

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby

Present: Cllr P Grant (Chairman)

Cllr Beaumont
Cllr Rymer

Cllr Iremonger
Cllr Willis

Cllr Lenton Cllr Pears

Also present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk), Miles Jermy (Lincs Standard), Insp Colin Haigh, PCSO Phil Pollard (Lincs Police)

61. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone. He reported that he had attended Civic Sundays at Chapel St Leonards and Horncastle. He had presented the grant donation cheque to the Spilsby Juniors Football team prior to their football match, at the playing fields.

62. To receive a report from the Emergency Services

Insp Haigh introduced himself as the new inspector for the area. He said that his priorities for the year were to ensure that his team were policing as effectively as possible and wants the neighbourhood policing team to spend time in the community. He reported that there had been some dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries across the Wolds. PCSO Pollard issued a comprehensive paper report of criminal activity in the area. He reported that Spilsby had been quiet this year to date with a few minor thefts and some criminal damage. Some arrests had been made for some of the thefts and for a shoplifting case.

63. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies received from Cllr Feek (illness) Cllr Gale (illness) Cllr Odling (holiday)

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

None received

65. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2015 to be approved as the minutes

Proposed to accept the minutes Cllr Rymer Seconded Cllr Beaumont. Agreed

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes

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66. Matters arising from the minutes of 26th March 2015 not covered in the agenda

Item 53 (item 42)-Health and Safety-Barrier Baskets-Cllr Lenton asked if Linkage had put in their policy about the barrier basket fittings. The Clerk said that she was waiting for the contract from Linkage.

Item 58-Maintenance Contract-The Clerk said that she was going to send out the new contracts and put up notices to invite tenders.

Item 60-Grant Application, Spilsby Juniors- Cllr Beaumont said that all the Youth Initiative allocation has now gone and any further grants made to Youth Associations will have to come out of the grant allocation.

67. Town Clerk's report and Action Points follow-up

The Clerk tabled a report of her activities.

Restorative Justice Campaign-The Clerk read out an email she had received from The Restorative Justice Coordinator regarding the Council's decision not to support the promotion of the scheme. Cllr Beaumont said that a decision had been made and the decision stands for 6 months.

The Clerk read out a thank you letter from Spilsby Juniors FC for the grant.

Cllr Pears arrived at this point

Coping Stones-The Clerk had received 2 quotations for the replacement of the coping stones for Church Wall and also separate quotations for the repair of the brickwork and resetting of the remaining coping stones. Cllr Pears proposed that a check should be made to see if funding is available for the extra work on the wall and coping stones. Seconded by Cllr Lenton. Agreed.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to make enquiries regarding funding for wall repairs

Allotments-The Clerk reported that the allotments were looking tidier however there were still some tenants who had not paid in response to the Recorded Delivery reminder.

ACTION- Clerk to send second letters Recorded Delivery to non-payers.

Outdoor gym- A survey had been completed and the Clerk said that she would be applying for the community grant next week.

Christmas Plus- A letter had been received regarding safety testing of the Christmas lights for £449.75. Payment was proposed by Cllr Lenton Seconded Cllr Beaumont. Agreed.

ACTION-Clerk to arrange for testing.

Bike Night Grant Application- Grant of £250 had been applied for. Proposed by Chairman, Seconded Cllr Beaumont. Agreed.

68. To consider payment of accounts

All items were agreed except for item 12. Proposed by Cllr Beaumont, Seconded by Cllr Lenton. Agreed

RESOLVED: Payment of accounts to be made.

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Item 12 to be further investigated. Cllr Lenton proposed a list of time taken and work done to be provided to the Council. The Chairman thought that some of the work should come under the maintenance contract. Cllr Pears proposed deferring payment until further investigations had been made, Seconded by Cllr Beaumont. Agreed.

RESOLVED: To defer payment to TLE until investigations have been made.

ACTION-Clerk to make investigations.

69. To receive end of year accounts

Proposed accepted by Cllr Lenton, Seconded by Chairman. Agreed

RESOLVED: To accept the end of year accounts.

Cllr Beaumont left 7.15pm

70. To note Full Planning Permissions granted to;

S/165/01613/14-Westleigh Developments- Vale Road

To consider Planning Permission

S/165/00608/15-Eresby School

Cllr Lenton Proposed to support the application, Seconded Cllr Rymer. Agreed

RESOLVED: To support the planning application.

71. To consider participation in the VE Celebrations

The Chairman said that he had received a letter for the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire suggesting promotion of the celebrations. The Chairman said that it was up to the Council as to what they wanted to do. Cllr Rymer said that there was to be a service on the 10th May at St James' Church. The British Legion are assembling at the memorial prior to the service. Cllr Lenton suggested that when the British Legion has a plan, Cllr Rymer to let the Clerk know and then to email the Council with details. Cllr Pears suggested to give some money towards tea and biscuits after the service. She suggested £200. Seconded by Cllr Rymer. Agreed

RESOLVED: To provide £200 for tea and biscuits

72. To consider authorisation of repayment of purchased grave payment and consider the amount of the administration fee

Cllr Pears proposed the repayment of the full amount. Seconded Cllr Lenton Agreed

RESOVLED: To repay the total amount to the owner.

The Chairman said that the prices need to be reviewed and a new policy written.

ACTION-New policy and for the Cemetery to be placed on Amenities Agenda.

Clerk to source examples of costings.

Cllr Pears asked for the Clerk to see how much other authority's increases are and how often they are made.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

The next meeting is 21st May 2015