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SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 26th February 2015 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Cllr P Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Beaumont
Cllr Lenton

Cllr Everton
Cllr Odling

Cllr Feek
Cllr Rymer

Cllr Iremonger
Cllr Willis

Also present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk), PC Young, PCSO Pollard, Michael Rimmer and Miles Jermy (Lincs Standard), Dr Cartwright

In the public session, Dr Cartwright explained to the council, that the land which had been originally purchased in 2004 on Boston Road was to house a multipurpose centre. Since that time, due to a lack of funds and changes in funding, the project was no longer going ahead. It has now been decided to sell the land for development and he is therefore applying for outline planning permission.

27. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Everton who replaces Cllr Arline Cadman. He announced that Cllr Baugh had formally resigned and that it was too close to the May election to co-opt a replacement.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lenton, Bonny Smith and Sue Oliver for their help regarding the new carpet laying in the chamber and also Cllr Beaumont for his help removing the old heater. He said that the new projection screen would be going up and all the plaques would be replaced.

28. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies received from Cllr Gale who was still unwell post-op. Cllr Williams (ELDC) sent his apologies.

29. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the 2001 Localism Act.

Cllr Odling declared an interest in items 11(a) and 11(b)

30. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2015 to be approved as the minutes

A 'd' was missing at the end of 'agree' at para 17

Proposed to accept the minutes Cllr Iremonger Seconded Cllr Feek Agreed

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes

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31. Matters arising from the minutes of 22nd January 2015 not covered in the agenda

Item 16- Cobblestones-

ACTION-Clerk to contact Old Grammar School owner for an update on the relaying of the cobblestones.

32. To receive a report from the Emergency Services

There had been 5 theft reports recently including a burglary at East Keal. The alleged assault on a woman in the cemetery could possibly be a 'no crime' and the enquiries had been completed. There is a new Sgt and a new PCSO in Spilsby. There had been some antisocial behaviour which had been dealt with by letter.

The Council then went into closed session.

33. To consider continuance of the installation of CCTV at the Pavilion

ACTION-To be placed on the agenda for the Amenities Meeting

ACTION-Clerk to invite Perry Rossiter to the Amenities Meeting

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

The Town Clerk updated the Council on the coping stones. Replacement ones had been sourced by Cllr Odling and a quotation obtained. Further to that she had met with two builders at the Church to discuss laying the stones and general renovation of the wall. There is a holly tree growing in the wall which needs to be removed and the roots killed. At the moment, quotations for the work are awaited.

The Chairman said that a schedule of work will be issued. Cllr Beaumont said that there was £1K in the budget for the work. Cllr Odling asked if contact had to be made with the Conservation Officer at ELDC.

ACTION- Clerk to contact Conservation Officer re renovation work.

The clerk informed the council that the Woodland Trust trees would be arriving next week.

ACTION-To be placed on the agenda for the Amenities Meeting

35. To consider payment of accounts

Proposed by Cllr Beaumont Seconded by Cllr Everton Agreed

RESOLVED: Payment of accounts to be made.

36. To consider Planning Applications.

a. S/165/02105/14-Former Barley Services, Boston Road, Spilsby

The Chairman said that apart from the water issue and the drainage he had no objections. Cllr Iremonger said that he had been asked who owned the land between the site and the cemetery. It was said that it belongs to Sauls Farmers. Cllr Feek felt that the town was losing more industrial estate.

Cllr Odling proposed to support the application Seconded by Cllr Beaumont.

Agreed

RESOLVED: To support the planning application.

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- b. S/165/00239/15-Former Jackson Building Centre, Reynard Street, Spilsby
The Chairman said that a resident had notified him of the application. The resident felt that the proposal was not complying with the distance between his house and the proposed dwellings but it was felt that it was up to him to object. Cllr Beaumont said the planners would have to make sure that it was not a through road and bollards were in place.
Cllr Lenton proposed to support the application Seconded by Cllr Beaumont Agreed
RESOLVED: To support the planning application.

37. To consider purchase of aluminium post to display signs previously purchased for Spilsby Recreation Ground

Proposed by Cllr Beaumont Seconded Cllr Grant Agreed
RESOLVED: To purchase aluminium posts

38. To consider acceptance of new Tenancy Agreement with Franklin Hall for Council Chamber and Clerk's office

Cllr Beaumont said this was a new 9 year lease, reviewed every 3 years at the cost of £4K per annum.

