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SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 22nd October 2015 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Cllr J Pears (Chairman)

Cllr Argy Cllr Grant Cllr Gale
Cllr Iremonger Cllr Pleming Cllr Rymer Cllr Wright

Also Present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk), Cllr Ayling (LCC) Cllr Williams (ELDC) Ms Jill Young, Mr Miles Jermy (Press) PCSO Miller. Mr Michael Rimmer (Lincolnshire Police)

Public Session

Jill Young had come to speak to the Council about the allotments and read out a statement she had prepared regarding damage to her allotment and the loss of the dividing paths. The Chairman said that she had advised her previously to contact the police. The PSCO said that the police had been and that is there is criminal damage to ring 101 to report it. The Chairman suggested employing a commercial company to lay the paths. Non-one had expected someone to plough up the paths after the Councillors hard word. Cllr Grant said that there should be a path between each allotment. The person who ploughed them up should be made to put them back. Cllr Gale said that he had spent a long time doing it on 2 occasions and both times had been ploughed up. Cllr Pleming thought that they person could be evicted for doing the damage. The Chairman said that evidence was required as to who had done the damage. Cllr Grant suggested that there is a committee to deal with allotments who could meet monthly and then update the full council. Cllr Ayling said that she had visited the allotments and it seemed that some were operating as a business. The Chairman said that the Council were aware but that it was difficult to prove.

ACTION-To be placed on the next Amenities Agenda

145. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman reported that she had attended the induction of Father Wade at the Catholic Church. She had attended the Good Neighbourhood Scheme meeting and Roy Pell has emailed her regarding other initiatives. She will attend the next meeting with Cllr Argy. She had been invited to open the new hairdressers shop in Spilsby on Monday at 2.30pm. All Councillors are welcome to attend. The Chairman had attended the LALC AGM with Cllr Grant and the Clerk. The speaker told everyone about the new affiliation fees and that there could be an EGM in Lincs as the fess for small Parish Councils are going to increase quite substantially. The Chair and the Clerk will attend the EGM.

146. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

None received.

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

None received

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

Cllr Williams said that there may be a change in Business Rates so that they can be used in ELDC. ELDC are looking at ways to save money and hoping that the Council Tax will not rise by too much in the next year. The Chairman asked if the information could be passed to the Clerk. He continued to say that the Car Park Scrutiny was now finished and that one car park would be free in Spilsby and that he would be able to tell the Council in January which one.

Cllr Ayling said that Stickney Car Boot may have some allotment holders there selling produce. She had been notified that the bushes and trees had overgrown the paths near Lady Jane Franklin School. She had contacted Highways regarding this and was unsure if residents were complaining. She offered to help with the Peasgate Lane issue.

The Chairman said that the path on Ashby Road is overgrown and asked Cllr Ayling to investigate clearance.

Cllr Grant said that the trees on Woodlands Avenue come under Education Dept. Some are dead and others too large and also unsafe.

149. To receive a reports on Crime and Disorder and to consider moving to closed session to discuss CCTV

The PCSO provided crime statistics for the area compiled by PCSO Pollard. The Chairman suggested sending an email to his superior regarding all his hard work. This was agreed.

ACTION-Clerk to send email.

There is a new PCSO, Mojad Mohammed.

Cllr Grant asked if the spate of burglaries was the work of a gang. The PCSO could not comment. He said it would help if people signed up to 'lincsalert'. Incidences are advertised on there and it make residents aware.

The Chairman proposed moving to closed session however there was no seconder there the motion failed.

The Clerk gave an update from the CCTV Working Group meetings. She said that the group had decided that 4 dedicated BT lines were necessary to improve the current system so that footage could be downloaded more effectively. The cost of the lines would be £460 total for connection charge and £960 per annum line rental. Cllrs Grant and Rymer supported the suggestions. Cllr Fleming asked about moving the recorders. This was not an option as they would interfere with the businesses. Mr Rimmer gave a background to the decisions saying that the recorders had to be checked monthly and the downloads had to be done on site and about Councillors having keys to premises. This was in breach of the DPA, Health and Safety and was condemned by the Police.

The Chairman proposed the installation of the 4 BT Standard lines. Seconded by Cllr Wright

Agreed.

RESOLVED: To install 4 BT Standard lines

The PCSO said that Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Camera would also help.

150. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 24th Sept 2015 to be approved as the minutes

Para 127- 'rend' to read 'send'

Proposed by Cllr Rymer Seconded by Cllr Gale. Agreed

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes

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151. Matters arising from the minutes of 24th Sept 2015 not covered in the agenda

Para 132 (prev para 107) Lloyds Bank Ramp-the Chairman asked the Clerk if she had heard anything from the bank but the Clerk had not.

