

## SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.**

#### **Present: Cllr M Gale (Chairman)**

Cllr Taylor, Cllr J Pears, Cllr Rymer, Cllr Hodgson, Cllr Magnion, Cllr Grant, Cllr Ironmonger

Also present: Cllr Williams (ELDC), Cllr Bowkett (LCC), PCSO Martin Pearson and 19 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7pm. Cllr Gale welcomed members of the public and invited questions for a 15 minute period. Matters discussed included, proposed work on the church wall, future vacancies on the council, grass cutting, the council budget, the absence of the town clerk, office opening hours, speeding cars and the Boston Road car park. Cllr Williams (ELDC) explained that Spilsby Rotary Club are producing a specially designed Spilsby road sign and spoke on the demise of Spilsby Market and ELDC introducing charges at Boston Road car park. The PCSO explained how to access the local crime figures, answered questions on speeding and drink driving. Cllr Bowkett (LCC) answered various questions from councillors and the public.

**Apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr's A Wright and L Pears.

1. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr G Rymer declared her street light near her home, she has previously been advised to do so at each meeting.

2. **To receive minutes of meetings held between November 2016 and May 2017.** These are scheduled to be produced at the next full council meeting.

3. **Declarations of interest.** Cllr G Rymer declared her street light near her home, she had been advised to do so.

4. **To receive reports from the Mayor/Chairman and other sub-groups and committees.** Cllr Gale confirmed he had been to a Charity Shoot and had been engaging with members of the public on various matters. Cllr's J Pears and T Taylor had attended the SO Festival and reported how enjoyable it was despite the rain.

5. **To consider planning matters.** Cllr J Pears reported there had been two separate complaints from two businesses that ELDC had decided not to extend the industrial area, this is on-going and Cllr J Pears said she would be meeting ELDC planning chair to discuss this matter. Cllr D Mangion felt that any discussions that take place should have an appointed legal note taker at such a meeting, he felt there should be an official representation from Spilsby Town Council to ELDC on this matter, so they can receive an official answer and that this should be in writing. Councillor P Grant commented how positive it was that building had commenced at Hundleby on the old Gables site.

6. **Finance.** Cllr J Pears asked for council payment records and balances to be produced at the next Finance Meeting.

7. **Children's Play Area. To discuss a replacement item of play equipment for the play area.** Councillors expressed their views concerning this matter, comments were made about the surface of the area, exploring equipment for older children, the possibility of a skate park and the use of the existing tennis court and to consider asking for the views of children and youth groups in Spilsby.

8. **The state of grassed areas in the Spilsby area.** Everyone agreed the condition of the grassed areas in Spilsby are not acceptable. Councillors discussed the various options, such as considering help from volunteers, financing it by precept to the public and or, using money from reserves, councillors agreed this should be considered. It was reported that Mr Philip Odlin has offered to pay for one area of grass to be cut, Cllr E Hodgson proposed that we should accept this offer and Cllr J Pears seconded it, councillors voted in favour. Cllr T Taylor informed councillors that a Public Open Meeting was taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>



July and perhaps the council should have a presence there, where questions on issues such as grass cutting could be discussed with members of the public. Councillors agreed to this.

**9. To discuss the inability of CCTV images being viewed in the council office.** Cllr P Grant explained that an independent CCTV expert has advised that the cameras and equipment are out of date and require updating, after a discussion, Cllr J Pears proposed and Cllr E Hodgson seconded, that Cllr's P Grant, T Taylor and G Rymer explore, using expert advice the most suitable equipment and the possible cost and bring a paper to the council for discussion and possible approval

The meeting concluded at 9.11pm.