MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ON
THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019 AT 7.00pm

Present: Councillor C R Jackling (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: S Barker-Milan, P Johnson, K Sampson, R Lovett, C Briggs, N Blanchard, F W Lee,
G Edwards, J Charters, Mrs J Charters, M Rodgers, B Sellers, G Killingsworth,
S Roe

Dr M Thompson (LCC) C Talbot (LCC)

In Attendance: Clerk to the Committee: Mrs S Green (Town Clerk), Mrs R Brown (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS GIVEN**

   Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Lovett

   To accept reasons for absence received from: Cllr Little, Rigby and Dillon

   Unanimous

2. **RECEIPT OF ANY DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

   Councillors were reminded that under the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011, a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest of which they are aware in a matter who attends a meeting of the Council at which the matter is considered must disclose and withdraw from the room.

   There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. **NOTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th MAY 2019 TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES**

   Cllr Jackling requested that the minutes be amended to remove "Cllr Jackling offered his services as Deputy Mayor" as he had been nominated by Cllr Johnson.

   Proposed by Cllr Jackling, seconded by Cllr Sampson

   The Annual Town Council minutes dated Thursday 9th May 2019, as amended, be approved as a true record of minutes

   Unanimous

4. **CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS ITEMS**

   The Clerk read a thank you card that had been received from Elaine Preece, the previous Town Clerk. She also advised that the Council had been invited to the 3rd Annual Resilient Communities Conference, run by Lincolnshire County Council’s Emergency Planning Services. This is taking place on 18th July 2019 in Grantham. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS**

   As the Council is still within a period of Purdah for the European Elections, it was not appropriate for the County Councillors to speak at this meeting.

6. **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES DEMOLITION**

   Following the decision of the Town Council to close the public conveniences, the Clerk has been obtaining quotes for the demolition of the building. These will go to Estates and Operations Committee for their consideration. The Town Council was asked to consider what they wished to happen to the area that would be created by the demolition – whether it should be concreted, grassed or tarmaced. There would need to be some works undertaken with regard to the transfer of services that are currently located in the building. There were some discussions about whether the building should be demolished or kept for storage, though there would be an annual Council Tax liability which currently stands at £2,500. It was felt that perhaps there might be a change of mind in the future regarding public toilets as some members of the community could become housebound if no provision of toilets

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was made, and as such, if we kept the building then we could respond to this issue in the future. The legislation that has been proposed regarding the cancelling of Council Tax liability on public toilets has, as yet, not gone through its parliamentary process.

7.10pm Cllr Roe joined the meeting

7. FORMAT OF PUBLIC FORUM WITHIN MEETINGS
There was some discussion regarding whether the District and County Councillors reports could be included in the public forum section of the meeting, and whether the timings of the meeting should be adjusted accordingly such that the public forum starts at 7pm and the meeting started at 7.15pm.

AGREED
Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Briggs
to refer this matter to Finance & Policy Committee for consideration
Unanimous

8. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE VACANCIES
Cllr Rodgers had expressed an interest in Community, Estates & Operations and Personnel Sub-Committee
Cllr Sellers had expressed an interest in Estates & Operations, Hykeham Planning and Finance & Policy Committees and Business Sub Committee.
Cllr Mrs J Charters had expressed an interest in Community and Estates & Operations Committees

AGREED
Proposed by Cllr Roe, seconded by Cllr Johnson
to appoint Cllrs Rodgers, Sellers and Mrs J Charters to the Committees and Sub Committees as stated above.
Unanimous

7.20pm Cllr Talbot left the meeting

9. TIME FRAME FOR COMMENCEMENT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Cllr Charters advised that this will be a working party not a subcommittee. Due to current staff shortages in the office, this working party could not start until maybe July, but it was his hope that this process could be completed within 3 months, prior to the start of the next precept review.

7.23pm Cllr Thompson left the meeting

10. The Council resolved to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential item.

AGREED
Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Barker-Milan
to move into closed session.
Unanimous

11. PERSONNEL MATTERS
The meeting moved into CLOSED SESSION at 7.23pm

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