

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

**Present:** Councillor G.E. Horton JP (GEH) (in the Chair)

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

**Councillors not present:** Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), D. Turner (DT)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips was also present.

Cllrs. spoke in the public forum as follows:

- Cllr. AL reported that a theft had taken place overnight at Louth Golf Club and the perpetrators had tried to use Hubbard's Hills as a getaway route. He also reported that Hubbard's Hills was mostly submerged under water, after all of the recent rain.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS commented that there was a flood on the corner of Church Street and Eastgate. She wondered how effective the new flood alleviation scheme actually was, in view of the scale of flooding at Hubbard's Hills. It was agreed that the Environment Agency should be asked to come to a Council meeting to speak and give a response to this.
- Cllr. GEH read out a letter from a resident on the general state of Louth town. He informed those present that the letter had already been forwarded by the Town Clerk to ELDC (cc to Louth's District Councillors) as the body responsible for refuse collection, street cleaning and for Railway Walk in Louth and to LCC (cc to Louth's County Councillors) who were responsible for the cleaning of gullies and manholes and the contractors mentioned in the letter. Cllr. RJ reported that following receipt of the email she had spoken to Nick Davis the Waste Service Manager on one of the issues mentioned and was awaiting a response. Cllrs. Mrs. EB and Mrs. JMS commented that Railway Walk was atrocious with dog excrement everywhere, dead leaves caking the footpath and broken glass. Cllr. Mrs. JMS also commented that York paving stones in the conservation area and paving slabs elsewhere had not been re-laid levelly after recent contractor works and pot holes were being left in the roads by the contractors. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would prepare and circulate a form for Councillors to use to record issues in their ward which the Town Clerk would collate on receipt.

**555. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.F. Watson and D. Turner.

**556. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were made:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 3 – as a member of ELDC.

**557. Loan of Charter**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. JMS should be allowed to borrow one of the market charters for the morning of Monday 19th March in order to display this at the Cattle Market during a visit there by HRH The Prince of Wales.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. RJ it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move into closed session in order to discuss confidential feedback from a Legal Advisor.

The committee received confidential feedback from Cllr. AL.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. AL open session was resumed.

**558. Closed Session Item**

Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move into closed session 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 staffing matters.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. FWPT it was **RESOLVED** that Mrs. K. Cope should be offered the position of Deputy Town Clerk.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that open session should be resumed.

The Meeting Closed at 7.30pm.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

For Approval 27th March 2018