

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Meeting held on 26th November 2015 at 7.05 pm in the council chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton road, Spilsby

Present; Cllr J Pears (Chairman)

Cllr Argy Cllr Odling Cllr Fleming
Cllr Rymer Cllr Wright

Also Present:

Mrs Bonny Smith (Town Clerk), Cllr Ayling (LCC), Cllr Williams (ELDC), PC Mills, PCSO Mohamad

163. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service followed by a wreath laying at RAF Spilsby and that it had been an excellent day. She had also visited the cemetery on Armistice Day with the Spilsby Primary School children.

The Christmas lights switch on had been well attended and the children from Spilsby Primary and the students of Linkage had all sang well and there had also been a visit from Santa.

164. To accept apologies for absence and reasons given

Apologies had been received from Cllr Grant which were accepted.

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

None received.

166. To receive reports on Crime and Disorder

PCSO Mohamad introduced himself as the new Spilsby PCSO. He tabled a comprehensive report of activities from 22/10/15-25/11/15 showing 119 incidents within the area. Copies were issued to Cllrs Odling, Fleming, Wright, Pears, Argy, Rymer and the Town Clerk.

The Chairman praised the police for their work recently with certain issues that had occurred.

167. To received reports from ELDC/LCC Councillors

Cllr Ayling said that she had been notified of speed problems on Boston Road and she offered to speak to Highways. Cllr Rymer said that there was a lot of speeding along that road. Cllr Odling said that the Town Council should write directly to Highways.

Cllr Ayling tabled an email regarding the libraries. Cllr Pears asked if the library was going to re-open in the current building. Cllr Ayling said that she did not know and that the whole thing was a mess. Cllr Fleming asked if the library was still going to be in the Co-Op. Cllr Ayling replied that negotiations may still be in progress. The plan was till for the Co-Op but that was before the judicial review.

Cllr Williams said that the Alford and Spilsby Area Committee Meeting in the following week might be the last one. ELDC were meeting and will be dissolving the

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current meetings and having larger areas with three meetings per year. The cost of the meetings is 70K per annum which is mainly ELDC staff costs. £600 has been given to the New Life Centre for a printer. Cllr Williams has £900 left over for any organisations within the area. The Chairman said she would ask the Twinning Association to contract Cllr Williams.
Boston Road Car Park- the decision should be made week commencing 30th November. Charging has not been a good outcome. Cllr Rymer said that she is still looking for the letter in the archives regarding the time when the car park was given to ELDC by British Textiles with the stipulation that it must not be tarmac'd and must always be free.

168. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2015 to be approved as the minutes.

Proposed Cllr Rymer Seconded Cllr Argy Agreed
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes

169. Matters arising from the minutes of 22nd October 2015 not covered in the agenda.

Para 149-Letter to PSCO Pollard's superior, Inspector Haigh sent 10th November 2015.

Para 156-Office Refurbishment- The Clerk had received an email from the hall manager stating that the Hall Committee had inspected the damp and that the problem would be addressed.

Para 157-Peasgate Lane- The Clerk reported that she had emailed Highways twice regarding the potholes.

170. Town Clerk's report and Action Pints follow-up

The Clerk tabled a report of her activities and updates.
She said that the Chairman had received a complaint regarding email protocol. Cllr Odling said that it was because he was receiving the same email twice.

171. To approve payment of accounts

Proposed by Cllr Pleming Seconded by Cllr Odling Agreed
RESOLVED: Payment of accounts to be made.

172. To receive Internal Audit review and decide actions required

The Chairman gave a background to the audit and said that the auditor had been very thorough. After discussion, it was decided to defer the actions until the next Full Council Meeting.

ACTION-To be placed on agenda for next Full Council Meeting

173. To receive update from Finance Committee Meeting

It was Proposed, Seconded and Resolved to defer until next Full Council meeting.

ACTION-To be placed on agenda for next Full Council Meeting

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174. To consider continuation of winter snow clearance plan

Cllr Odling Proposed the Clerk contacts the people on the list and then call an EGM.
Seconded by Cllr Fleming. Agreed

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact people on snow clearance list.

