

SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 28th September 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Cllr M Gale (Chairman)

Cllr Argy Cllr Grant Cllr Hodgson Cllr Iremonger Cllr Mangion
Cllr Rymer Cllr Taylor Cllr Wright

Also present: Mrs Smith (Town Clerk) 3 members of the public

Following the Public Session, the meeting commenced at 7.15pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr J Pears and Cllr L Pears. Cllr Bowkett (County Councillor) and Cllr R Williams (District Councillor) also sent their apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Rymer declared that the street light outside of her home was owned by the Town Council.

3. Notes of the meeting held 27th July 2017

Proposed Cllr Hodgson Seconded Cllr Argy.
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes a true record.

4. To receive reports from Town Mayor, Town Council's working groups, representatives on outside bodies and the Town Clerk.

Mayor- the Mayor reported that he had attended the Recreation Ground Committee Meeting. He has functions to attend in October. He reminded Councillors that Remembrance Day Service will be on Sunday 12th November. Civic Sunday will be the 25th February 2018.

Recreation Ground- Nothing to report

Grammar School Foundation- Cllr Iremonger said that his term in office expires June 2018

Poorland- Cllr Grant reported that the next pay-out is the 22nd December 2017. He had brought the June pay out report to the Clerk's office for filing.

Twinning- The Clerk reported that the German visit for October had been cancelled due to various reasons. The French would be visiting in May 2018 which is the 30th Anniversary of the Town Twinning. The Germans will also be invited and it's hoped to make a good celebration perhaps to coincide with May Day Celebrations.

Town Clerk- The Clerk read out a letter from the Sessions House asking for support. Mr Knight from the Sessions House was there and explained the current position. They had been awarded £15,000 towards the viability survey for the refurbishment of the theatre. The relatives of Eileen Evison thanked the Town Council for helping to overcome the problems around her recent burial. The Clerk said there were several policies which needed updating and suggested a meeting of the Policy Committee as soon as possible.

Business Partnership- Report tabled

Market- Cllr Taylor said that it might be possible to move the market to the Buttercross Car Park. He said that it had been reported that some stall holders would have come if they did not have to pay in advance.

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ACTION- Clerk to check the Council's insurance policy to ensure covers Christmas Lights switch on.

Clerk to write to BT re telephone box which need painting.

5. Highways Issues

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Highways regarding the current road works and that Halton Road and Market Street would now not be done until April/May 2018.

6. Change to the Lease Agreement with Franklin Hall.

A letter had been received from the Franklin Hall Manager offering new terms to the lease agreement. These being that the Town Clerk and the Hall Manager would swap offices, adding the room next to the Council Chamber, adding the interview room on the ground floor and an increase in rent of £2000 pa fixed until 2021. Cllr Mangion said that it is a more presentable space and not a great deal of increase in rent. Cllr Taylor said it was an opportunity to have some of the services which ELDC had, back again and that they may help with the costs. He said that there would then be room for an extra person to do the Tourist Information, hand out forms and signpost people. They could also help the Clerk so that the Clerk could concentrate on the main duties. This would be providing a service. Cllr Rymer commented on the comment regarding the stair lift that the Town Council should not pay half the yearly cost for maintenance as no-one ever used it. Cllr Argy said that she had used it tonight. Cllr Taylor said only people going to the Council Chamber used the stair lift and that twice the battery had run flat and he felt that the Town Council should contribute towards it.

Cllr Hodgson Proposed that the new terms be accepted. Seconded Cllr Wright.

It was **RESOLVED**

The date of the move of offices was agreed as the 14th October 2017.

7. Code of Conduct

A new Code of Conduct had been produced and circulated to the Councillors.

Proposed Cllr Argy Seconded Cllr Hodgson

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Code of Conduct

8. Amendment to Bank Signatories

Cllr Grant said that he would like to be taken off the list.

Proposed Cllr Argy Seconded Cllr Hodgson

It was **RESOLVED** to add Cllrs Gale, Mangion and Taylor to the bank signatories and remove Cllr Grant.

9. Authorisation of Regular Contractual Payment

Monthly

1. Welton Garden Services	£576.00	
2. ELDC Cemetery Rates	£14.00	Direct Debit
3. Haines Wats (Clerk's Salary)	£27.50	
4. E P English(Cleaner)	£15.00	

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Quarterly

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| 1. BT | £200.00 Direct Debit |
| 2. Anglian Water Cemetery rates | £16.00 Direct Debit |
| 3. Anglian Water Allotments | £52.00 Direct Debit |
| 4... Franklin Hall (Rent) | £1000 |
- (rising to £1500 if office move authorised)

Proposed Cllr Argy Seconded Cllr Taylor

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Regular Contractual Payments.

10. Update on Church Wall

Cllr Hodgson reported that they were waiting for the conservation architect to come back to him. There needs to be a structural survey report. Once done, then the Council can decide where to go with it. Cllr Mangion asked how safe the walls are. Cllr Hodgson said they are safe at the minute. The tree stumps need to be bored and a systemic killer applied. Cllr Grant said the roots need taking out and he didn't realise when the decision was made to cut the trees down, how far the roots went. Cllr Hodgson said he would continue to monitor the situation.

11. CCTV Update

Cllr Taylor said that he wants the Council to meet with the Police Inspector first so that the Council can know what is needed and where. This will also help when talking to suppliers. The Clerk emailed to ask for a meeting 25th September and was awaiting a reply. Cllr Grant explained out the CCTV system came about and that the system the town has is not good enough. Static cameras are better. The system will need to download into the Clerk's office without compromising the Clerk's computer. Cllr Taylor said the Council needs expertise to say where the cameras should be sited. Cllr Mangion said that the system is not fit for purpose and need replacing. Cllr Grant wondered if the system could be linked it with the other councils who use monitors in a central location.

12. Christmas Lights Switch On Update

Cllr Wright said that last year there had been criticism that the light were switched on too early and that it was a Friday night.

Proposed Cllr Wright Seconded Cllr Argy.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Christmas Lights Switch on will be 25th November 2017.

Cllr Wright said that he was asking for permission to close the middle car park plus closing the road from the Factory Shop to the Franklin statue. He had requests from 7 people for stalls. He has had meetings with Magna Vitae to discuss the event. Regarding the signage, he had looked at prices for rental and it was almost as expensive as buying.

At this point Mr Bugg (public) said that the Council could borrow the Spilsby Show signs and cones.

ACTION- To be placed on Community Action Committee Meeting agenda.

13. LALC AGM 2017 delegates

Cllr Grant suggested that all Councillors read the LALC Annual Report.

Delegates were Proposed Cllr Argy Seconded Cllr Hodgson

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Gale, Grant and Hodgson attend the LALC AGM.

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14. Re-vetting of the Tourist Attraction/Facility signing

Proposed Cllr Rymer Seconded Cllr Hodgson

It was **RESOLVED** to pay £100 for the re-vetting to Lincolnshire County Council

15. Orders for Payment

Proposed Cllr Taylor Seconded Cllr Hodgson

It was **RESOLVED** to accept all orders.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm