

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

Councillors: Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), 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), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing

Councillors not present: F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT)

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

A lady spoke in the public forum about the spring that runs through her garden in the Gatherums which has suddenly dried up. She was asked to keep the council updated following responses from ELDC.

179. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) and D. Turner (DT) who would be late arriving.

180. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman announced that Cllr. DH had donated a large framed photograph (taken by him) of her Civic Sunday showing those present standing outside of St. James' Church. She thanked him for his generosity, kindness and the effort expended on behalf of herself and the Council.

181. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

The following declarations of interest were received:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC or Magna Vitae – as a member of ELDC and a director of Magna Vitae.
- b. Cllrs. CG and RJ – agenda item 9b – as members of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. AL – agenda item 12 – as the Chairman of the Hubbard's Hills Group.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. EB – agenda item 9 – as a committee member of Louth Sports Association.

Cllr. DT arrived at 7.33pm.

182. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Committee that the notes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2016 be approved as the minutes.

183. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk reported that the police had confirmed that they had been unable to trace the driver of the car which had damaged several memorials in London Road Cemetery and would be unable to progress the matter any further. She further confirmed that the police would be selling the car and the proceeds would be used to cover the storage costs. Finally, the Town Clerk reported that she had been unable to trace the owners of one of the damaged headstones and this remained in a state of disrepair. She informed Councillors that she would bring this back to a future meeting for discussion about the way forward.

184. Publications Received

The Council noted that the following publications had been received and were available to view from the office:

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct September 2016
- b. LALC No 159 (circulated electronically) including Annual Report for AGM.

185. Correspondence

The Council noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. Community Lincs AGM and Rural Future Questions Wednesday 21st September 2016, Washingborough Community Centre 6.45pm – 9.00pm. It was agreed that Cllr. DT (if possible) and Mrs. JMS should attend, as no travel costs would be incurred by them.

186. Councillor Vacancy Election

The Town Clerk confirmed that the election to fill the Trinity Ward vacancy would take place on 6th October and there were two candidates.

187. Lease of Astro turf Site

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the Council agreed to the signing of the following documents:

- a. Deed of Surrender of Lease with Louth Sports Association
- b. New Lease with Magna Vitae

Further, following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. LMS it was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. EB and DEW should sign the documents and that the Town Clerk should witness them.

188. Electoral Review Lincolnshire

The Council noted that the final recommendation from the Local Government Boundary Commission had been published and would be implemented by LCC, subject to Parliamentary Scrutiny, for local elections in 2017. It was also noted that a questionnaire was available online for personal comments regarding the process that had been followed.

189. Salt Bin Request

Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. LHW it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should support a request from a local resident to re-site a salt bin on Priory Road as leaching salt is killing a hedge. It was also noted that the salt bin on Love Lane required righted after being tipped over by work men.

190. Queens 90th Birthday

Following a proposal by Cllr. GEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that an Oak tree should be purchased as connotations of longevity and strength could be derived from the species, befitting the commemoration of the 90th Birthday of the Queen

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Oak should be planted in Hubbard's Hills in a position recommended by Cllr. AL (the Chairman of the Hubbard's Hills Group), this being in the field on the west side of Hubbard's Hills on the grassy bank to replace a magnificent beech tree which had fallen. It was agreed that Councillors would peruse the location and this would be brought back to Council for ratification on 18th October.

191. Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled Robed Town Council Meeting was Tuesday 18th October 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.13pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____