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**Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Franklin Hall, Halton Road, Spilsby**

**Present: Cllr T Taylor (Chairman)**

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

Also present: Mrs Smith (Town Clerk), Mrs Appleby (Deputy Town Clerk) Cllr Williams (ELDC) and 1 member of the public.

In the Public Session- Cllr Williams reported that there had been a Members Reserve Day which was attended by Marc Jones, Police and Crime commissioner for Lincolnshire. If Spilsby has any problems, Mr Jones was keen to come to talk about them. ELDC are currently undertaking a strategic review. Cllr Williams had asked why Spilsby toilets had not been earmarked for refurbishment.

**ACTION**-Clerk to write to James Gilbert (ELDC Officer) to ask him to attend a meeting with the Town Council and also to invite Cllr Grist (ELDC)

**116. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gale (unwell) and Cllr Marsh (working)  
(Cllr Iremonger offered his apologies late as he had another meeting to attend)  
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies

**117. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Wright declared that he is an employee of ELDC

**118. Notes of Previous Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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

**119. To receive reports from Town Mayor, Town Council's Working Groups, Representatives on outside bodies and the Town Clerk.**

**Mayor**- The Clerk reported that Cllr Gale had attended a presentation ceremony for the Pirouette School of Dance. He had also made a donation to the Rainbows from the raffle at the Picnic in the Park amounting to £100. Cllr Gale had attended the Twinning Reception at the Crown Hotel.

**Recreation Ground**-nothing to report

**Twinning**- A party of 14 visitors from Bassum had been hosted in Spilsby from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September. Among the visitors were 6 young adults. There was a visit to Lincoln on the Saturday and one to Gibraltar Point and Skegness on the Sunday followed by an evening reception meal. On Monday the guests were taken on the 'On the Trail of Franklin Walk' followed by a walk around the town before departing at 1pm.

**Good Neighbourhood Group**-Cllr Hodgson said that he had not heard anything from the group.

**Community Lead Plan**- Cllr Taylor reported that the cinema had 108 people and that it was having continual success. The Group are getting towards the end of the Neighbourhood plan. The newsletter was moving towards being issued. Cllr Wood said that she needed help with obtaining sponsors and was going to make a flyer. Cllr Mangion said that the Business Partnership are quite keen for it to go to press.

**Business Partnership**- Cllr Mangion said the newsletter was seen as a good way to advertise and that the Business Partnership should be encouraged to contribute. He said that they were

concerned about the Christmas Lights and the arrangements for road closures. He felt there should be a larger group for the Christmas Lights Switch on for when people are absent. The businesses were also concerned about the market.

**Sessions House-** They are now using the back room for a lot of different functions.

**Town Clerk-**The Clerk tabled a report of her activities. The issue of inquorate sub-committees was raised by the Clerk and the amount of work in preparation for the meetings was a waste of her time. Cllr Taylor asked the Councillors if they thought that the sub-committees were important. Cllr Mangion said it was easy for the meeting to be non-quorate and thought it was a good idea to amalgamate the committees and they divided up quite nicely. Cllr Hodgson said he felt that Councillors should make the effort to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the new sub-committees and members until the 2019 Election.

**ACTION-**Councillors to let the Clerk know which evenings they are free.

The Councillors then discussed the Delegation of Planning Powers which Horncastle Town Council are trialling.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider after the 2019 Elections.

## **120. Highways**

The pavements are in a poor state.

**ACTION-**Clerk to write to Highways regarding Halton Road and Boston Road pavements

## **121. Church Wall Update**

Cllr Hodgson said that he would be prepared to rebuild the wall. If the bricks were cleaned they could be reused. It would have to be ensured that the inside wall was firm enough to rebuild. The holly trees are the main problem and need to be killed. Cllr Taylor asked Cllr Hodgson to write a schedule of work. The Clerk said that she had spoken to Allseasons regarding killing the holly trees.

**ACTION-**Cllr Hodgson to write a Schedule of work. Clerk to contact a specialist to kill the trees.

Cllr Mangion said that this problem did leave an uncertainty as to the budget. As a political body he was not sure if members should do the work. He said that the council do not have an oversight of which is the best option. Cllr Taylor said that the Council had already been down the route of surveying. Cllr Wood suggested to get some tenders in while waiting for the trees to die. Cllr Hodgson then said that he had removed himself from the Church Wall.

**ACTION-**Clerk to contract specialist regarding the tree roots.

## **122. Neighbourhood Plan**

Spilsby Community Lead Plan group had produced a framework for the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Pears thought it was an excellent plan.

**(Cllr Hodgson left at 8.10pm)**

It was agreed that the plan needed to go to public consultation. It was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted as a framework document Cllr Mangion congratulated the people who had put it together.

## **123. A Town Plan for Spilsby**

Cllr Kemp asked what, as a group, are the Council aiming to achieve and felt that some clarity was needed, whether administratively or financial. He asked also where the Council sees the town in 5 or 10 years time. He suggested that each Councillor writes a paragraph of where they see the Council is going. Cllr Mangion suggested having a separate meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr Kemp, Cllr Holland and the Clerk produce a framework for the strategy which will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

**ACTION-**Agenda item for next Full Council Meeting.

#### **124. Picnic in the Park 2019**

The Clerk tabled a report. Cllr Wood said that people had enjoyed the day. Cllr Taylor said that now we have a stock risk assessment. Cllr Wood said that for next year, the date needs to be decided earlier to give residents more advance notice.

#### **125. Representative on the Recreation Ground Committee following the move of Cllr Wood as a Trustee to that Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Marsh be the Representative.

#### **126. Budget Update**

The Councillors were issued with the up to date budget figures. Cllr Mangion reported that at the halfway point, the Council has committed more than originally planned. The big issue is that wall and the Council does not have a clear strategy on what it is going to spend. Approval has not been given from the Diocese yet. There is extra expense on the Christmas Lights and on the Cemetery. The Cemetery was a health and safety issue and the Christmas Lights had been voted on in the previous year.

#### **127. The formation of a Museum and Tourist Information Centre**

Cllr Kemp said that it was a genuinely good idea, capitalising on what the town has. He said a cost benefit analysis was needed and also what would make it worth visitors time to come to the town. He said that the pros and cons need to be decided. Cllr Wright said that people expect that there is one. It was agreed that Cllr Kemp would liaise with the Clerk and present the findings at the next Full Council Meeting. Cllr Holland volunteered to help. Cllr Wright suggested using an empty shop and moving it around.

**ACTION-**Cllrs Kemp and Holland plus the Clerk to produce feasibility study for next Full Council Meeting.

#### **128. Outdoor Gym**

It was agreed that Cllr Wood volunteered to look into this.

#### **129. Meeting with Allotment Holders 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The Town Clerk tabled a report

Cllr Taylor said that the allotment holders were enthusiastic and stayed for the Council Allotment Meeting which followed. He said there had been a change there now and everyone wanted to help. It was a very successful evening.

#### **130. Minutes of the Allotments Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Cllr Holland said at item 3 (measuring of allotments) to extend the invitation to all Councillors to help to measure.

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

#### **131. Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 as a true record.

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Cllr Taylor said that he had looked on the internet re markers and they were expensive. Without them, it causes a lot of problems locating graves.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as a true record.

### **132. Planning**

S/165/01801/18- 30 Masonic Lane, Spilsby-Supported

S/165/01660/18- 19 Shamfields, Spilsby-Supported

### **133.. Orders of Payment July/August/September 2018**

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm