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SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 22nd January 2015 at 715pm in the Conference Room, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby

Present: Cllr P Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Beaumont	Cllr Feek	Cllr Iremonger
Cllr Lenton	Cllr Odling	Cllr Pears
Cllr Rymer	Cllr Willis	

Also present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk) Cllr V Ayling Cllr R Williams

9 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomes everyone. He thanked everyone who contributed to the Christmas festivities. One of the boards around the Christmas tree had been stolen and the matter had been reported to the police. He said that he had attended several carol services. He reported that he had taken the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) cheque to the Louth office. He said that they were in dire need of money. CAB will be sending figures of residents of Spilsby who had attended the offices.

He had also attended a meeting with Lincolnshire Rural Housing regarding their activities within the town and had looked at the refurbishment of 8-10 Church Street. An official invitation will be issued to the Town Council to view the end result of the refurbishment programme.

10. To receive reports from ELDC and LCC Councillors

Cllr Ayling reported that she had earmarked £500 toward the cost of a new cooker for the Franklin Hall.

ACTION-Town Clerk to email Cllr Ayling with details of Franklin Hall Manager Libraries-Cllr Ayling said that there is a meeting next Tuesday at County Hall Lincoln and she will ask them to take notice of the survey regarding the opening times.

Cllr Williams thanked the Council for the CAB donation as funding was reducing. 17 Simpson Street (empty home)-He had received a letter dated 13th Jan 15 stating that the breach of planning has now been resolved and that no further action was being taken.

11. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies were received from Cllr Gale (in hospital) Cllrs Pears and Odling may be late in arriving.

Cllr Lenton asked for clarification regarding Cllr Baugh's resignation. The Chairman said that he had spoken to the elections officer and that the resignation has to be done as per current instructions. He said that he would clarify the situation with Cllr Baugh.

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

None received.

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13. Draft minutes of the meetings held 27th November 2014, 6th January 2015 and 13 January 2015 to be approved as the minutes.

27 th November 2014-	Proposed Cllr Lenton	Seconded Cllr Willis	Agreed
6 th January 2015-	Proposed Cllr Beaumont	Seconded Cllr Lenton	Agreed
13 th January 2015-	Proposed Cllr Beaumont	Seconded Cllr Rymer	Agreed

RESOLVED-to accept all as minutes

14. Matters arising from minutes in Para (13) not covered in the agenda

27th November 2014

Para 146 (132) (117) - Franklin Hall lease-Cllr Beaumont asked if this had been completed.

The clerk reported that it was in the process of being finalised by the Hall Manager.

Para 154-Playground-the Chairman reported that Mr Morton had seen a copy of the ROSPA report when they met. It was not the right time of year to repaint the equipment.

Para 156-Christmas Pens-Cllr Willis asked if the pens had been received. Cllr Beaumont said that he and Cllr Baugh had distributed them to the schools. He said that the pens had cost £120 and not £90 as the orientation had to be paid for which was £30.

6th January 2015

The work is due to start the first week in February. Cllr Willis suggested the clerk send an email out when people were needed to help. The Clerk said that she had been liaising with the Hall Manager.

15. To consider acceptance of the budget proposal for 2015-16 as proposed by the Finance Committee and also the acceptance of the precept proposal for 2015-16

Cllr Beaumont set out what was discussed at the precept meeting and had issued a report (attached) showing that the Finance Committee had proposed a precept increase of 2.5%.

Cllr Lenton proposed this was accepted, seconded Cllr Willis. Agreed

RESOLVED: To increase the precept for 2015-16 by 2.5%

Cllr Odling arrived (7:50pm)

Cllr Beaumont explained that there was a shortfall of £3906 between the budget and the precept. The shortfall should be made up from the revenue from the allotments and the burial ground.

Cllr Beaumont proposed the budget of £49,560 for 2015-16 year, seconded by Cllr Feek Agreed

RESOLVED: To accept the budget proposal of £49,560 for 2015-16 year

Cllr Odling asked for it to be minuted that if any money is to be taken from Reserves then the matter has to go to Full Council as per Standing Orders.

16. Town Clerk's report and Action Points follow up

The clerk had tabled a comprehensive report of her activities.

Regarding the Clerk's report on cobblestones-Cllr Lenton said that the Clerk has done what the Council had tasked her to.

Cllr Pears arrived (8:00pm)

Correspondence

a. New Salary scales received via LALC for Clerks from 1st January 2015.

ACTION-Agenda item for next Full Council Meeting

b. Thank you letter received regarding the Christmas lights from Mr Roy Hopkins

c. Thank you letter received from Spilsby Luncheon Club regarding grant

d. Letter from LCC re Minerals and Waste Local Plan (emailed to Councillors 5th Jan 15)

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Cllr Beaumont said that this was important as WREN gives grants to within a 10 mile radius.

