

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**Present** Councillor C. Green (CG) (in the chair)

**Councillors:** Mrs. E. Ballard JP (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), D.E. Wing (DEW)

**Councillors not present:** G.E. Horton (GEH), Mrs. J. Speed (JS)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, one member of the press and two members of the public were also present.

**405. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor GEH and Cllr. Mrs. JS left the meeting.

**406. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

**407. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

Declarations of interest were made by:

- a. Cllrs. Mrs. JMS. Mrs. PFW, RJ and CG – agenda item 8 – as a member of ELDC.

**408. Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Committee that the notes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

**409. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk drew Councillors attention to a tabled report and confirmed that items on it marked complete would be removed from the list for next meeting.

**410. Correspondence**

The Committee noted a) below and following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the Asset Group to bring back proposals:

- a. **From:** 145 Eastgate (Former Police Station) **Re:** Regularising anomalies within boundaries and potential purchase of additional land.

**411. Publications**

The Committee noted that the following had been received:

- a. Informing Burial and Cremation Services Winter 2016

**412. Business Rates Valuations 2017/18**

The Committee noted the following rating valuations from the VOA

- a. Sessions House Current rateable value £11,000 proposed rateable value £11,250
- b. Cemetery current rateable value £1,000 based on agricultural land, proposed £6,600 based on Amenity Land Values weighted for exhausted, current use and forward future use. The Town Clerk is checking criteria against VOA guidance provided. Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to complete negotiations with VOA.

**413. Cemetery Bench**

The Committee considered granting permission to retain a bench within the cemetery recently erected by a bereaved family (Report attached). Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** that the wooden bench should be allowed to remain for 18 months, after which the situation should be reviewed.

**414. Exclusion of Public and Press**

Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. FWPT it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move into closed session for the following item, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matters: Financial and Legal Matters

Cllr. RJ left the meeting at 10.21pm.

**415. Old Mill House**

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** that the letter proposed by the solicitor should be sent but should stop at 'not accepted'.

Cllr. AL proposed that the meeting should return to open session, this was seconded and **RESOLVED** upon.

**416. Next Meeting**

Cllrs. noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 10.27pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_