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

Present: Cllr M Gale (Chairman)

Cllr Gibson Cllr Hodgson Cllr Holland Cllr Iremonger Cllr Kemp Cllr Mangion
Cllr Pears Cllr Wood Cllr Wright

Also present: Mrs Smith (Town Clerk), Cllr Bowkett (LCC) Cllr Williams (ELDC) and 2 members of the public.

In the Public Session- Cllr Williams reported that ELDC had approved a Shop Front Grant of between £3-10K with a total of £160K being available. The Local Plan had been adopted with the new builds in Spilsby being reduced from 600 to 347. £20M was to be invested in property bonds over the next 6-8 months with an interest of 2.4%. He suggested that the Council consider Article 4 regarding planning. Horncastle were trialling delegated powers on certain planning applications. The waste strategy for Lincolnshire was also being reviewed.

The Boston Road Car Park has been put on the uneconomic asset list which meant that it could be passed to the Town Council to manage. ELDC are looking at uneconomic assets and are looking to dispose of them to Parish Councils.

Cllr Bowkett reported that LCC were still catching up with the potholes. LCC were asking farmers to help with snow clearing and if anyone wanted to get in touch with Highways to put their names down it would be welcomed.

Trading Standards are investigating scams with the County.

97. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Marsh (holiday) and Cllr Taylor (Family commitment).

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies

98. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Wright declared that he is an employee of ELDC

99. Notes of Previous Meeting 28th June 2018

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

100. 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 attend the Spilsby Show and gave credit to the Spilsby Show Committee and the Playing Fields Committee with special mentions to Mrs Geraldine Willis and Mr Allan Bugg.

Recreation Ground- Cllr Wood had attended the meeting and had given the donation cheque for car park to the committee.

Town Clerk-The Clerk tabled a report on the Resilient Communities Conference which she and Cllr Wood had attended .Both had been working on the Emergency Plan. Cllr Gibson was seconded to help.

101. Church Wall Update.

Cllr Hodgson said that the Council has already spent a lot of money with Scorer and Hawkins, the Conservation Architects and York Sils. According to their estimates, the overall cost could be £50-60K for the whole wall. He had an idea of just making good behind No 1 Old Market Avenue which would cost around £25K. Cllr Hodgson said that he would rebuild the wall if he had help and proposed that he rebuild the wall. If Canon Coates is happy with that and will apply for a Faculty then the work could begin. Cllr Holland asked if there was any funding available. Cllr Wood had investigated funding but this situation was not covered. Cllr Holland said that he may be able to get some of the kick-boxing group to help.

Cllr Hodgson also said that the tree roots needed killing urgently. Cllr Mangion asked for a cost and Cllr Hodgson said about £1K.

102. Delegation of Planning Powers

Cllr Mangion said this was an opportunity for Spilsby to have planning powers but the Council needed to know more about what was involved.

Cllr Wright suggested that Horncastle Town Council be contacted to ask what they thought as they were trialling it.

ACTION- Clerk to contact Horncastle Town Council.

103. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk, as a member of the Community Lead Plan Group, reported that the plan had been honed down to make it more up to date and removed a lot of unnecessary sections. It is hoped that the plan will be ready to deliver to the Town Council by October. Cllr Mangion asked for a written report as to where the group is to be made available to the Council.

104. Maintenance Contract

The contract was reviewed thoroughly and amendments made. LCC Highways will only be making 2 amenity cuts per year. The Clerk suggested that the contract be in two sections, one covering the existing contract and the other to cover verge cutting. This would enable tenders for one or both contracts.

Cllr Wood had taken 3 contractors around to get the grass cut and this is still to be done. One contractor said that the grass was more like a meadow.

ACTION- Clerk to write new contracts and put out to tender.

105. Allocation of Members to Committees and Extra Duties

Councillors were allocated to the various committees and extra duties.

106. Delegates for LALC AGM 17th October 2018

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Gale, Hodgson, Taylor and Wood and the Clerk should attend.

107. Impact of the Health and Care Services Review in Lincolnshire

Cllr Mangion reported that there is a major change in how health services are to be delivered locally. He said that he did not think that individuals were putting their own ideas forward and that this requires the local population to be aware of the change. Cllr Gale suggested that the Council write to the Boston MP. Cllr Wood said that there are some meetings that could be attended. Cllr Wright proposed that the Council write to Victoria Atkins too.

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It was **RESOLVED** to write to Matt Warman MP and Victoria Atkins MP.

108. Annual Governance Statement for External Audit 2017/2018

The statement was completed and agreed by all Councillors. They were then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

109. Accounting Statements 2017/2018

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounting Statements. They were then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

110. Arrangements for Remembrance Day Parade 11th November 2018

The Town Council are responsible for the parade and traffic management. The Clerk had been in contact with the same traffic management company who had been used for the Spilsby Bike Night. It was **RESOLVED** to cover the cost of traffic management.

It was **RESOLVED** Cllr Gale and the Clerk should attend the Event Training provided by Lincolnshire Police.

Marshals will be required on the day and the Clerk had asked the Rotary to help. Cllr Pears volunteered to be a marshal.

111. Replacement of 2 CCTV Cameras.

Two of the cameras had stopped working properly although they were still recording.

It was **RESOLVED** to replace and upgrade 2 cameras at a cost of £2192.84

112. Improvements to Franklin Passage

Cllr Wood reported that the passage was untidy and had graffiti on the wall. She suggested putting posters up of Franklin and to work with Bruce Knight from the Sessions house to produce some. Cllr Gale asked if it was a public right of way or belonged to the businesses but it is unclear which. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wood proceed with the improvements to Franklin Passage.

113. Bicycle Dirt Track Area

Cllr Wood had been looking at the land on the back of Post Office Lane Car Park with a view to having a bicycle dirt track.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow a resident to speak

The resident said that the land was compulsory purchased by ELDC some time ago. Another resident said that the owner of Wildman's had been looking into this for the same reason.

The Chairman re-instated standing orders

Cllr Wright said he thought it was a good idea.

ACTION- Cllr Wood to report at the next Full Council Meeting.

ACTION- To check if the land is ELDC owned.

It was suggested that WREN or Awards for All could be approached for funding.

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114. Plan of Action regarding empty properties within the town.

Properties include 41 and 43 Reynard Street, The Old Beehive, Old Post Office and 1 Market Street. The Clerk had been in contact with the ELDC Conservation Officer regarding the Old Beehive and had received a reply.

Cllr Wood reported that she had been in contact with ELDC and requested them to issue urgent repair notices. If these are not effected then the properties could be compulsory purchased. Cllr Hodgson said that some time ago he had been working on an adjacent building and gave details of the problems he saw.

Cllr Wood said that she would update the Council at the next meeting.

Cllr Pears left at this point (9.00pm)

115. Orders of Payment June/July 2018

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.04pm