ACTION- Cllr Pears has information and will copy it to the Clerk.

- e. Letter from LCC re request for Loading Bay Halton Road-The Clerk thanked the Councillors for their comments and had passed them on to Highways saying that there was no objection.
- f. Woodland Trees-the Clerk had received confirmed of the successful bid and that 105 trees for the wildlife area and playing fields would be received between 2-6 March.
- g. Thank you letter received from CAB regarding the grant made.
- h. Letter from LCC re temporary road closure High Street and Queen Street 15th Feb and 22nd Feb
Cllr Odling said that there was a problem with articulated lorries going around the corner of Queen Street and also with Reynard Street and Ashby Road. The Chairman said that he would get the appropriate officer to look at the problem.
- i. Letter from Criminal Justice Department regarding Restorative Approach.
ACTION- Clerk to copy to Councillors for comments.
- j. Letter from Mr Fitzgerald-Thompson re cobblestones. The clerk read out a precis of the letter.

17. To consider payment of accounts

Proposed by Cllr Beaumont, seconded by Cllr Odling Agree

RESOLVED: Payment of accounts be made.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that all payments had to be agreed including retrospective payments.

18. To note Full Planning Permissions

Cllr Pears noted that 8 Granary Close had been given permission even though the Town Council had objected on grounds of health and safety.

19. To consider purchase of aluminium posts to display signs previously purchased for Spilsby Recreation Ground

The Chairman explained that the current posts were not suitable and that also more were needed, 8 in total. The Clerk had a quote from GRS Signs for posts. They had provided the signs. Cllr Lenton suggested asking TongPeall for a quote. Cllr Odling suggested Motley Engineering and asked why stainless steel was not being considered. The Clerk said that she understood that aluminium was cheaper and as effective.

Cllr Lenton proposed getting more quotes, seconded Cllr Feek

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain several quotes in both aluminium and steel.

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

The Clerk advised the Council that in the tenancy rules the lean-to was larger than the permitted size.

Cllr Lenton proposed not to accept the application, seconded Cllr Beaumont Agreed

RESOLVED: Not to permit erection of a “lean-to” on allotment plot 20 by Mrs Gibbons.

21. To consider updating the Maintenance Contract for the Cemetery etc

The Chairman suggested that this be discussed at the next Amenities Meeting 11th March 2015.

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ACTION: All Councillors who cannot attend the meeting to send comments to the Clerk by 4th March 2015.

Clerk to place on Amenities Agenda

22. To consider the new legislation regarding CCTV and its impact on Spilsby's current system.

ACTION- Clerk to email hyperlink to ICO code of conduct to councillors.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had had a meeting with Michael Rimmer, Lincolnshire Police-Crime Reduction Tactical Advisor, regarding the CCTV system in Spilsby and read out an email from Mr Rimmer regarding the CCTV system. Cllr Willis asked what had prompted the meeting. The Chairman explained that there had been problems with the leads and that there were various problems with the CCTV and the Police had raised concerns. He explained that a further meeting with Mr Rimmer would be taking place.

23. To consider a date for interview for the co-option candidate and decide on a structured interview format.

Cllr Beaumont proposed that a decision on the date was made, seconded by Cllr Lenton, agreed.

ACTION- Clerk to sort the date as either 10th February at 6pm or 11th February at 6pm.

24. To consider suggestions for new headed notepaper for Spilsby Town Council

To be placed on next Amenities Agenda

25. To consider allowing Spilsby WI to use the Town Sign as part of a tapestry

Cllr Willis explained that the WI wanted to use the sign as it depicted Spilsby.

Proposed by Cllr Pears, seconded by Cllr Feek., agreed.

RESOLVED: To allow Spilsby WI to use the Town Sign.

26. To consider grant applications from Franklin Hall Management Committee and Spilsby Primary School

Cllr Ayling offered to support the grant application from the Franklin Hall from her grant allowance.

Cllr Beaumont said schools receive money from LCC and Government for play equipment. Cllr Pears proposed that the grant be supported. Cllr Beaumont reiterated that schools already received money for play equipment. Cllr Odling said he thought that all applications should be received by November so that they could be put in the budget. Cllr Willis thought that the Council had given money out of time before. The Chairman said that the Council were trying to be more stringent. Cllr Lenton suggested explaining the system to the school.

The grant application was turned down.

Cllr Pears wanted it noting that agenda item 19 was moved up and that when she had asked for items to be moved she was denied. Cllr Beaumont said that he had asked for it to be moved as it was the precept and had to be decided on the night.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:07pm. Next Meeting 26th February 2015.

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