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## **SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.**

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

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

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

The Mayor presented cheques to local associations in response to applications made for grants to support parishioners.

Following the Public Session, the meeting commenced at 7.15pm

Mr Bugg asked if Dog Control Orders could be applied for now The Clerk said that they were not applied for at the correct time due to there being no Clerk and she had been told that new applications could not be made for 2 years. Cllr Bowkett said that people can be trained under the Dog Control Scheme and that if gates are put on the entrances to the areas then dog orders are not required. She agreed to meet with Mr Bugg at 10am on Tuesday to discuss the matter further.

**ACTION-** Clerk to contact ELDC re Dog Control Orders.

Mr Bruce from the New Life Centre thanked the Town Council for the grant.

Mr Knight from the Sessions House thanked the Town Council for their support and for the cheque. He said that the town has a positive feel about it now,

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Grant.

Proposed Cllr Argy Seconded Cllr Hodgson and **RESOLVED.**

Cllr R Williams (District Councillor) also sent their apologies.

### **2. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

None.

### **3. Notes of the meetings held 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Regarding the apologies from the meeting, Cllr Rymer said that she had to go to her sister at Grimsby Hospital. Cllr Gale said that he had seen her walking her dog at 6.40pm. She said that she had left after that.

Proposed Cllr Hodgson Seconded Cllr Taylor.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes a true record.

Cllr Mangion arrived at this point 7.20pm

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

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**Mayor-** the Mayor reported that he had attended LALC AGM with Cllr Hodgson and that it had been an interesting day. He had attended the Remembrance Day practice, 11<sup>th</sup> November ceremony and the Church Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. He went to the Lincolnshire Fire Services Award Ceremony when 2 Spilsby firefighters received their 30 year award. He had attend the Art Exhibition at the New Life Centre and a day's training at Mablethorpe with LALC.

**Grammar School Foundation-** Cllr Iremonger said that the meeting was tonight so he could not attend but he will let the Council know at the next meeting what happened.

**Twinning-** The Clerk said that it had not been decided yet if the French were coming. They had been invited but were going to Germany instead. It may be that there is a trip to Fresnay and that Bassum come to Spilsby.

**Sessions House-**Cllr Argy Proposed that the Sessions House be placed on the list. Seconded by Cllr Hodgson. It was **RESOLVED** that the Session House be on the list. Cllr Argy to be the Representative. Cllr Argy reported that the Sessions House had 64 'zombies' take part in the Halloween Night and that a total of £400 was raised. A public survey is online now and they are starting a sponsorship scheme.

**Business Partnership-** Cllr Argy Proposed that Cllr Mangion be the Representative. Seconded by Cllr Rymer. **RESOLVED**

**Town Clerk-** The Clerk said that there were more members required for the Committees. Cllr Wright and Cllr Hodgson to join the Community Action and Cllr Iremonger to join the Finance.

## 5. Highways Issues

The Clerk reported that the footway lights are being replaced within the next few months. Cllr Wright said that following the road repairs outside of the Fenwold Vets, there is a big hole and that one of the residents says his plaster is cracking through the vibrations caused by lorries.

**ACTION-** Clerk to report to Highways

## 6. Resolutions from Cemetery Committee Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

- a. Resurfacing of the roadway in Section 1 at a cost of approx. £4,000  
Cllr Gale asked Cllr Hodgson to check under the grass to check what is there.  
Proposed Cllr Argy Seconded Cllr Hodgson.  
It was **RESOLVED** to resurface the Cemetery roadway in section 1.
- b. Actions to be taken regarding contraventions of the Management Contract.  
Cllr Argy said that there were problems with the contractor not doing his work. Cllr Taylor Proposed that the Cemetery Committee re work the contract Seconded Cllr Argy. **RESOLVED**
- c. Actions to be taken re picket fences, ornaments and shrubs  
Cllr Argy reported that letters would be sent to the owners of the graves regarding the rules being broken and include a copy of the rules with the letter. Cllr Wright said that it is a sensitive issue and Skegness had problems when they tried to enforce the rules. Cllr Mangion asked if there was a good reason not to have the adornment and that people should be told. Items in front of the headstones cause grass cutting problems for the contractor. Cllr Argy Proposed that the Cemetery Committee, along with the Clerk, propose the way forward. Seconded Cllr Hodgson. **RESOLVED**.

## 7. Current Position of the Church Wall

Cllr Hodgson said that he was still waiting for a reply from the structural engineer. The stumps of the trees need drilling. Cllr Taylor Proposed that this be put out to tender. Seconded Cllr Argy. **RESOLVED**

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**ACTION-** Clerk to obtain tenders

## **8. Spilsby Recreation Ground Boundaries Report (tabled)**

Cllr Argy Proposed that the report be accepted and tenders sought. Seconded Cllr Hodgson  
**RESOLVED**

**ACTION-** Clerk to write a service agreement and obtain tenders.

Cllr Taylor said that the thorn shrubs, gates and pine trees need legal advice as to what the action the Town Council can take. Also advice is needed as to whether the fences can be taken down and use 6ft wire fence instead. The boundaries need to be enforced and done so in a legal manner. Cllr Hodgson Proposed that legal advice be sought Seconded Cllr Argy.

**RESOLVED**

**ACTION-** Clerk to see legal advice.

Cllr Wright said that the Council needs to be robust on this and is slightly concerned about the type of fencing chosen.

## **9. Christmas Lights Switch-on**

Cllr Wright said that the switch-on was on the coming Saturday. Some of the lights are were on but some not. There will be Market Stalls from 3pm with the lights switch-on at 6pm. Vikki Bamforth will be switching the lights on and 'Scrooge' would be there too. Father Christmas has a grotto. There are 25 Market Stalls booked. The Market Place Car Park and the Buttercross Car Park will be closed. He has been working closely with the New Life Centre and the Business Partnership.

## **10. Employment of an apprentice under the National Apprenticeship Scheme**

Cllr Taylor said that it is clear for the Town Clerk to carry out her statutory duties she needs some help and he asked the Members to ratify for the clerk to look into the scheme. Initially on a 9 months basis and then see if further months are available. This would help with the one stop shop for residents. Cllr Wood asked if they would be kept on and told this would depend on the situation. Cllr Hodgson Proposed that the Town Clerk researches the employment implications of employing an apprentice. Seconded Cllr Wood. **RESOLVED**

**ACTION-**Clerk to report back at next Full Council Meeting.

## **11. Approval of missing minutes taken by Cllr Julia Pears.**

Proposed Cllr Hodgson Seconded Cllr Rymer.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the written form of the missing minutes.

**ACTION** to be photocopied and produced at the next Full Council Meeting.

## **12. Terms of Reference for Spilsby Town Council Committees**

Finance Committee	Proposed Cllr Rymer	Seconded Cllr Mangion	<b>RESOLVED</b>
Cemetery Committee	Proposed Cllr Argy	Seconded Cllr Gale	<b>RESOLVED</b>
Allotments Committee	Proposed Cllr Argy	Seconded Cllr Rymer	<b>RESOLVED</b>
Community Action Com	Proposed Cllr Rymer	Seconded Cllr Argy	<b>RESOLVED</b>
Employment Committee	Proposed Cllr Mangion	Seconded Cllr Rymer	<b>RESOLVED</b>
Planning Committee	Proposed Cllr Argy	Seconded Cllr Hodgson	<b>RESOLVED</b>

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### **13. Orders for Payment**

Proposed Cllr Hodgson Seconded Cllr Rymer  
It was **RESOLVED** to accept all orders.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm