

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on
Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7pm
In the Conference Room, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby

Present: Cllr P Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Baugh	Cllr Beaumont	Cllr Gale	
Cllr Iremonger	Cllr Lenton	Cllr Pears	Cllr Willis

Also Present: Cllr Ayling, Sgt Hime, 5 members of the public

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk)

In the public session, Mr Lovelock brought to the Council's attention the matter of the empty home in Simpson Street. The house has been empty for several years and wanted East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) to use its powers to compulsory purchase the house so that, after renovation, a family could move in. He felt that the poor state of the house had affected the sale of his house.

A student from QEGS at Horncastle made a presentation to the Council of a leisure centre project he had been working on as part of his A Level course. He will be building a model of the project and asked for permission to show this to the Council once completed. The Councillors are happy to allow this.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and allowed the Emergency Services and the County Councillor to move up the agenda.

140. To receive a report from Emergency Services

Sgt Hime reported ASB was up slightly and there had been a wide range of ASB in the town. Assaults and burglaries were down this month. ASB legislation has changed recently. There is a new PCSO on loan from Wainfleet, Rob Ovington, to provide cover for sickness absence.

Cllr Pears was concerned about drug taking in the Spilsby and Sgt Hime said that she would check if talks in the schools were being carried out.

141. To receive reports from ELDC/LCC County Councillors

Cllr Ayling reported the judicial review on the library closures meant that the consultation process had to start again. She hoped that Spilsby would get what it wanted and not what LCC wanted. Cllr Baugh asked about the library building sale. Cllr Grant said that the building could not be sold until the consultation had been completed.

Cllr Ayling said that she had money in her grants fund for any projects.

Cllr Grant asked if Highways had run out of money. Cllr Ayling confirmed that they had.

142. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman said that the Spilsby Show had done the town proud with the success of the show and the donations made to local associations. He reported that he had attended a Charity Evening at Louth Playgoers and the St John's Trust Presentations at Market Rasen. Chairman read out a thank you letter from St Andrews Hospice.

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The Christmas lights switch on had been a success and thanked Santa, the Rotary Club for the tree and Cllr Beaumont for organising the music. He said that everyone had enjoyed the event.

143. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllr Feek, Cllr Odling and Cllr Rymer.

144. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the 2011 Localism Act

None received.

145. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2014 to be approved as the minutes

The Clerk pointed out some errors in accuracy when she had read the minutes.
Para 126- should be man not lady
All references to NALC to read LALC
Cllr Beaumont queried that as Cllr Willis had not voted at the meeting due to her taking the minutes, he proposed that any votes taken were invalid. A discussion followed concerning this and the Clerk was asked for advice. Cllr Willis said that she was willing to take minutes as long as she could vote. The Chairman said that he had contacted LALC for a temporary clerk but there were none. The Clerk advised that the minutes be gone through for accuracy and at the same time for matters arising- this would highlight any unsafe resolutions. The Councillors agreed with this.

146. Matters arising from the minutes of 23rd October 2014 not covered on the agenda

Para 128-Cllr Cadman-The Clerk said that flowers could not be paid for out of public funds. Cllr Lenton proposed that a collection be made, Seconded by Cllr Gale.
Agreed **RESOVLED**

ACTION- Clerk to organise

Para 132-(prev 117) Renewal of lease for Clerk's office and Council Chamber-The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter of confirmation regarding 9 years lease and £4000 pa to the hall manager 26 Nov 14.

Para 132-(Prev 121) Receipts-the Clerk reported that she had found more receipts which had not yet been accounted for. The Chairman said that he had spoken to Haines Watts and the Audit Commission and they do not look at petty cash during an audit. Cllr Pears proposed that a decision had to be made, the person was dead and the Council has to move on. The Chairman said that the books should be looked at properly. Cllr Willis said the Clerk raised this and if she had not said anything then that would have been wrong.

The Clerk said that some payments had been made in cash when there had been an account with the provider and cheques had been raised previously. She wanted more time to check the receipts she had found recently against the books.

Para 134-Bank Account Signatories- Cllr Willis asked Cllr Beaumont if he had heard anything from the bank. Cllr Beaumont said that he had checked and that it was still not resolved.

ACTION- Clerk to follow up.

147. Town Clerk's Report and Action Points follow-up

The Clerk tables a comprehensive report of her activities

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The Clerk reported that she had ordered the free trees from the Woodland Trust and they would be arriving in March if the bid was successful. They are for the TOCH land and the playing fields.

A 'thank you' letter from the scouts was read out following a donation.

The Clerk offered to write a letter of thanks to the Rotary Club for the donation of the town Christmas tree,

At para 135 of the previous minutes, Cllr Lenton had queried the need for the Clerk to take and collect the accounts from the auditors. The Clerk explained that posting the accounts using recorded delivery would cost £12.98 each time as opposed to £11.70 paid for travelling expenses and also that there is a debrief when the accounts are collected. Cllr Lenton was happy with the explanation.

