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SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 9th July 2014 at 10am In the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Councillor P Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Rymer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Odling

Cllr Beaumont
Cllr Willis

Cllr Lenton

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk)

Note-the minutes from this and the previous Extraordinary meeting held 3rd July 2014 will form part of the Town Clerk's Report for the Full Council Meeting 24th July 2014 for consideration of acceptance.

85. To consider digitalisation of cemetery/burial records to enhance retrieval of information and analysis of empty grave spaces in accordance with Emergency Planning and to consider the best option from the financial proposal received.

The Chairman opened the meeting. The Clerk said that she had omitted to put as an agenda item regarding the previous extraordinary meeting notes to be accepted as the minutes on the 3rd July 2014.

Cllr Beaumont asked if there should be a 5 year maintenance contract by law. Cllr Lenton said that he did not think so.

Cllr Willis asked if there had been any other quotes for digitalising the cemetery records. The Clerk explained that she had received a demonstration from Townsweb Archiving and despite emailing and telephoning; she had not received a quote. Cllr Odling asked where the funding was going to come from. Cllr Lenton said that the figures for 2014/15 were already as tight as possible. Cllr Beaumont said that he had already suggested that the money came out of Reserves. Cllr Odling said that he would not be happy to take the money out of the current year's budget and queried if spending £1500 and then £275 per year afterwards on maintenance could be justified however he said that he believed that if this was an option, then to take the money out of Reserves. He also said that he could not see the value of it. Cllr Odling then proposed that the Council did not proceed with the digitalisation. This was seconded by Cllr Lenton. Cllr Beaumont said that only 2 companies who do this work and that £1500 would be money well spent.

Cllr Odling asked where the money was coming from and Cllr Beaumont confirmed that it would be taken out of Reserves.

The vote was then taken on the proposal that The Council do not proceed with the digitalisation. There were 3 votes for and 3 against, the Chairman having the casting vote, voted against the proposal.

RESOLVED: to digitalise the cemetery/burial records in accordance with the decision made by the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 2nd April 2014 para 24

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11.15am

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