175. To approve repairs and renovations to Play Area equipment as per ROSPA report.

Cllr Argy said that following the ROSPA report, the equipment is dangerous and that a sign should be put saying 'out of order'. Two reports have been done and nothing has been done and if a child gets injured, the Council could be liable. Cllr Fleming said that this had been proposed at the Amenities Meeting. The Clerk said that she thought it was agreed to recommend closure and then repairs completed followed by another ROSPA report. Cllr Wright said that the Council would have to decommission the play area completely. Cllr Odling proposed a sign to go up to say 'out of order' and a chain and padlock applied to the gate. Seconded by the Chairman. Agreed

RESOLVED: To close the play area until repairs carried out.

ACTION: Clerk to contact ROSPA re correct procedure for closure.

Cllr Odling proposed to have the repairs carried out by Mr Morton. Seconded by Cllr Wright. Agreed

RESOLVED: To award repair contract to Mr Morton

176. To approve DPI Authority of Dispensations to be delegated to the Clerk as the Proper Officer.

The Clerk explained the background following training at ELDC with the Monitoring Officer. The Chairman said that she believed the ELDC Monitoring Officer should have the authority and it was up to the individuals to declare the pecuniary interest. Cllr Fleming said that the Clerk is the Proper Officer and can make the dispensation. Cllr Odling pointed out that the Monitoring Officer was not going to be at every meeting to decide.

Proposed by Cllr Fleming Seconded by Cllr Argy Agreed by majority.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to have Authority of Dispensations as the Proper Officer.

177. To approve a change in Amenities/Finance/Planning Meetings time to evenings.

Proposed by Cllr Argy Seconded by Cllr Odling Agreed.

RESOLVED: To change Amenities/Finance/Planning meetings to 7pm

178. To consider devolved budget for amenities to the Amenities Committee

The Chairman said that she did not agree. Cllr Fleming said that the Full Council will have already agreed the budget so it seemed absolutely sensible so the committee could spend within the budget. He said that the Council would have to trust the Amenities Committee. Cllr Wright asked what would happen if the Amenities Committee overspent.

Cllr Odling proposed to defer the decision for now. Seconded by the Chairman Agreed

RESOLVED: To defer the decision.

179. To formulate a reply to Victoria Atkins Constituency Survey

Cllr Odling proposed that each Councillor take the form, complete it and send it back. Seconded by the Chairman. Agreed

RESOLVED: Individuals to complete survey and send.

180. To receive update of information received following attendance of Cllr Leyland

The Chairman said that all the information had been forwarded to Councillors.

181. To Elect Deputy Mayor/ Vice Chairman

Cllr Odling proposed Cllr Argy. Seconded by Cllr Pleming. Agreed

RESOLVED: Cllr Argy be Deputy Mayor/ Vice Chairman

182. Town Clerk's Appraisal

Cllr Odling proposed himself, Cllr Pleming and Cllr Rymer as the Town Clerk's Reporting Officers. This was seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk's Reporting Officers agreed as Cllr Odling, Cllr Pleming, and Cllr Rymer

ACTION-The Committee to arrange a date for the appraisal.

Cllr Odling said that in the September minutes, the Contract of Employment was changed via the Employment Policy regarding the Flexible Working Hours and he said it was not part of the Employment Policy.

Cllr Odling proposed that the Employment Group discuss the changes. Seconded by Cllr Rymer. Agreed

RESOLVED: Employment Group discuss the changes of contract

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

183. To elect Chair of Finance

It was suggested that Cllr Pleming and Cllr Rymer do the finances together until May as it was part way through the year.

Cllr Odling proposed Cllr Pleming as Chair of Finance. Seconded by Cllr Argy. Agreed

RESOLVED: Cllr Pleming be Chair of Finance

184. To receive complaints of Civic Service

Cllr Odling felt that the numbers were low. He said that the Civic Sunday and reception had been good. The Chairman said that she did not want to go over budget. Some organisations were larger than others and she had decided to only invite a few members from the juniors associations. The Clerk said she and the Chairman had looked through all the past lists and updated contacts. Some organisations had gone now.

Cllr Odling suggested a working party. Seconded by the Chairman. Agreed

RESOLVED: To have a working party for Civic Sunday.

185. To consider Planning Permission

S/165/02081/15-15 Market Place Spilsby PE23 5JT-Supported
S/165/02006/15-The Cedars Eresby Avenue Spilsby PE23 5HU

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.22 pm

The next meeting is 28th January 2015