

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROBED TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2016**

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

Councillors: Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), 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), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. S. Crew (SC) and D. Turner (DT)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, The Mayor's Serjeant, Mr. G. Darnell, The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend N. Brown and four members of the public were also present.

Members of public spoke in the Public Forum, as follows:

- A lady reported her concerns and objections to the Former Julian Bower Playing Field planning application and in particular she directed Councillors to the ELDC web site where the Council for British Archaeology have agreed that it is an archaeological site and that the date of construction of the platform is not established by archaeology and that they say it needs to be, historic England says her research clearly emphasized that her research clearly indicates that this could be a site of high historic national importance but without a thorough and systematic survey that potential could not be fully realised. She challenged the accuracy of the developer led survey and reported that her independent archaeological advisers say that it needs very careful and subtle exploration which would not be possible through a watching brief. It would be possible through fund raising for a community led survey if planning permission is refused and/or the land is acquired for the community through the current application to list it as an asset of community value. She drew Councillors attention to the timeline she had drawn up and opined that the other submission on the ELDC website was non sequitur.
- A lady spoke about the Former Julian Bower Playing Field planning application and her objections. She was concerned about the flooding risk and was disappointed by the ELDC response to her email which lacked rigor. urged Councillors (before considering the application again) to read the two chapters of her book (circulated on email via the Town Clerk) which support the extremely high potential of the site being of supreme national historical importance and gave full details of inadequacies and inaccuracies of the Allan Archeology Survey supervised by LCC. She further reported that should the proposed development take place the best view, in Louth, of St. James' Church would be obliterated. She urged Councillors not to support the planning application, when the time came.

242. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors SC and DT.

243. Election Results

The Chairman welcomed newly elected Councillor, Julie Speed.

244. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor apprised Councillors of some of the events that she had attended including the Hull Degree Ceremony, the Dolphins 30th Birthday celebration, 2 school prize giving ceremonies and sadly, the funeral of an ex. Mayor's wife, Mrs. Christine Dean. She also reported that another ex. Mayor's wife, Mrs. Geraldine Robertson was very ill in hospital in Scotland. It was agreed that a card should be sent.

245. Chairman's Remarks

The Mayor reported that on 19th September the LCC Executive Committee members for Transport and Highways had signed off proposals to cease grass cutting in towns. She also confirmed that the police involvement in the Remembrance parade would terminate at the Church. She opined that we should work with them for next year and fund part of the parade to ensure it goes both ways.

246. **Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were received:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC– as a member of ELDC and item 13 – as an LCC Trustee of KEVIGS Almshouses.
- b. Cllr. Mrs. MO – agenda item 13 – as a trustee of the KEVIGS Almshouses.
- c. Cllr. CG – agenda item 9ai and ii – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. SEL – agenda item 13 – as the newly appointed Deputy Warden of the KEVIGS Almshouses.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda item 9ai and ii – as a member of ELDC and 10 – as a member of the Hubbard’s Hills Trust.
- f. Cllr. AL – agenda item 10 – as a member of the Hubbard’s Hills Trust.
- g. Cllr. RJ – agenda item 9ai and ii – as a member of ELDC.

247. **Council Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. P.F. Watson, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Council that the notes of the meeting held on 27th September 2016 be approved as the minutes.

248. **Committee Minutes**

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

- a. Planning Committee – 2nd August 2016 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. LMS.
- b. Planning Committee – 23rd August 2016 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.
- c. Planning Committee – 13th September 2016 – proposed by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.
- d. Governance and Finance Committee – 28th June 2016 – proposed by Cllr. FWPT, seconded by Cllr. DEW.
- e. Community Resources – 2nd August 2016 – proposed by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL.

249. **Town Clerk’s Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk reported that the Panorama would be rehung on Thursday 20th October. She also asked for Councillors feedback on the new way of copying/presenting the agenda that had been tried.

250. **Correspondence Received**

The Council noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. Town and Parish Newsletter issued 29/09/2016
 - i. Footway Lighting – ‘where councils did respond to tell us they didn’t consider footway lights important to their area’ further discussions before any upgrade takes place.
 - ii. East Lindsey Economic Action Plan issued 19/09/2016
 - iii. High Sheriff of Lincolnshire’s Award 2016-17 submissions of nominations close 21/01/17 (forms in foyer).

251. **Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday Tree**

Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Hubbard’s Hills Trust should purchase an Oak tree to be sited on the higher piece of grass land to the left of the hut which is diagonally opposite the Pahud Memorial. Cost of tree to be no more than £500 plus VAT. Cllr. AL reiterated that there is no guarantee that any tree will survive.

252. **S137 Grants.**

Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. LMS the Council approved the commencement of the S137 Grants process for 2016/17.

253. Budgets

The Council received a Budget Working paper with current budget, month 5 expenditure to date and full year projection prepared by the Town Clerk (and Responsible Financial Officer). Following discussions regarding each account line it was agreed to carry forward unspent funds from 2016/17 for Newsletter and Hospitality and not to precept for 2017/18 and in addition to increase the Mayors Allowance and Mayor's Serjeant's expenses by £150 and £50 respectively. It was also agreed that a new fund of £600 should be created to assist the British Legion with Remembrance Day 2017 expenses. The proposed precept / budget would be combined with other Committees and considered by Governance and Finance on 29th November 2016 before being brought back for ratification by the Full Council on or before 17th January 2017.

254. Trustee Nomination.

Following a proposal by Cllr. GEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. PFW it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs. EB should be a Town Council nominated Trustee for King Edward VI Almshouse, School and Educational Charity.

255. Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 13th December 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.57pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____