

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ON
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00pm**

Present: Councillor E Rigby (Mayor)

Councillors: Mrs J Charters J Charters F W Lee R Little S Roe G Edwards
S Barker-Milan P Johnson K Sampson N Blanchard C R Jackling

Dr M Thompson (LCC)

In Attendance: Clerk to the Committee: Mrs R Brown (Deputy Town Clerk) Mrs W Skelton
(Assistant Clerk)
2 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS GIVEN

RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr Dillon, seconded by Cllr Lovett
To accept reasons for absence received from: Cllrs Sellars, Lovett,
Killingsworth, Dillon & Briggs, also Mrs Whittaker (NKDC), Mrs Talbot
(LCC)
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. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Thompson advised that there is a new County Website which is becoming fully operational in November/December. Currently there is access on pre-lincolnshire.gov.uk. It will be a more streamline website which will include Direct payment facilities. Feedback on the new site is welcomed. Cllr Thompson also advised that the TRO for Weaver Road has gone out for consultation. If it is approved he is not sure whether all the cars will now park, but it will ease the problems on the road. Cllr Little advised that there has been an initial response from LCC about the TRO request for Water Lane, that has been processed by Cllr Talbot, that County do not feel there is a need as they feel there is sufficient space for two cars to pass. This will be looked at further by Cllr Little. Cllr Roe advised that County has approved £762m contracts with Balfour Beatty for highways, Colas for traffic signals and DWSP UK Design services. A resident has applied for a TRO for Boundary Lane and a 30mph limit will now be applied to just passed Cedar Park. The Senior Citizens event had been well attended and people had been very interested in the North Hykeham Relief Road. The Steel beams are being put in place over the Witham and the anticipated completion date of May 2020 for the Eastern Bypass looks to be possible. On 5th September 2019 the millionth tonne of waste went through the Waste to Energy plant. Disabled blue badges are now available for hidden disabilities. PCSO Penny Lyndon retired today after 32.5 years of service. She was a superb PCSO and was always very fair. The Council wished to record a note of thanks for all her hard work. It is unlikely she will be replaced as the training for a PCSO is the same as for a regular Police Officer. There are 108 more police officers to be trained. With regard to the North Hykeham Relief Road, there is confidence that the funding will be in place next April.

Cllr Thompson left the meeting

Cllr Lee requested that Cllr Roe speak to County regarding the state of the Asda roundabout. Cllr Barker Milan advised she had been to a Roadshow celebrating 100 years of Council Housing. She is also on the Health Scrutiny Panel. Cllr Little advised that in the first 7 months of the year NKDC had received £800,000 of developers S106 monies. Cllr Roe advised that there is a trial for dry paper and cardboard recycling going to take place. A fly tipper had been fined £940. The Boundary Commission is looking at the Ward boundaries and Cllr Roe is proposing that South Hykeham is joined with North Hykeham rather than with Aourn and Bassingham. Grinter House is being redeveloped and extended and the age restrictions are being removed. The current residents have priority 1 on the Council House List.

4. NOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JULY 2019 TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Little

The notes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2019 be approved as a true record of minutes.

Unanimous by those in attendance on 25.07.19

5. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

The Chairman advised that he'd met with Hykeham Tigers. It was a very good meeting and they confirmed their ongoing wish to remain on Council pitches and maybe explore other options. There had been another meeting with Richard Johnston, Chair of the Twinning Committee. He had given an update on the Eurofest meeting in Denzlingen and handed over gifts from the group of Twinned Towns. The Chairman had opened the Butchers shop at the Forum. On 6th September, the Chairman had attended a Senior Citizens Fair at the Ark. It was very well supported and informative. On 14th September, the Councillors Clinic at Fen Lane had two special guests – Marc Jones, Police & Crimer Commissioner, and Dr Caroline Johnson MP. The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Stephen Roe for organising the event. On 20th September Cllr Rigby and his wife were delighted to attend, as a guest of Group Captain T Burke, Station Commander at RAF Waddington, for the Annual Formal Reception and Sunset Ceremony. It was an excellent evening. The RAF Officers were a tribute to their profession, and there was delightful fly past by a Spitfire. Finally, the Chairman advised that he is trying to research and arrange a plaque for a WW2 Bomber from Waddington, which crashed at NK School, with the death of 4 crewmen.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS ITEMS

The Clerk raised the issue of the Noticeboards in the town and whether the Councillors wish to continue with the responsibility of keeping them updated, or whether we need to change this. Cllr Barker Milan advised that she is moving and so will not be able to be responsible for Mill Lane Noticeboard. The Clerk will contact the members who have responsibility for the different Noticeboards to see whether they wish to continue.

7. CEMETERY APPEAL

The Mayor read out an appeal for an interment in the Town Cemetery. He outlined the appeal circumstance and advised of his support for the appeal to be granted.

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Rigby, seconded by Cllr Lee

that the Cemetery Appeal be granted on the basis of the close family connection to North Hykeham and the fact that their best friend is buried in the Cemetery already.

10 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against

2 members of the public left the meeting at this point

8. RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE NEW COMMUNITY HUB – REVENUE GRANT AGREEMENT COMMENCING 20.10.19

Cllr Charters advised that this is the new agreement regarding the library at the Hub and that F&P had recommended that it be accepted.

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Little
to accept the new Community Hub – Revenue Grant Agreement
commencing 20.10.19
Unanimous

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW PHONE AND BROADBAND CONTRACT WITH BT INCLUDING REPLACEMENT LEASE WITH SHIRE LEASING COMPANY SUBJECT TO FORMAL AGREEMENT RECEIVED

Cllr Charters advised that the formal agreement had only just been received and needed to be checked and agreed before it could be brought to full council, so this matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Cllr Charters advised that the Working Party had not yet met, but the plan was for this to happen next month. He requested that Members submit ideas of what the Council could be spending money on, recognizing that Hykeham is going to grow substantially over the next few years.

11. ANNUAL REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr Charters advised that the Working Party had not yet met to look at the amendments that need to be made.

12. PRECEPT 2020/21

Cllr Charters advised that F&P had started looking at this and it was felt that as we currently have fairly healthy reserves that any increase in precept will be kept fairly low. But this is subject to the Strategic Plan as this could have an impact on what is in the precept. Cllr Roe advised that he was planning on a Councillors’ surgery being held in January with a focus on the precept so residents could ask questions. The Precept has to be submitted in January, so this may be a discussion on figures already decided on.

Cllr Rigby declared a non-registerable interest in items 14 and 15, the interest is of a personal and sensitive nature, and left the meeting at this point.

14. 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 confidential items

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Barker-Milan
To move into closed session for confidential items 14 and 15.
Unanimous

15. NOTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JULY 2019 TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES

16. PERSONNEL MATTERS

The meeting moved into CLOSED SESSION at 19.45

ACTIONS

Action	By whom	By When	Completed
Advice applicant of Cemetery Appeal of outcome	Town Clerk		27.9.19
Review BT contract	Town Clerk & F&P	Next meeting	

Strategic Planning WP meeting	Cllrs Charters, Barker-Milan & Little	End October	
Meeting of SO & FR WP for Annual Review	Cllrs: Charters, Rigby, Dillon & Killingsworth	On-going	
HPC to pursue land off Station Road and report back financial implications to TC	HPC	On-going	

