

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 23th July 2015 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Cllr J Pears (Chairman)

Cllr Grant
Cllr Odling

Cllr Gale
Cllr Rymer

Cllr Iremonger
Cllr Willis

Cllr Lenton

Also present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk), Cllr Williams, Roy Pell. Mr Geoff Brawn

104. Chairman's remarks

The Mayor reported that she had been to Grantham Civic Service and the LCC Service of Dedication at Lincoln Cathedral and had an excellent time. The SO Festival had been a good evening. Spilsby Show was extremely good and the rain did not deter visitors.

105. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr Ayling. Cllr Feek had sent in a letter of resignation.

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

None received.

107. To consider approaching LCC Highways regarding disabled access to Lloyds Bank and on the Terrace

Mr Brawn complained about the access to Lloyds Bank for people with mobility problems. He said he did not like to use the ATM and preferred to go into the bank itself. He said that he could not climb the steps and he said that there was plenty of room on The Terrace for a ramp. Cllr Grant said that previous applications had been turned down by ELDC as it is in the Conservation Area. Cllr Odling agreed and said that they have to make the town work for the residents. He said that he is currently applying for wheelchair access for his premises and would report back on the outcome. The Chairman suggested writing to the bank stating that the Town Council is in support and the Council agreed to this.

ACTION-Clerk to write to Lloyds Bank.

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

Cllr Williams reported back on a previous question from Cllr Willis regarding Green Waste Bins. Initially ELDC had only accepted garden waste and no uncooked food waste. Then they decided to get as much green waste to be composted as possible, so everything went into the green bins. ELDC were then top of the list for green bin recycling. Since charging has come in, they must now be within the law

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because it can be contaminated by meat products. Uncooked meat cannot be composted.

Cllr Grant asked about car parking charges for Boston Road. Cllr Williams said that he is on the Car Parking Scrutiny Committee and will report back after its meeting.

ACTION-Car Parking to be placed on the next agenda. Cllr Rymer said that when the land was passed over to ELDC it was supposed to be free. Cllr Williams said that the Town Council would have to provide evidence of this.

109. To receive information on the Good Neighbour Scheme and consider its adoption

Roy Pell of the Good Neighbour Scheme gave a presentation of its aims and objectives. They are looking for volunteers. The surgery are happy to meet with the Council to support the scheme.

110. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2015 to be approved as the minutes

Proposed Cllr Lenton Seconded Cllr Iremonger. All agreed

RESOLVED: - To approve the minutes.

111. Matters arising from the minutes of 23rd June 2015 not covered in the agenda

Para 91-Allotments-Cllr Lenton asked if residents were allowed 2 allotments per person. The Clerk said that under the Allotment Act, tenants should only grow enough to feed their family. Cllr Grant said that the Council do not have an Allotment Policy and that the law must be interpreted properly.

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

The Clerk tabled a report of her activities and updates.

ACTION-Tuck Shop to be placed on next agenda.

Correspondence:-

The ELDC Leader visit has been arranged for the next Full Council Meeting and the Chairman suggested that all questions for the Leader be sent via the Clerk before the meeting. Cllr Odling suggested that if there are any problems that Cllr Williams would like the Council's support in he would be happy to help. Cllr Grant said that parking is a problem.

ACTION-Clerk to write to Cllr Williams regarding Cllr Odling's offer to look at parking issues within the town.

Call Connect Service

ACTION-Invite to next meeting.

Play area quotes- Cllr Grant said that further quotes could be obtained. Proposed by Cllr Lenton Seconded by Chairman. All Agreed.

ACTION- To be placed on Amenities Meeting.

113. To approve payment of accounts

Proposed by Cllr Lenton Seconded by Cllr Odling. All agreed

RESOLVED: Payment of Accounts be made.

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114. To receive quarterly accounts

Proposed by Cllr Grant Seconded by Cllr Rymer. All agreed
RESOLVED: To accept the quarterly accounts.

115. To approve repair of the Eastern Cemetery Fence

Cllr Lenton proposed to have the repairs made after getting estimates for the work.
Seconded Chairman.

RESOLVED:-Repair the Eastern Cemetery Fence

ACTION-Clerk to obtain estimates for work.

116. To consider formulation/ update of Emergency Plan and Business Contingency Plan

Proposed by Chairman Seconded Cllr Willis. All agreed

RESOLVED: To formulate/ update the Emergency Plan and Business Contingency Plan.

117. To approve measures to remove feral pigeons from the Town Centre

The Clerk said that following complaints from residents, she had obtained quotes for removing the feral pigeons using hawks at the estimated cost of £220 per day for 3 days. Cllr Odling suggested a Larson trap. The Chairman proposed that the Council did nothing and did not agree with spending that amount of money.
Seconded by Cllr Lenton. Agreed.

RESOLVED: Not to approve measures to remove feral pigeons by hawks.

118. To approve purchase of replacement lights for Church Christmas Tree and to consider purchase of additional Christmas Lights

Cllr Lenton reported that the Church Christmas Tree lights needed replacing and the existing ones could be reused. Cllr Odling asked how much would it cost to use the lights in the Buttercross trees. Cllr Lenton said that it would be a goodwill gesture this year.

The Chairman proposed that the Christmas Tree lights be replaced with the same colour. Seconded by Cllr Odling

RESOLVED: To replace the Christmas Tree Lights.

ACTION-Clerk to order new lights.

Cllr Lenton proposed that, subject to ELDC and Highways approval, to purchase 200m of additional lights and take the money out of reserves. Seconded by Cllr Willis.

The Chairman made an amendment to the proposal –not to spend that amount of money until more information was known about costing and to defer until further information available. Seconded by Cllr Grant. Agreed.

119. To consider holding a celebratory ‘street party’ in June 2016 in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday

Cllr Lenton proposed the street party for the 13th June 2016. Seconded by Cllr Pears. All agreed

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ACTION-Clerk to write to all local organisations.

Cllr Grant and Cllr Rymer left at this point (9.10pm)

120. To agree the Cemetery Policy and Cemetery Charges as approved by the Amenities Meeting 8th July 2015

Proposed by Cllr Lenton. Seconded by the Chairman. All agreed

RESOLVED: to accept the Cemetery Policy and Charges.

Cllr Odling suggested having a wildflower area for the unused land at the Cemetery.

ACTION- To be placed on the Amenities Agenda

121. To receive update on the Western Power installation on Newtown.

The Clerk reported that she had received complaints concerning the work being carried out on Newtown. There had been traffic lights erected at the top of the street and this had caused traffic problems. On investigation, the lights had been erected by Anglian Water on an emergency notice. Western Power had proper notices of work issued by Highways however the notice had not been received by the Council. The Clerk had contacted Highways to inform them that a notice had not been received regarding the road closures.

122. To receive update on the empty property on Simpson Street

Reports have been received that the house has been sold

123. To agree the refurbishment of the Town Clerk's office as approved by the Amenities Meeting 8th July 2015

Proposed by Cllr Odling Seconded by Cllr Iremonger. All agreed

RESOLVED: To refurbish the Town Clerk's Office.

124. To receive update from the East Spilsby Development Meeting held 17th July 2015.

The Chairman said that there was no further information.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

The next meeting is 24th September 2015