Para 143-Internal Audit- The draft internal audit report has now received in the office.

Para 144-Recreation Ground-Work in Progress

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

The Clerk tabled a report of her activities and updates.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her hard work.

153. To approve payment of accounts

Item 2- Perry Rossiter, Cllr Grant suggested handing the CCTV system over to the Pavilion Committee and cut the losses and the same for the camera at Bush Tyres.

Proposed by Cllr Grant Seconded by Cllr Fleming. Agreed

RESOLVED: Payment of accounts to be made

154. To approve the employment of contract cleaning company for the Council Chamber and the Town Clerk's office

The Chairman explained that contract cleaners have all the training needed. Previous minutes had said that an office cleaner was required. There is a company who clean the Franklin Hall when their employed cleaner is absent. Cllr Fleming suggested cleaning fortnightly for one hour. The Chairman proposed once a month for one hour. Seconded by Cllr Rymer. Agreed

RESOLVED: To employ a contract cleaning company for the Council Chamber and Town Clerk's Office.

155. To confirm Christmas arrangements regarding Christmas Boards and Christmas lights switch on 20th November 2015

The Chairman had previously said that she would clean and prepare the boards but was now unable to do this. Cllr Gale said that he could store the boards this year. The Chairman said it would be helpful if the protocol was written down for future years to help with the arrangements.

ACTION-Clerk to write to the education establishments regarding the switch on.

156. To receive update on Town Clerk's Office refurbishment

The Chairman said that she hoped that everyone had had a chance to look at the new paintwork and carpet. Cllr Odling had made a donation of a cabinet. She said that she was delighted that it looked so good. Cllr Grant said that he was disappointed with the Franklin Hall as they did not do the walls where there is still damp. The Chairman said that she had pointed out to the Franklin Hall about the damp. Cllr Grant proposed that the hall committee be asked to look at the damp and see what can be done. Seconded by Cllr Rymer. Agreed.

RESOLVED: To contact the Franklin Hall Committee regarding the damp in the Town Clerk's Office.

157. To propose contacting LCC Highways regarding safety issues on Peasgate Lane

The Chairman said that she had been contacted by Spilsby Angling Club regarding the state of Peasgate Lane and suggested that the Council email LCC regarding this. Cllr Grant

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said that it is a green lane and is maintainable by LCC Highways but is really only for horses.

The Chairman proposed to send an email to LCC Highways. Seconded by Cllr Iremonger. Agreed

RESOLVED: To send an email to LCC Highways regarding the state of repair of Peasgate Lane.

158. Feedback from Code of Conduct DPI Training held by Monitoring officer ELDC

Cllr Rymer said this it was interesting and that she had learned something. Cllr Grant said that Michelle Sacks is very experienced and said the new code doesn't have 'a lot of teeth'. She advised that Councillors speak to her before anything is likely to go to litigation.

159. To receive feedback from Funding Workshop

The Chairman gave an update from the meeting. The funding covered European Initiative and hardly any of it was for Councils, mainly farmers etc. The budget is there for 5 years. She said if there was a big project the Council were involved in, then she would get someone to come to talk to the Council.

160. To approve accepting a donation regarding removal of holly on Council land.

Proposed by Cllr Pears Seconded by Cllr Rymer. Agreed

RESOLVED: To accept the donation of £150 for removing the holly on Council Land

161. To receive report from Robert Doughty Development Proposal meeting 2nd October and to formulate a reply to letter from Mr N King

The Chairman said that she and Cllr Iremonger had attended as Councillors and had answered any questions they could. Cllrs Wright and Argy said they also attended. The Chairman continued that she had lots of residents speaking about it and the rights of way and complaints about flooding. As yet, there is no planning application. Cllr Wright said that the primary school could be expanded and each year could be split but the school is struggling now with a split in reception. Cllr Argy wondered about secondary education and would KEVIA be able to cope. The Chairman said that there is spare capacity at KEVIA. The developers said the plans will be in by Christmas.

It was proposed seconded and agreed to send a reply to Mr King

RESOLVED: To reply to Mr King

162. To formulate a reply regarding Evolving Area Committees

Cllr Grant said that the change is going to come whether we like it or not and that it comes down to money. ELDC officers would not be attending, ELDC will send a District Councillor to attend.

Cllr Rymer proposed to send a letter to keep the committee the same as now.

Seconded By Cllr Iremonger. Agreed.

RESOLVED: To send a letter to ELDC stating to keep the Area Committees the same structure as now.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm

The next meeting is 26th November 2015