr Willis. All agreed

**RESOLVED:** that payment made to the sum of £441.83 be authorised

The Clerk informed the Council of payments due for 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The Council queried the payment at folio 13 for CCTV labour charge. Cllr Lenton said that it was the Style Dynamics camera and the system beeps and has to be reset. The Chairman said that the CCTV licensee should contact the Clerk and not the CCTV contractor direct. Cllr Lenton said that he had told Tony Lawie to contact the Clerk first.

**ACTION-** Clerk to write a letter to all CCTV licence holders regarding first point of contact in an emergency.

It was proposed to accept all accounts except for folio 13 for £66.67.

Proposed by Cllr Lenton and seconded by Cllr Beaumont.

**RESOLVED:** that payment to the sum of £3757.67 be authorised

Cllr Beaumont said that the PAT testing was a very good price.

## **80. Update from Planning Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Cllr Lenton said that there were only 4 Councillors at the meeting. In the absence of Cllr Pears, he read out the decisions.

- a. S/165/00998/14- Erection of Flats West End Crescent Spilsby
- b. S/165/00999/14- Erection of Flats and Houses, West End Crescent Spilsby
- c. S/165/01038/14- Extension to existing industrial unit-Vale Road Spilsby
- d. S/165/00991/14-Consent to display notice board-Church Street Spilsby
- e. S/165/01096/14-Alteration to windows-Market Place Spilsby

The Cllrs discussed the applications and agreed the following;-

- a. Not supported
- b. Supported
- c. Supported
- d. Supported
- e. Supported

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**ACTION**-Cllr Pears to investigate if all windows in the Conservation Area have to be made from wood.

Regarding item (f), the Response to ELDC on the Proposed Housing Target, Option 4 was selected.

Cllr Beaumont made reference to the Alford Community Group's correspondence and agreed with them that ELDC are acting unlawfully and that the proposals are flawed. He continued to say that he was annoyed that such a decision has been made by the Council.

Cllr Willis explained what had been discussed at the Area Meeting by ELDC in that basically, if a developer wants to build large houses then ELDC will support their planning applications. She also said that 20 traveller sites have to be found within the ELDC catchment area.

Cllr Lenton said that the decision had been made based on the information available on the day of the meeting.

Cllr Beaumont said that all Town Councillors had received a resume of Alford Community Group findings and that it was a sham.

Cllr Willis continued by saying that at the Area Meeting, it was said that the Core Strategy would be finished by October.

The Chairman said that the ELDC representative at the Area Meeting had said that they were following guidelines set by the Government.

Cllr Beaumont then proposed that the Preferred Growth Option be placed on the agenda for the Full Council Meeting in July however, after discussion and an amendment to the proposal put forward by Cllr Lenton, the proposal was withdrawn.

**81. To consider the dates for the November 2014 and January 2015 Finance Precept Meetings**

It was agreed that the meeting dates and times would be;-

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 @ 5.30pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 @ 5.30pm

The precept would then be put before the Full Council Meeting in January 2015

**82. To consider approval of End of Year Accounts 2013-2014 as discussed at Finance Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 para 19 of notes and to complete the Annual Governance Statement 2013/14 for the External Audit.**

Cllr Beaumont thanked the Clerk for her work digitalising the finances.

The Clerk explained about the figure at item 9 of the statement regarding the assets sum being the same for the past few years. She said that she would have to contact Land Registry regarding the land which the Council owned and then the assets would need to be valued to give an up to date valuation.

The accounts were approved and the Annual Governance Statement agreed.

**83. Items for the next agenda**

To consider the decoration of the Council Chamber and the Clerk's Office.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.13pm

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