

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2016**

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

Councillors: 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), 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), D. Turner (DT), D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. D. Blakey (DB) and Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley and her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips were also present.

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

- Cllr. Mrs. S.E. Locking had visited former Mayor's wife, Mrs. G. Robertson in hospital in Grimsby and reported that she was on the mend and sent her thanks for the Council's card. She also reported that she had attended the planning consultation meeting at the Town Hall that afternoon.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reminded those present that it would be Small Business Saturday on Saturday 3rd December and parking in all ELDC Car Parks would be free. She also reported that Love Lincolnshire Wolds 'Destination Management Plan' had been launched. She suggested that someone from ELDC be invited to speak to the Council on it. Finally, she said that a new Monitoring Officer would be starting at ELDC in the New Year.
- Cllr. AL said that he had received many reports that the town's Christmas Market had been a great success and trade had been boosted both in the shops and on the stalls.

305. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. DB and Mrs. PFW.

306. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that she had unofficially opened the Flood Alleviation Scheme on 28th November and that it was now in operation. She said that it would be officially opened in May 2017. The Town Clerk reminded Councillors that when the project was officially complete the Town Council would be expected to pay their contribution to the flood funding for the year.

Councillor GEH apologised to the Council for his outburst at the previous meeting saying he had let himself down.

307. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. MO – Agenda item 8 – as a Town Council Representative on the Trust
- b. Cllr. CG – Agenda items 11, 12 and 15 – as a member of ELDC
- c. Cllr. DEW – Agenda item 8 – as a Town Council Representative on the Trust
- d. Cllr. Mrs. SEL – Agenda item 8 – as a Town Council Representative on the Trust
- e. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – Agenda items 7c, 11, 12, 13, 15 – as a member of ELDC and agenda item 8 – as a Town Council Representative
- f. Cllr. FWPT – Agenda items 11, 12, 15 – as a member of ELDC.
- g. Cllr. RJ – Agenda items 7c, 11, 12, 15 – as a member of ELDC.

308. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 18th October 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

- 309. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding**
The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.
- 310. Publications Received**
The Council noted that the following publication had been received:
a. Clerks and Councils Direct November 2016
- 311. Temporary Traffic Restriction**
The Council noted that the following had been received:
a. Lee Street 28/11/16 – 1/12/16 essential maintenance work
b. Town Centre Roads 06.00 – 18.00hrs 27/11/16 Christmas Market and Event
c. Market Place / Butcher Lane / Cornmarket / The Shambles 18/12/16 Sunday Winter Market
- 312. Trustee Nomination**
Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. Mrs. MO and DEW should continue acting as Trustees for Louth United Charities on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr. LMS abstained from voting.
- 313. Lincolnshire Pension Fund**
Following a proposal by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. JMS it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to complete the Pensions Fund Declaration using the confirmed employers contribution rate of 21.6%.
- 314. Lincolnshire Voices of the Great War**
Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should make enquiries regarding making a request to the Memories and Memorials Project for use of their 'Lincolnshire Voices of the Great War' exhibition at The Sessions House.
- 315. ELDC Transformation Programme – Footway Lighting**
Cllrs. RJ and DJEH declared an interest in this item as residents of The Gatherums an area likely to be affected by any footway lighting removal.
Following a proposal by Cllr. JG, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should respond to a request from ELDC regarding their Transformation Programme – Footway Lighting choosing option a) Retain all ELDC footway lighting within the parish from the three options provided by ELDC.
- 316. BT Payphone Removal**
Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should respond in agreement to a BT proposal (via ELDC) to remove payphones at:
a. Junction Kenwick Road / Legbourne Road (2 calls in last year)
b. Chatsworth Drive (13 call in last year)
- 317. Business Rate Relief**
Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should support an application by Barnardo's at Unit 10 (10,10a, 10b, and 10c) Meridian House, Eastgate for Business Rate Relief.
- 318. LCC Consultations**
The Council noted that responses were required to the following consultations from LCC:
a. Lincolnshire School Admissions www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation
b. Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste
It was agreed that Councillors would peruse the consultation documents and submit their thoughts to the Town Council for compilation of a corporate response by the Town Clerk for ratification on 13th December.

319. ELDC Consultation

The Council received Consultation papers for East Lindsey District Council Local Plan Publication Version. They noted that ELDC was inviting formal representations on the legal compliance and soundness of the document by 5pm 25th January 2016. It was agreed that Councillors would peruse the document and submit their thoughts to the Town Clerk for compilation into a corporate response for ratification on 17th January 2016.

320. Next Meeting

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Tuesday 13th December 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.14pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____

Draft For Approval