**SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 25th June 2015 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby**

**Present: Cllr J Pears (Chairman)**

Cllr Grant Cllr Gale Cllr Iremonger Cllr Lenton

Cllr Rymer Cllr Willis

Also present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk), Cllr Ayling, Cllr Williams, Allan Bugg, Jill Young.

In the public session, Jill Young read out a statement regarding the decline in the allotments over recent years. She provided photographs for the Councillors to look at.

Allan Bugg said that the information sheet of the Spilsby Council was needed for the Spilsby Show programme.

1. **Chairman’s remarks**

Cllr Pears reported that she had attended a Civic Service in Stamford and the Alford and Spilsby Area Committee meeting at which a talk had been given on the Broadband roll-out for the area. She also read out a letter from the Franklin Hall Manager which said that the stair lift chair had not been docked properly and this had cost £60 to repair. Users are reminded to dock the chair properly after use.

The Mayor’s Charity for the year will be Linkage Community Trust for backgrounds and costumes.

The Employment Committee met and a draft of the policy will be written and sent out to all Councillors for feedback.

1. **To accept apologies for absence and reasons given**

Apologies received from Cllr Odling who was away on business.

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

None received.

1. **To receive reports from E.L.D.C./Lincolnshire County Council Councillors**

Cllr Williams thanked the parishioners for voting him in again.

Regarding Simpson Street, he reported that the Enforcement Officer and now taken the property under the Enforcement Act and a letter had been written to the owner regarding compulsory purchase. He said that the owner had accepted an offer on the house.

Cllr Grant asked if the draft plan for housing was going to consultation. Cllr Williams said that he would find out.

Cllr Ayling had made a £600 Grant for the St James’ Church wall.

She said that there was no further news regards the library. Cllr Lenton said that redundancy notices had gone out and that the library would close in August.

In view of the statement read by Jill Young. Cllr Ayling offered to help with any problem allotments and could ask for a legal letter to be sent from LCC’s Legal Department.

1. **Draft minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2015 to be approved as the minutes**

Proposed to accept the minutes Cllr Lenton. Seconded Cllr Gale. Agreed

**RESOLVED: To accept the minutes**

1. **To consider an application made by Mr P Gibbons for a second allotment garden**

Cllr Willis asked how many allotments Mr Gibbons had already. The Clerk replied that he had one and this wife two. Cllr Lenton said that he thought the rules were two per person but if it was per household then they should not have any more. The clerk said that a letter had been sent to Mr Thompson, the previous tenant, but he had moved away. She added that there is a lot of farm equipment and sheds on site and that Mr Gibbons also had 3 allotments at Hundleby.

The Chairman proposed to defer the decision to the Amenities Meeting. This was not seconded. Cllr Grant amended the proposal to decide at the meeting.

Cllr Lenton proposed that as he has one allotment already that he cannot have another one and that the next person on the list to have the vacant allotment.

Seconded by Cllr Gale. Agreed.

**RESOLVED:** To refuse the application made by Mr P Gibbons.

**ACTION-** Clerk to write to Mr Gibbons regarding the decision and to notify him that all equipment has to be removed from allotment 19 within the statutory notice time of 28 days.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes of 21st May 2015 not covered in the agenda**

Para 79 (Para 67)-Bike Night-Traffic Marshalling/Police.

**ACTION**-Clerk to forward email received by Police to all Councillors.

Cllr Grant said that the road was closed earlier than advertised and businesses had problems because of this. Cllr Lenton said that there were only 3 marshalls and there were problems with the school buses. The Chairman said that she had spoken to Mr McDowell and he said that next year would be different.

1. **Town Clerk’s report and Action Points follow-up**

The Clerk tabled a report of her activities and updates.

The Clerk had received a quote for the Playground Equipment repairs. Cllr Lenton asked for a second quote. Seconded by the Chairman. Agree

**ACTION-**Clerk to obtain a further quotation for the repairs.

Para 85 (previous meeting) Cllr Lenton asked if the bolts had been put on the hanging baskets. The Clerk said that she had contacted Linkage to say that they were available for installation but as yet had not been collected.

**Correspondence-**

ELDC Leader Cllr Leyland offered to attend a Council Meeting.

**ACTION**- Clerk to arrange a date to attend.

LALC AGM 20th October-Agreed that Cllr Willis attend with Cllr Pears and the Clerk.

Michael Braithwaite-Robert Doughty Consultancy Ltd-East of Spilsby Development Proposal-request for further meeting.

Cllr Lenton proposed to have a meeting in the same format as the previous meeting. Seconded by Cllr Gale.

