

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2018**

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

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), D. Hobson (DH), 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), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. J. Speed (JS), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), L.M. Stephenson (LMS) and J. Garrett (JG),

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and 2 members of the public were also present.

Members of the public spoke in the public forum, as follows:

- Two ladies spoke on planning application N/105/01436/18 both expressed concerns that this might be a site of archaeological interest and they explained their objections.

137. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. JG, Mrs. DB and Mrs. JS.

The Chairman informed Councillors that the last time Cllr. Mrs. JS had attended a Council meeting was on 20th February 2018. As per legislation laid out in the Local Government Act 1972, Section 85 this meant that on 20th August she would not have attended a Town Council meeting for 6 months and after that point she would be disqualified. Council discussed the situation and following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that no action should be taken by the Town Council.

138. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

No declarations of interest were made

139. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 31st July 2018.

140. Closed Session Item

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO 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 personally confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matters:

- a. To receive a report from the Personnel Committee, the information relating to staff being of a confidential nature and resolve upon the appointment of Town Clerk's Assistant.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. DJEH it was **RESOLVED** that the Personnel Committee be given delegated authority to offer the position of Town Clerk's Assistant to their first choice candidate and if that person did not accept, offer it to their second and/or third choices, as required (all subject to satisfactory references). Candidates to be requested to start on Monday 3rd September.

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

141. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting of Louth Town Council would take place on 25th September 2018.

The Meeting Closed at 7.29pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____