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SPILSBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 26th April 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby.

Present: Cllr M Gale (Chairman)

Cllr Iremonger Cllr Mangion Cllr Marsh Cllr Taylor Cllr Wright

Also present: Mrs Smith (Town Clerk) Cllr R Williams (ELDC) PCSO and 3 members of the public

A representative from the New Life Centre gave the Town Council an update into its current activities including youth clubs, mental health support group debt management and food bank. Community groups can use the facilities free of charge.

A representative from the Recreation Ground reported that the car park resurfacing would be taking place in May.

Cllr Williams reported that there is going to be a big development on the Vale which will be good for the town. He said that District Councillors had been given a fund to help with anyone needing financial help for good causes. The Community Lead Plan was going well and the cinema was well attended and the Business Partnership were moving on nicely too.

Cllr Bowkett sent her apologies however, she had sent a report to say that town road improvements were going well but the pothole repair was still behind. The highways grass cutting schedule had been issued.

46 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Argy, Cllr Hodgson, Cllr Pears, Cllr Wood.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

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

47. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

None

48. Notes of Previous Meetings

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

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

Mayor-Cllr Gale reported that he had attended the Civic Service at Market Rasen. He had spent an afternoon at the New Life Centre with the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire.

Twinning- The Clerk reported that visitors from Fresnay would be coming at the weekend. There is to be a football match on Sunday at 2pm followed by a reception in the Franklin Hall in the evening. A full programme had been arranged.

Community Lead Plan Group- Cllr Taylor reported another successful cinema with 2 showings. Regarding the Town Plan, they had tried to have a separate meeting but this had not happened due to various reasons. He said that the group need to work closely with the Town Council to complete the plan and it needs to be of a high stand and cover everything that is needed for the people of Spilsby.

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Business Partnership- Cllr Wright had attended the meeting. The partnership are still working on the new Spilsby sign. The Christmas plans had been updated. There had been discussions on certain events to attract people into Spilsby.

Town Clerk- The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from the developers of the old Gables Site saying that no housing associations could be found to take on the social housing aspect of the development. Cllr Mangion thought a letter should be sent to ELDC because it should have been known beforehand that this was the case. Cllr Wright said that this happens a lot and the Council needs to make a stand and register its displeasure. Cllr Taylor said that it should go through the District Councillor and send a strongly worded letter. Cllr Mangion Proposed that a letter be sent saying there was concern that something that was promised has now changed. Seconded Cllr Wright. **RESOLVED**

50. Highways

The Clerk read out the dates of the verges cut dates as received from Highways. There will only be 2 cuts per year by Highways.

51. Recreation Ground update

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders- it was reported by a member of the public that there was a lot of garden rubbish at the recreation ground and on Eresby Avenue. There had been a mattress which had to be disposed of. The Eresby School had stated that they own the triangle. Cllr Bowkett had said that she was going to check with County Council. The Clerk said that she had already been in contact with the School and was going to check on the deeds.

Standing orders reinstated.

52. New Computer System

Cllr Wright produced some figures for costing for a new system. Cllr Taylor said that 2 machines were needed.

It was **RESOLVED** that a new computer system be bought using the figures presented by Cllr Wright.

53. Review of Expenditure 2017/18

Cllr Mangion reported that there had been a number of significant issues which had pulled on the Reserves-the church wall, extra solicitors fees. This meant that the budget was £7K down on the year. The expenditure for 2018/19 has been increased which will be met from Reserves and the increase in the precept.

The Jubilee Account has been closed and the money transferred to the current account. There is still a healthy balance in Reserves but there is some uncertainty with the issue of the church wall and the Council would need to seek outside help. Cllr Taylor wondered if some of the money could be ring fenced for the church wall. Cllr Mangion said that the Finance Committee would need to look at the 18/19 budget again. He felt that the Reserves would largely go. It was **RESOLVED** that the 2018/19 budget should be placed on the next Finance Committee Meeting agenda.

The Chairman and the Clerk had been to NATWEST in Boston to seek advice on the NATWEST account problems following the death of the previous Clerk Sarah Marshall. It appeared that Mrs Marshall was the only signatory on the account even though 3 other names were set up originally. The Clerk explained that the Chairman and she should be made signatories on the account in order for it to be closed and the money transferred to Reserves. NATWEST required this to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Gale and Mrs Smith be made signatories on the NATWEST account

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54. Church Wall Update.

The Clerk had asked the Diocese for a list of approved contractors but was told that it was up to the PCC to ask for one. As this is a very delicate area with the possibility of mortal remains being dug then it was felt that an expert in this field be used. Cllr Taylor then suggested that ELDC be asked for a list so that more quotes could be obtained. Cllr Gale will speak with Cllr Hodgson regarding the progress.

ACTION-Clerk to write to ELDC for list of approved contractors.

55. Request by Mr Charles Tong for support for a second factory

Cllr Gale thought that it should be supported. Cllr Wright said that it could be a catalyst for other businesses and that the land was being used for industry as intended. There was general support for the expansion and that it would increase the chance of employment and attract new subsidiary business.

It was **RESOLVED** to write a letter of support to Mr Charles Tong.

56. Trustee for Grammar School Foundation

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Iremonger as Trustee for the Grammar School Foundation.

57. Assistant to Town Clerk

Following the resignation of the apprentice, it was suggested that it may be better to employ someone who does not need to be constantly supervised and could be in attendance when the Clerk is absent.

It was **RESOLVED** to advertise a vacancy for 11 hours per week at NJC rates.

ACTION-Clerk to advertise for the post.

58. National Citizen Service

Cllr Taylor explained that the participants complete assignments and have a certificate at the end of the programme. Cllr Wright said that any type of engagement with young people helps. The Clerk had identified several areas where a project could be put together.

It was **RESOLVED** to apply to take part in the National Citizen Service.

ACTION- Clerk to contact the NCS .

59. Planning Application

Cllr Taylor that there were no planning reasons not to support the application.

S/165/007/18- 43 Woodlands Avenue Spisby

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

60. Orders for Payment Mar/April 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to accept all orders for payment

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.