Recorded Vote: For-Cllrs Willis, Iremonger, Lenton, Rymer, Grant, Gale .Against Cllr Pears

Cllr Lenton proposed 10am 17th July 2015 Seconded Cllr Grant

Recorded Vote: For-Cllrs Willis, Iremonger, Lenton, Rymer, Grant, Gale .Against Cllr Pears

**RESOLVED:** A meeting to be arranged with Developers for 17th July 2015 at 10am using the same format as the previous meeting.

Highways had notified of road closures;-

29 June 2015- Reynard Street

12 July 2015- Spilsby Show

1. **To approve payment of accounts**

Cllr Lenton queried item 7-TLE. The Clerk explained that it was for the annual maintenance contract and a camera which had been sprayed with a sticky substance.

Cllr Lenton queried item 8, The Clerk’s travelling expenses. The Clerk had supporting evidence of the journeys made.

The Clerk explained that Magna Vitae had made payments into the Town Council bank account instead of The Franklin Hall Account. A cheque had been drawn to pay for this. The same will happen next month but the problem has now been rectified.

Cllr Lenton proposed that all payments be made. Seconded Cllr Rymer

**RESOLVED**: Payment of Accounts be made.

1. **To approve of Accounting Statement 2014-2015 and to complete the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 for the External Audit**

The Council thanked the Town Clerk and were delighted that the accounts had gone through. The Annual Governance Statement was completed by the Town Clerk as the Responsible Finance Officer. All the statements were read out and agreed.

Cllr Lenton proposed to approve the statements. Seconded Cllr Gale

RESOLVED: To approve the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance.

1. **To note Outline Planning Permissions granted to**

**S/165/02105/14-Land adjacent former Barley Services Ltd, Boston Road**

**To consider Planning Permission**

**S/165/01116/15-42 Boston Road**

The Chairman proposed to support. Seconded Cllr Gale. Agreed

**RESOLVED:** To support 42 Boston Road Planning Permission.

1. **To confirm the responsibilities for payment of the Barrier Baskets.**

Cllr Willis said that she had been securing sponsors for next year and now had full support.

Cllr Gale proposed that Cllr Willis be responsible for the Barrier Baskets. Seconded by Cllr Lenton. Agreed

Cllr Willis was thanked by the Council for her hard work.

1. **To review Standing Orders and Town Council Policies and to consider production of Policies not yet in place.**

The Chairman suggested reviewing the existing policies first. The Clerk offered to do drafts for these. Cllr Lenton proposed a working group and to give the Clerk time to get information together. Seconded by the Chairman. Agreed

**RESOLVED:** To review and produce Standing Orders and Policies.

**ACTION:** Clerk to produce draft copies of policies.

1. **To allocate Extra Duties to Councillors for the year 2015-2016**

The new extra duties list was agreed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to distribute list.

1. **To approve the purchase of a collar to support the Mayoral Chain**

Cllr Lenton said that it should be paid for from the Mayoral Allowance and that he had not taken his allowance when Mayor the year that the chain was refurbished. The Chairman said that the Council could reject the request however, she added, that the chain falls down when worn. She pointed out that it is the Council’s chain and not her chain. Cllr Grant said that there was a collar for the chain at one time and that the back needs to be weighted. He felt that the Chair should not have to pay personally.

Cllr Grant proposed that ‘ISEW’ be commissioned to make a collar. Seconded by Cllr Rymer. Agreed

**RESOLVED:** ‘ISEW’ be commissioned to make the collar.

Cllr Lenton proposed that the collar is paid for out of the Mayoral Allowance. There was no seconder.

The Chairman proposed that the collar be paid for out of Council funds. Seconded by Cllr Grant. Agreed.

**RESOLVED:** Purchase be made out of Council Funds to a maximum of £50.

1. **To authorise the application of Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 for the Recreation Ground**

Cllr Grant proposed that the order be applied for. Seconded Cllr Gale. Agreed

**RESOLVED:** Dog Control Orders be applied for

**ACTION:** Clerk to apply for Dog Control Orders.

1. **To consider the application for a grant made by Spilsby Lunch Club**

Cllr Lenton Proposed a £300 grant be made. Seconded by Cllr Grant. Agreed

**RESOLVED:** To make a grant of £300 to Spilsby Lunch Club

1. **To consider applying for a stand at Spilsby Show 12th July 2015**

The Chairman said that there were so few people to cover this year and did the Council want a stand. Cllr Lenton proposed to defer to next year and Councillors reconsider next year. Seconded by Cllr Iremonger. Agreed

**RESOLVED:** Not to apply for a stand at the Spilsby Show 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

The next meeting is 23rd July 2015