

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2016**

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

Councillors: C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), 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. S. Crew (SC) and D. Hobson (DH)

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

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. DJEH should act as Vice Chair for the meeting.

160. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC) and D. Hobson (DH).

161. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

162. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were received:

- a. Cllr. CG – agenda items 9 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- b. Cllr. RJ – agenda items 9 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. FWPT – agenda items 9 and 14 – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 9, 14 and 18 – as a member of ELDC.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC.

163. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. DJEH it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Committee that the notes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2016 be approved as the minutes with the following amendment to the preamble of Minute 135 as follows: To read: The following responses were resolved upon at each point to be submitted before the closing date of 8th August 2016: To delete: ~~Following a proposal by Cllr. , seconded by Cllr. it was RESOLVED by vote of the Council to submit the following responses to the consultation:~~

104. Committee Minutes

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

- a. Planning Committee – 28th June 2016 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. AL.
- b. Planning Committee – 12th July 2016 – proposed by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. AL.
- c. Community Resources – 28th June 2016 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. DT.

164. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk reported, for Councillors information, that the Astroturf lease would need to be approved at an extraordinary Town Council meeting on 13th September.

165. Correspondence

The Council noted and resolved on the following:

a. Stocks

- i. That a thank you letter had been received for raising the subject from the original correspondent.
- ii. That a member of the public had suggested that a suitable location for some stocks would be outside the museum.
- iii. That opinions had been voiced to the effect that the stocks would not be original and it would therefore not be appropriate to have a new set made. Further that they would be an attraction for the wrong reasons and a target for anti-social behaviour.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Al, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the subject should not be progressed any further.

- b. **Red Lines** – from sender's own observations - request that red lining is considered for a length of the Market Place (Clintons Cards to Fish Shambles) to stop vehicles parking using disabled parking badges which block large vehicles and subsequently all traffic flow. Following a proposal by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to LCC seeking their opinion on the use of chevrons or red lining in this area.

166. Publications

The Council noted that the following had been received and was available from the office:

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct July 2016

167. ELDC Car Parking Policy Review

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that the Council's corporate response for a tailored car parking provision for Louth should be that: best case scenario, the car parks all be made free. Worst case scenario, the car parks all are free for the first four hours of someone's stay. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. AL it was also **RESOLVED** that residents parking schemes and improved directional signs for the car parks should be looked into.

168. Street Lighting Maintenance

The Council noted the response received from LCC (below) regarding Street Lighting Maintenance:

It is the case that our normal repair service has been put on hold whilst LCC deliver the Transformation Project.

This project entails the replacement of up to 17,000 high level lanterns with LEDs and the fitting of up to 40,000 photocells in the low level lanterns to enable part night lighting where it has been identified as suitable.

However we are looking to pull in as many repairs as we can when the Contractor is in the area.

For instance our programme shows that Louth is due to be visited within August/September for the fitting of the photocells and we will look to try and pull in a few outstanding repairs whilst we are there.

LCC appreciate the patience of all residents and local councils and hope that you understand this unprecedented pull on our resources this financial year. We are very hopeful that come April 2017 we can revert back to our normal service - although we accept that there will be a backlog.

We do retain a crew for dealing with street lighting emergencies as and when they occur.

Subject raised by Cllr JMS in Public Forum 2/8/16.

169. Breakneck Lane

The Council considered a proposal put forward by Cllr. JMS to request LCC to repair the footpath on Breakneck Lane which, she reports, already has an adverse camber and is breaking up. In her opinion, if it is not soon rectified it will be unusable come winter and this road only has a footpath on one side. LCC have confirmed that this is not on their planned maintenance programme for 2016/17. It was agreed that in this instance the proper protocol to follow should be that the issue be reported to the County Councillor for the area, Cllr. Hough. Cllr. Mrs. JMS agreed that she would pass the issue on and if no report back or action had been received / taken in one month she would bring the issue back to LTC.

170. Kenwick Top Signage

Cllr JMS proposed that Louth Town Council request that LCC Road Safety Partnership re-examines the signage at Kenwick Top following a serious accident and that a speed sign is erected on Ugate to address residents' concerns. It was agreed that Cllr. JMS should report her concerns for this out of parish area to the LCC Wolds Area Councillor and the Town Clerk assured Cllr. JMS that reactive signs would be rotated around the town and one would be placed on Ugate as a priority when they were received.

171. Anglian Water

Following a proposal by Cllr. LMS, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** that a representative from Anglian Water should be invited to meet with the Council to answer challenges regarding current issues and future infrastructure requirements in Louth such as: Water supply to Fulmer Drive, pressure for fire brigade, issues revolving around new properties being built in Louth, how they look at planning applications and what they look for, how are they going to keep fresh water supplied in the future?

172. ELDC Green Waste Consultation

Following a proposal by Cllr. GEH, seconded by Cllr. ML it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should support Option 5 of ELDC's Green Waste Consultation and propose that no change should be made to the charge levied for collections and there should be reduced collections from mid-November to the end of March.

173. Lincolnshire Wolds Management Plan

The Council discussed providing corporate feedback on the future management of Lincolnshire Wolds. Questionnaire available to view at <http://www.lincswolds.org.uk>. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should comment that they do a really good job; the staff are very enthusiastic, and that the Town Council supports their future plan.

174. Walkers are Welcome.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. SC should attend the above national conference on behalf of Louth Town Council, at a cost of £35, taking place in Horncastle on 16th October 2016.

175. LALC AGM

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. SC should attend the LALC AGM on behalf of Louth Town Council, to be held on Tuesday 18th October 2016 from 5 – 9pm at Waddington Village Hall at a cost of £10 per delegate. Keynote Speaker will be from Globe Consultants on Planning Issues and Neighbourhood Plans.

176. Request for Rate Relief

Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should support a request for rate relief from Generations Church (formerly Louth Christian Fellowship) for rooms in Cannon Street House and the Town Clerk was duly authorised to sign said form on its behalf.

177. Temporary Traffic Restrictions

The Council noted that the following had been issued:

- a. TRIIO/Mervyn Lambert Plant – Northgate Lane (Middlesykes Lane to Tinkle Street) – 12/9/16 to 15/9/16.
- b. Town Centre Streets – Victorian Fayre 11/09/16 and Christmas Market 27/11/16, temporary taxi rank on Aswell Street.

178. Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was a Robed Town Council on 18th October 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 10.04pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____

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