MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 18th May 2015

Present: Cllr A Howard (in the Chair item 1 only)
G Cullen (in the Chair items 2-16 (all except item 12))
Mrs J Taylor (Vice-Chairman in the Chair, item 12 only)

Cllrs T Brown	Mrs J Cook	R Dawes
B Dobbs	T Mee	D Mellor
Mrs M Morgan	S Palmer	Ms H Parkhurst
K Pinion	Mrs D Russell	C Sweeney
C Tebbutt		

Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk) Mrs S Archibald (Assistant to Town Clerk)

Absent: Cllr D Morling

16 members of the public
Reverend P Liley

1. **TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN/TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The retiring Mayor occupied the Chair for nominations for the appointment of Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr T Mee proposed that Cllr G Cullen be elected Chairman/Mayor for the forthcoming civic year.

Cllr Mrs J Taylor seconded the proposal.
It was therefore
Resolved: That Cllr G Cullen be elected Chairman/Mayor for the ensuing year.

2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF MABLETHORPE & SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Cllr G Cullen signed the formal declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman/Mayor, which was countersigned by the Town Clerk as Proper Officer of the Council.

The chain of office was passed from Cllr A Howard to Cllr G Cullen with congratulations, and the Consort's chain was passed from Mrs June Howard to Mr David Wilkinson.

A gift of flowers was made on behalf of the Town Council to the retiring Mayoress and a small gift was given to the outgoing Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor gave his congratulations to the new Mayor and thanked both Cllr Cullen and Mr Wilkinson for their support as deputy Mayor and consort during his mayoral year.

He also wished to thank all those who had supported his charity; those groups who had made him and the Mayoress so welcome at all events; the organisations that had participated in his Civic Service; Rev. Peter Liley and all the religious groups that had participated in prayers at meetings and thanks to all past mayors. Gifts were presented by the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress to the Town Clerk and his assistant for their help and support.

The incoming Mayor added his thanks to the outgoing Mayor and announced that his mayoral charities would be Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe) and the Seal Sanctuary.

3. **TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN/ DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Cllr K Pinion proposed Cllr Mrs J Taylor for the position of Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Mrs J Cook seconded the proposal.
It was therefore
Resolved: That Cllr Mrs J Taylor be appointed Vice Chairman/ Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr Mrs J Taylor addressed the meeting, thanking fellow councillors for affording her the honour of becoming Deputy Mayor and congratulating the newly elected Mayor. She accepted her chain of office.

4. **TO RECEIVE SIGNED DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FROM ALL COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk confirmed that signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office had been received from all Councillors. This item was for information only.

5. **PUBLIC FORUM**

It was
Resolved: That the meeting be suspended for a short while to allow for questions in a public forum

A local resident wished to thank the outgoing Mayor and welcome the new Mayor to office.

Rats were reported on Aubrey Parker Close.

Concern was raised over market traders possibly leaving refuse at the market. The Town Clerk undertook to immediately raise this issue with traders.

In the absence of any further comments, the meeting was reopened and prayers were led by Reverend Peter Liley.

6. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

Cllr A Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to orders for payment.
Cllrs Mrs M Morgan, Ms H Parkhurst and C Tebbutt each wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 13 as two of the candidates for co-option were well known to them.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That Members be appointed to Committees as detailed in Appendix A attached.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE ON WORKING GROUPS/TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That Members be appointed to serve on Working Groups/Task and Finish Groups of the Council, as detailed in Appendix A attached.

9. REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That Members be appointed to serve as Representatives on Outside Bodies, as detailed in Appendix A attached.

10. MINUTES OF MEETING – 27th APRIL 2015

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the official minutes of meeting held on 27th April 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the following committee be approved:
Planning Committee of 5th May 2015.

12. TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE FOR CIVIC YEAR 2014/15

Cllr G Cullen having declared a pecuniary interest as recipient, left the meeting.

Cllr Mrs J Taylor took the Chair. It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Mayor's allowance in the sum of £2,300 as set out in the budget be agreed.

13. CO-OPTION TO FILL TWO VACANT SEATS ON THE COUNCIL

The Town Clerk advised that there were three candidates to be considered for co-option. He further advised that there was no pecuniary interest with regard to any family member, as there was no allowance made to co-opted Members.

It was proposed and seconded

(a) That two candidates were not co-opted from the three candidates standing tonight but that the co-option process be opened up to a wider audience;

and it was further proposed and seconded

(b) that the Town Council only considered interested candidates who had gone through the election process and that two of the three candidates standing this evening be appointed to fill the current vacancies, which motion being put to the vote was declared **LOST**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That voting on proposal (a) was by secret ballot.

And was duly
Resolved: That the co-option process be opened up to a wider audience including those three candidates standing tonight.

Note: The Town Clerk undertook to immediately post notices of the vacancies to the website and notice boards.

14. ABUSIVE, PERSISTENT OR VEXATIOUS COMPLAINANTS POLICY

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints Policy, as presented, be approved.

15. MATTERS FOR GENERAL INTEREST AND NOTING ONLY, OR FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA

All were reminded of the Annual Town Meeting due to be held on Tuesday 26th May 2015.

Concern was raised over the closing of a footpath off George Street, and the Town Clerk advised that the Town Council had no power to intervene in this matter.

Cllr S Palmer wished the seating arrangements in the Council chamber to once again be reconsidered.

16. TO AUTHORISE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR APRIL 2015

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That orders for payment made to the sum of £7726.90 in April 2015 be authorised; and
(b) that income for April 2015 in the sum of £120,692.55 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.01 p.m.