

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2016**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) (in the chair)

**Councillors:** Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), J. Garrett (JG), D. Hobson (DH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), and D.E. Wing

**Councillors not present:** Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton (GEH), M. Locking (ML) and Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL).

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, 4 members of the public, two invited guests and one member of the press were also present.

**Public Forum**

A lady spoke in the public forum regarding the former playing field off Julian Bower on which there is an imminent planning application. She informed councillors that local residents had enquired about buying the land but had not received a response. She stated that she was aware that the original plans had now been altered but that she would still suffer from loss of privacy. She also reiterated the potential archaeological and ecclesiastical importance of the site which could be an asset to the town. Cllr JMS also stated that she had heard mention of the creation of a wildflower meadow on the site.

Cllr RJ referred to the recent fire at the Park Avenue Football Stadium and wished to thank the Fire and Rescue Services. She also made councillors aware that the emergency services had difficulties with low water pressure. Councillors also commented on other areas of the town with similar issues.

Cllr JMS made Councillors aware of a future agenda item request of the poor condition of Breakneck Lane Footpath and of street lights not being repaired.

**128. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from J. Garrett (JG) who arrived at 20:03hrs during Item 5 and Councillors Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton (GEH), M. Locking (ML) and Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL).

**129. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman supplied details from ELDC regarding the sale of Upgate / Kidgate Corner and informed councillors that the sale would be subject to planning and conservation area controls. She confirmed that ELDC had omitted to consult with their Ward members and reiterated the point that LTC had not put forward a bid for the land at any point. Cllr AL expressed concerns that the potential owner was acquiring a building plot for £1,000. Following a proposal by Cllr AL, seconded by Cllr MO it was RESOLVED by vote of the council to write to ELDC to state that the sale represented a disservice to the public by not achieving a better income for the site and that there was a lack of trust and confidence in ELDC.

**130. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were received:

- a. Cllr PFW – in Public Forum as an LCC Trustee for KEVIGs, and any items connected to ELDC as a member of ELDC (declared at item 2).
- b. Cllr JMS and Cllr CG – item 2 as a member of ELDC (declared at 2.)
- c. Cllr JMS, Cllr CG, Cllr RJ and Cllr FWPT – items 5,7 and 8 as members of ELDC.
- d. Cllr AL item 5 as a business owner in the town.

**131. Council Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr AL, seconded by Cllr JMS it was RESOLVED by vote of the Council

that the notes were approved as the minutes for the following Council Meetings:

- a. Town Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**132. Presentation**

ELDC Economic Development Officer, Jon Burgess gave a presentation to Louth Town Council following an ELDC decision to review their car parking policy - *The aim of Executive Members is to identify and consider options for a future tariff regime and service model which reflects the needs and circumstances of our respective communities, rather than a one size fits all approach.*

- a. Data Collection – method and use?
- b. Possibility of incorporating solar panels and charging points?
- c. Impact of car parking policy on workers and on street parking
- d. 4 hours free on Market Days, keep payment methods user friendly, signage clarity, designated workers car parks
- e. Income figures? Possibility of all free? Pay on exit to encourage longer stays? Free after three to attract late shoppers
- f. What impact will Local Plan have on number of cars circulating – pressure on car parks?
- g. Coach Parking? Free parking for stallholders?

It was agreed that the item would be brought back to the next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 for an official response to ELDC.

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

The Town Clerk updated the Council on:

- a. That she had issued a press release regarding the proposals for work through Westgate Fields to create a supply for the Fulmar Drive development. Ward Councillors confirmed that a Notice of Intent had been issued by Anglian Water Authority.
- b. Trinity Ward Vacancy – that the closing date for the receipt of petitions for an election from Trinity Ward Electors was the 9<sup>th</sup> August after which it would be known whether an election had been called for and validated or whether the council would be in a position to co-opt. She informed Councillors that she had received enquiries regarding the vacancy and that she had been provided with Petition request forms by ELDC.
- c. The Town Clerk informed the council she had received an overdue reminder from the PWLB that had not been preceded by the request for payment.

**134. Local Plan Consultation**

Councillors received a tabled copy of the corporate response submitted under delegated authority, which the Town Clerk had prepared using limited feedback from Councillors and past planning responses. A further discussion took place around Gypsy and Traveller sites and their extended use for the Homeless.

**135. Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Consultation**

Following a proposal by Cllr , seconded by Cllr it was RESOLVED by vote of the Council to submit the following responses to the consultation before the closing date of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016:

- a. **Which Council area are you or your organisation most closely associated with?** East Lindsey District Council
- b. **The Government has said the only way that we can get additional powers and responsibilities is by setting up a Mayoral Combined Authority, which will require a Directly Elected Mayor. Our Governance Review concludes that new powers and responsibilities would best be carried out through a Mayoral Combined Authority. We have set out our proposals in the Scheme. Please let us know what you think about this.** Proposed by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. DEW – Strongly Disagree with a Mayoral Combined Authority.
- c. **In the future it may be possible to combine the position of Directly Elected Mayor for Greater Lincolnshire with the role of Police and Crime Commissioner. This would require the Government to make a change in the legislation, as explained on the webpage where you accessed this consultation. Would you support combining the roles?** Proposed by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. LMS – Strongly Disagree with combining the roles.
- d. **We should continue to pursue these extra powers and funding for the Greater Lincolnshire**

area. Proposed by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. DEW – Agree.

- e. **The ten Councils should be looking to work together to prioritise and deliver these activities (economic growth, infrastructure and housing) across the Greater Lincolnshire area.**

Proposed by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO – Agree.

- f. **We should be pursuing further funding (in addition to that within the proposed Devolution Deal) for economic growth, infrastructure and housing, as a priority for Greater Lincolnshire.** Proposed by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. FWPT – Strongly Agree.

- g. **If there is anything you think we need to consider in respect of a Mayoral Combined Authority with a Directly Elected Mayor or our Scheme generally or any other comments you would like to make, please do so in the box below:** Questionnaire leading and document unfair.

**136. Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 9.16pm.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Draft For Approval