

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017**

Present Councillor Mrs. E. Ballard JP (EB) (in the chair)

Councillors: C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson and D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG), R. Jackson (RJ),

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, Inspector P. Baker and PCSO Mr. I. Porter were also present.

587. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) who would be slightly late, Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garrett (JG), R. Jackson (RJ), L.M. Stephenson (LMS).

588. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman drew Councillors attention to the tabled documents from the Rotary Club and reminded Councillors that the Annual Town Meeting would take place on 9th May at the Royal British Legion from 7.30pm with Town Council meetings immediately prior to this starting at 6pm. That the Annual Town Council meeting would take place on 16th May and finally; she informed those present that Cllr. Mrs. MO would be having her second knee replacement on 5th May.

589. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC. Any item from or relating to Magna Vitae – as a director of Magna Vitae.
- b. Cllr. CG – agenda item 9 – as a candidate in the LCC elections.
- c. Cllr. GEH – agenda item 4 – as a retailer of goods on behalf of the police.
- d. Cllr. AL – agenda item 4 – as a magistrate.

590. Police Inspector

Inspector P. Baker of Lincolnshire Police, Wolds Division introduced himself saying he had been in post since 6th March but had started out in the police in Nottinghamshire in 2000 before transferring to Lincolnshire in 2007. He had been heavily involved in neighbourhood policing throughout but was struck by the community spirit exhibited in this area in particular. Inspector Baker explained that he wanted to move away from the traditional view of neighbourhood policing and wanted to concentrate on raising awareness of cyber-crime and educating the public on how not to be a victim of this, telephone scams and burglary.

Cllr. FWPT arrived during this item.

591. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. PFW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th April 2017.

592. Committee Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to receive and adopt the resolutions contained within the following minutes:

- a. Planning Committee – 28th March 2017 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.
- b. Governance and Finance – 28th March 2017 – proposed by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. DEW.
- c. Community Resources – 28th March 2017 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. DT.

593. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report.

594. Temporary Road Closures

Councillors noted that the following notifications had been received for essential maintenance works:

- a. Wood Lane (Stewton Lane to Sycamore Drive) 22/05/17 – 30/05/17 (4 days in this period)
- b. Spire View Road / Minster Drive 22/05/17 – 30/05/17 (4 days in this period)
- c. B1200 Breakneck Lane 30/05/17 – 03/06/17 (3 days in this period)

595. LCC Amenity Grass

Councillors received an update from LCC regarding Amenity Grass cutting frequency which confirmed that Louth would be given two cuts in 2017/18 but these would either stop in 2018/19 or alternative funding would need to be found. Cllr. Mrs. JMS wished it to be noted that she did not think that LCC's proposals represented value for money for the public as only cutting the grass twice a year would make each cut more expensive bearing in mind the grass would be much longer in length, would take much longer to deal with and would be much harder to cut. She was also of the opinion that the longer grass, resulting from only two cuts a year, would cause the town to look unkempt, would put off visitors to the area and would decrease the income Louth derived from tourists. She did not see how any of the above could represent the saving that LCC seemed to think it would. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she was awaiting accurate maps and measurements for consideration from LCC and that the item would be brought back for further discussion.

596. Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Tuesday 9th May 2017 6pm at the British Legion Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.29pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____