

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018**

Present The Mayor, Councillor G.E. Horton, (GEH) (in the chair).

Councillors: J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), C. Green (CG), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. J. Speed (JS)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, the Mayor's Serjeant, Mr. G. Darnell and the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. N. Brown were also present.

Public Forum

- Reverend Brown spoke in the public forum reporting that: a) most of the Peregrine Falcons had now left the Church but one appeared to be stuck and an attempt would be made the following day to try to remove it, b) some minor repointing work would soon take place on the spire, c) On the Sunday nearest to St. James' Day (22/7/18) all Councillors were invited to the Patronal Festival, taking place at the Church.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that many shops and businesses within the town were concerned about the effect on their business of the many road closures and operation of temporary traffic lights around the town. She also confirmed that someone had recently been around the town checking that Virgin cables had been buried to the correct depth.
- Cllr. RJ reported that the burst water main in Eastfield Road and the subsequent road closures had caused chaos and drivers ignoring signs had added to the subsidence that could now be seen.
- Cllr. Mrs. PFW opined that in the current weather conditions everyone should be very mindful of water wastage.
- Cllr. GEH congratulated Cllr. Mrs. EB on 25 years of committed service to the community as a Magistrate. He explained that she would step down on Wednesday 4th July 2018 and would celebrate her 70th birthday on Thursday 5th July.

County and District Councillors Reports

- No County Councillors were present.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported on behalf of the District Council that a) shop front grants would be available again, just in the Town Centre, b) help with business rates was available but only for those in the manufacturing industry, c) Horncastle have been made an exemplar Town Council and will be allowed to make decisions on very small planning applications in the future, d) at a recent Members Day at ELDC Health had been discussed and it had emerged that there was a lack of staff in our local hospitals because Lincolnshire was not somewhere where newly qualified doctors wished to work, e) work by Anglian Water had started again in Westgate – Cllr. Mrs. JMS believed that they had been given 5 weeks to complete it, f) the Trim Trail by the Meridian Leisure Centre had been taken down and there were no plans to replace it, g) there had been no progress on enforcement in Ugate.
- Cllr. Mrs. PFW confirmed that information gleaned from the Members Day on Healthcare was that locum doctors were paid at the NHS rate and not agency rates and it might not be the best thing to build a new University as this might result in the downgrading of specialist units like Lincoln Hospital who were currently classed as a Centre of Excellence.
- Cllr. RJ reported that two scrutiny exercises were about to begin, these being into a) Markets and b) Communication within the Council. She also reported that an application was being made to make the Lincolnshire Coast a Heritage Coast

Prayers

Prior to the commencement of the meeting proper, the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev. N. Brown kindly said prayers.

76. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. EB, Mrs. DB, Mrs. JS, CG and LMS

77. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were made:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC and especially agenda item 9.
- b. Cllr. RJ – agenda items 9, 10 and 12 – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda item 9 – as a custodian of the Warehouse and agenda items 10 and 12 – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllrs. FWPT and GEH – agenda items 9 and 10 – as members of ELDC.

78. Council Minutes

- a. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on 15th May 2018 with a handwritten amendment to minute 4 to show that Cllr. Mrs. EB proposed Cllr. Mrs. SEL to join the Personnel Committee.
- b. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd May 2018.

79. Committee Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to receive the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings and adopt the resolutions contained therein:

- a. Planning – 17th April 2018 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH
- b. Planning – 22nd May 2018 – Proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. AL
- c. Governance and Finance – 17th April 2018 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. JG
- d. Community Resources – 27th March 2018 – proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO
- e. Personnel – 24th April 2018 – proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. FWPT
- f. Personnel – 22nd May 2018 – proposed by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. FWPT

80. Town Clerk's Report / Update

The Town Clerk drew Councillors attention to her tabled report which was noted.

81. Correspondence

The Council noted that the correspondence listed below had been received and was available to view in the office. They resolved upon it as follows and with regard to item b. they agreed to discuss this at item 13 on the agenda.

- a. **From:** Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service **Re:** Annual Report 2017/18. **RESOLVED** to write in support. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- b. **From:** A member of the public **Re:** Speeding Traffic in Louth Town Centre. (Attached).
- c. **From:** Seafarers UK **Re:** Merchant Navy Day – Council to consider purchasing and flying a Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day (3rd September) to help raise public awareness of our island nation's reliance on seafarers and shipping. **RESOLVED** to take part. Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

82. Annual Town Meeting

The Council received the notes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 8th May 2018 and noted that there were no proposals raised therein by members of the public for consideration.

83. Louth Navigation Community Restoration Project Group

Councillors considered nominating a representative for the above group which would meet 3 times per year and whose purpose was to: 1) bring together key stakeholders to take forward the restoration of the Louth Navigation, 2) alleviate bottlenecks, resolve conflicts, seek to provide all necessary technical support and to identify and pursue funding in order to bring about the restoration of the canal, 3) establish links with other community initiatives to establish a wider vision of the 'community benefits' of the project; and 4) utilise volunteer groups in the restoration work. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. PFW, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. PFW should be the Council's representative on the above group.

84. ELDC Consultation Regarding Review of Gambling Licensing Policy

Council noted that on 6th June 2018 details of the above had been electronically circulated. Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** to respond that the Council had read the proposed policy document, were happy with the amendments and had no changes to suggest.

85. Heritage Lincolnshire

The Council considered taking part in Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days 2018 which are Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th and Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th September. Council noted that Mrs. M. Hill had volunteered to undertake some guided tours on the aforementioned week days. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that this item should be brought back for consideration at the next Council meeting.

86. Residents' Parking

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. RJ it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor A. Grist and Assistant Director of ELDC, Mrs. V. Burgess be invited to attend a meeting of Louth Town Council to explain the scope of their enquiry into the possibility of residents' parking in Louth, which it is believed is looking at Louth as a whole and is presently being undertaken, so that the Town Council can be involved in any decisions.

87. Wolds Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector

Following a proposal by Cllr. GEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the new Wolds Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector, Sarah Constantine be invited to attend a future meeting of Louth Town Council to introduce themselves, their vision for Louth and take questions on current issues, such as speeding on Queen Street. Further, following a proposal by Cllr. JG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should write to the Road Safety partnership to ascertain whether they could undertake any monitoring of speed on Queen Street.

88. Closed Session Item

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** to 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 the Lovely Louth Competition – the information being of a third party and sensitive nature.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that:

- a. Louth Town Council should run the Lovely Louth Competition in 2018
- b. Closing date for registration should be Thursday 19th July at 12 noon
- c. Judging should take place during the week commencing 30th July
- d. Competition to be overseen by the Floral Enhancement Working Group, Cllr. Mrs. JMS and the Town Clerk.

Following a proposal by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move back into open session.

89. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the next scheduled meeting of Louth Town Council would take place on 31st July 2018.

The Meeting Closed at 8.22pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____