Proposed by Cllr Feek Seconded by Cllr Beaumont Agreed
RESOLVED: To accept the new Tenancy Agreement

39. To consider the merits of a questionnaire to aid communication between Spilsby Town Council and the general public.

Cllr Feek wanted to produce a newsletter that was issued monthly. Cllr Lenton thought it a good idea as the council could have better communication with the residents. He suggested that he and Cllr Feek could do surveys around the town over the next 2 months. Cllr Beaumont did not think that the questionnaire quite fitted what was needed and suggest putting in on the Town Council website and having them logged so that they can get greater coverage. Cllr Feek said that she just wanted to get a feel of what residents wanted and only wanted to do the newsletter. Cllr Beaumont thought that the questions could be amended. Cllr Everton suggested other social media instead of Facebook and then get more information as to the demographic. Cllr Feek said that the council need to interact with the residents, which she said the council does not do at the moment. The Chairman suggested that it could be done in conjunction with the town plan.

Cllr Odling suggested a small working party to consider the questionnaire Seconded by Cllr Grant. Agreed

RESOLVED: To have a working party of Cllrs Everton, Feek and Lenton to consider the questionnaire.

40. To confirm the signatory authority to grant changes to clerk's contract

Cllr Odling did not feel that the Chairman had the authority to amend the clerk's hours of work. The clerk had asked for a change of hours from the second Monday afternoon in the month to working on the Friday of that week instead. Cllr Odling felt that it needed to be in black and white exactly what hours the clerk would be working. The Chairman said that he had taken advice and that an Employment Policy should be formulated.

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Cllr Odling proposed that the original subcommittee which set the contract of employment produce the Employment Policy. Seconded Cllr Lenton. Agreed

RESOLVED: An Employment Policy be produced by the subcommittee

41. To consider installing a hearing loop in the Council Chamber

Cllr Odling said that there are councillors who have hearing aids and he felt that a hearing loop would help. He had spoken to Geoff Greenhough who installs hearing loops and he would be willing to loan one to the council on a temporary basis to see if it would be suitable. The cost of a loop from Greenhough's would be £1200. Cllr Beaumont said that they would have to arrange for the hearing aids to pick up the loops. It was felt that more information was required as there were many systems available.

ACTION-Town Clerk to investigate cost and it to be placed on Amenities Agenda

42. To consider the implications of strict adherence to the Spilsby Town Council Health & Safety Policy.

Cllr Lenton issued a report on Health and Safety which he had written and proposed that councillors read it. Seconded Cllr Feek Agreed

RESOLVED: All Councillors to read report

ACTION-To be placed on Amenities Agenda.

43. To consider adoption of the National Joint Council National Salary Award 2014-2016 for clerks employed under the terms of the model.

Cllr Beaumont proposed to adopt the new pay scale. Seconded Cllr Odling. Agreed

RESOLVED: To adopt the NJC National Salary Award.

44. To consider how to proceed with delivery of information regarding Restorative Justice.

Cllr Lenton said that there were some considerations which need to be taken into account. The Chairman said that more time was needed to discuss this as it was a contentious issue.

ACTION- Cllr Lenton to co-ordinate with Town Clerk.

ACTION-To be placed on the next Full Council Meeting.

45. To rescind the decision to adopt taking part in the Department of Work and Pensions Community Work Programme (CWP).

The Chairman explained that as the subject had been previously discussed that only a vote could be taken at this point.

The decision to rescind the resolution was agreed by 6 votes to 3.

46. To consider the continuation of providing the monthly Councillors Surgery.

Cllr Beaumont proposed that the surgery be stopped. Seconded Cllr Rymer. Agreed

RESOLVED: To discontinue the monthly Councillors Surgery

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47. To consider grant application from Spilsby and District Twinning Association.

Cllr Odling proposed the grant of £500 be made. Seconded Cllr Willis. Agreed

RESOLVED: To support the grant application from Spilsby and District Twinning Association.

48. To formulate a reply to the Training Needs Survey from LALC

Cllr Beaumont suggested the Franklin Hall as a venue.

ACTION- Town Clerk to complete survey and return to LALC.

The Chairman closed the meeting closed at 9.26pm

The next meeting is 26th March 2015