The Clerk reported that she had emailed the new owners of the White Hart Hotel to ask for an update regarding its future. She had received a letter from the Managing Director of Hawthorn Leisure saying the hotel would be refurbished and then staff sought.

148. To consider payment of accounts

Proposed Cllr Lenton Seconded Cllr Willis. Agreed

RESOLVED: Payment of accounts to be made

Cllr Beaumont proposed that any bills which are due for payment before the January Full meeting be paid. Seconded Cllr Lenton. Agreed

RESOLVED: Payment of accounts to be made as necessary.

149. a). Update from Planning Committee Meeting held 19th November 2014

Cllr Pears reported that the projector had been used but will use paper still and she will email ELDC to say that the Council want paper copies of planning applications. Decisions from the Planning Meeting as follows:-

i).S/165/02182/14-Vale Road	Supported
ii).S/165/01628/14-8 Granary Close	Not supported-poor plans
iii).S/165/02114/14-6 Hundleby Road	Supported
iv).S/165/02226/14-Reynard Street	Supported
v).S/165/02237/14-8-10 Church Street	Supported

Cllr Pears said that she had met with the Conservation Officer at ELDC. Cllr Grant asked for an update on the cobblestones and the coping stones. She said that she had a lot of information and would update Councillors at the next Planning meeting.

b). Update from Amenities Committee Meeting held 19th November 2014

Cllr Willis reported that it had been discussed to only have 2 sets of keys for the CCTV premises after a letter had been received from an owner. Cllr Lenton said it had been decided in March 2011 at a Town Council Meeting to have 4 sets. Cllr Lenton then proposed to reduce from 4 to 2 sets of keys, seconded by Cllr Beaumont. Agreed

RESOLVED: To hold only 2 sets of keys for CCTV premises.

ACTION: Clerk to contact shop owners to collect keys

Cllr Beaumont had asked for the incident forms for the police to be redesigned to include the councillor's signature. The Clerk had emailed the updated form to Cllr Beaumont for review.

There is new legislation being introduced regarding CCTV

ACTION: Clerk to obtain a copy of new CCTV Legislation

TOCH Land leaflet-one is being designed and councillors have volunteered to undertake a leaflet drop to encourage new volunteers.

c. Update from Finance Committee Meeting held 18th November 2014

Cllr Beaumont reported that the committee had gone through each budget item and came out as less than last year. Only the budget was looked at, not the Precept. This will be looked at in January 2015. He believed that there would be a 32% reduction in the grant following a letter which had been received from ELDC. The tax base may remain at 800 but he was not sure. He told Councillors to be prepared to set the Precept at the January meeting.

150. To arrange a date to consider the ELDC Housing targets, Alford NPC and formulate a response

Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 10am

151. To consider an application for a “lean-to” plot 20 by Mrs Gibbons

Cllr Lenton asked if the applicant could provide an artist impression. The Clerk said that photographs had been taken of existing sheds on the allotment. She reminded Councillors of the existing regulations regarding size of shed. Cllr Gale suggested that the site is looked at. This was proposed by Cllr Pears and seconded by Cllr Lenton. Agreed

RESOLVED: Cllr Gale to meet with Mrs Gibbons for further information.

152. To consider an application for funding from Spilsby Lunch Club

Cllr Pears proposed £200 seconded by Cllr Gale. Agreed

RESOLVED: To grant Spilsby Lunch Club £200 towards running costs.

153. To consider ‘Facebook’ for Spilsby Town Council

Cllr Beaumont proposed no further dealings with ‘Facebook’ seconded by Cllr Willis. Agreed.

RESOLVED: Spilsby Town Council will not have a ‘Facebook’ page.

154. To discuss the findings of the ROSPA Report for the Playground

The Chairman said that there were certain issues regarding the paintwork. Cllr Lenton proposed for the Chairman to deal with the matter seconded by Cllr Beaumont. Agreed

RESOLVED: Cllr Grant to contact Mr Morton re painting of equipment

155. To receive update on CCTV Cameras at Spilsby Pavilion and completion of paperwork for Bush Tyres camera

Cllr Lenton reported that he had made numerous (99) text messages to the contractor regarding the pavilion camera. He had been told that the contractor was starting today but was not there when Cllr Lenton checked. Cllr Pears thought that the police should be involved with looking at the camera suitability. The Clerk had emailed the contractor for an update and had been told that waiting for parts and time to fit had been a problem but it was now a priority.

156. Children's Christmas 'gifts'

Cllr Beaumont asked Councillors if they wanted to provide a present for the school children/students for Christmas. He said that the funding would come out of the Youth Initiative Budget. The cost for 500 pens would be £90. Cllr Pears proposed that pens be bought, seconded by Cllr Willis. Agreed

RESOLVED: To purchase 500 pens at a cost of £90.

The meeting continued in the absence of press and public (not for publication by virtue of Section 100(a) para 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the items being of a confidential nature)

157. To ratify the contract for the Town Clerk (closed session)

158. To consider the spine point on the NALC salary scale for the Town Clerk (closed session)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm