

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 12th JULY 2016**

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

Councillors: Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), R. Jackson (RJ), 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) and D. Turner (DT)

Councillors not present: J. Garrett (JG), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), D.E. Wing and G.E. Horton.

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

- A gentleman spoke in the public forum about his objections to the planning application on land adjacent to 82 Eastfield Road. Councillor R. Jackson commented that it would be very useful for everyone to individually, officially comment on ELDC's Local Plan Consultation.

104. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. JG, LMS, Mrs. PFW, DEW and GEH.

105. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that she had been to lots of events since the last Robed Town Council meeting on 17th May, Civic Services, Schools, Choral Society concerts, Male Voice Choir concerts, Museum exhibition openings, a Tour of Inspection with Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board and had given a talk to the Rotary. Finally, she reported that she had recently been involved in distributing proceeds from the capital investment of funds made from the sale of the old Louth swimming pool by Louth Sports Association.

Cllr. DT arrived at 7.32pm.

106. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman informed Councillors that Mr. E. Findlay had sent each Councillor a letter, which was in their pigeon holes for information and she reported that the Chairman of Louth Town Football Club had informed her that he was a little upset that they had not been involved in applications for new pitches at Louth Athletics Club.

107. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were declared:

- a. Cllr. CG – 8c, 11, 13a, 15 – as a member of ELDC.
- b. Cllr. FWPT – 8c, 11, 13a, 15 – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. RJ – 8c, 11, 13a, 15 – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllr. JMS – 8c, 11, 13a, 15 – as a member of ELDC.
- e. Cllr. AL – 15 – as a resident of Upgate.

108. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. LHW it was **RESOLVED** that the Council received and approved, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2016.

109. Committee Minutes

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

- a. Planning Committee – 26th April 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- b. Planning Committee – 14th June 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH.
- c. Governance and Finance Committee – 24th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

- d. Community Resources – 24th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. DT.
- e. Personnel Committee – 24th May 2016 – proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

110. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on. However, she did draw Councillors attention to the reissued membership matrix, included in their agenda packs.

111. Correspondence

Councillors noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. From: Anglian Water Re: Taking over responsibility for Private Pumping Stations in all private residences / streets from October 2016. The Town Clerk has placed notice provided in Town Centre Notice Board to assist AW in finding all such systems – it was agreed that this should be emailed to Waterloo Housing for their information.
- b. From: Local Resident Re: Addition of stocks to the Market Place (15th c. law that all towns should have a set) – it was agreed that this should be discussed in the future and that any Cllrs. in agreement with the town having a set of stocks should make enquiries as to cost, siting (and permission for siting), insurance and maintenance issues and bring information back.
- c. Request for support for a waste bin on Eastgate near to walkway to Old Mill Park. ELDC policy states request must be supported by parish council and be accompanied by a location plan and a risk assessment highlighting hazards of the placement. Council to consider delegating responsibility to ward councillors to progress request to ELDC – It was agreed that ward Councillors should look into this and report back.

112. Publications Received

Council to note that the following have been received and are available to view in the Office:

- a. Local Council Review Summer 2016 – includes Finance and Risk focus, clustering of local councils and social media.
- b. Clerks and Council Direct
- c. Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service Annual Report 2015-16

113. Temporary Road Closures / Restrictions

Councillors noted that the following notifications had been received:

- a. Lee Street – 25/07/16 – 28/07/16 for essential maintenance works.
- b. A157 (Hainton / Burgh on Bain) 100m N,S,E,W junction with B1225 30/8 – 2/09/16
- c. A153 Cadwell British Superbike Championships 2016 25/8 – 29/8/16 No Waiting / Loading / Speed Restrictions AND turn left only A153 with A16 Louth Bypass.

114. Louth Town Council Vacancy

Councillors noted that due to non-attendance for a period of 6 months Andrew Austin had ceased to be a member of Louth Town Council. The Town Clerk had written to Mr Austin to inform him of the situation and had notified the Mayor and ELDC Elections Officer of the vacancy in Trinity Ward. The casual vacancy would now be subject to formal notices issued by ELDC to inform electors of the vacancy and to receive requests for an election; failing this the vacancy would be filled by co-option.

115. Louth Town Council Appointment

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that Mr. G. Lindsay be renewed as a Town Council representative on Louth United Charities.

116. Consultations

The Council noted that the following consultations would require responses and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. ELDC Local Plan – to include feedback from LTC representatives at Area Forum 7th July 2016. Closing Date – 8th August 2016 – proposed by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DT, that Cllrs. Mrs. EB and Mrs. SC and the planning sub-group and any other Councillors who wished to contribute be given delegated authority to compile a corporate response.
- b. Greater Lincolnshire Devolution. Closing Date – 8th August 2016 – It was agreed that Cllrs. should bring back their opinions on 2nd August ready for a corporate response to be compiled.

117. Discretionary Rate Relief.

Following a proposal by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that the Council support the request for discretionary rate relief support at Meridian House - P3 Housing Support Service (LCC funded).

118. Loss of Street Corners

The Council noted that ELDC had confirmed that the negotiations for Kidgate / Upgate green corner were concluded by ELDC and LCC before January 2016 (freeze on ELDC assets). The Council also noted that LTC raised concerns with ELDC in September 2015 following unconfirmed reports (of the potential sale) and had not been updated as requested following this correspondence. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that a strong letter objecting to not being notified of proposals when an interest had been expressed and not being offered the option to take over the site be sent.

119. Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 23rd August 2016 but that a Town Council meeting would be called for 2nd August in order to discuss the corporate response to the Devolution consultation.

The Meeting Closed at 8.35pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____