MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 7th September 2015

Present: Cllr G Cullen (in the Chair)(except items 8 and 9)

Cllrs T Brown, J Carter (except item 13), Mrs J Cook (except item 9), R Dawes, B Dobbs, R Hansford, A Howard (except item 8), T Mee, D Mellor, Mrs M Morgan, D Morling (except item 9), S Palmer, Ms H Parkhurst, K Pinion (except item 9), Mrs D Russell, C Sweeney (in the Chair, item 9 only), Mrs J Taylor (Vice-Chairman in the Chair, item 8 only) (and except item 9)

Absent: Cllr C Tebbutt

In attendance: Reverend Peter Liley
Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Archibald (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
PCSO Billy Spence (part)
9 members of the public

Prayers were led by Reverend Peter Liley.

A local resident wished to raise the issue of unkempt land at the end of The Strand, which seemed to no longer be being maintained by ELDC.

The matter of uneven slabs on footpaths on Seacroft Road and George Street, and on Knowle Street at its junction with Victoria Road, would be reported to LCC Highways.

A governor of Monks Dyke Tennyson College, present in the public area, urged the Council to oppose closure of the school.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 p.m.

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

Cllr G Cullen declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to agenda items 8 and 9 as a school governor and committee member, respectively. Cllr Cullen would leave the room during consideration of these items. Cllrs Mrs J Cook, D Morling, K Pinion and Mrs J Taylor each declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to agenda item 9 as members of the committee. They would leave the room during consideration of this item. Cllr T Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda items 9. Cllr J Carter declared a pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 13 and would leave the room during consideration of this item. Cllr A Howard declared non-pecuniary interests in relation to agenda items 6, 8 and 13 and would leave the room during consideration of item 8 as a member of the Mablethorpe Primary Academy Council.

47. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6TH JULY 2015 AND TO AUTHORISE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and
<u>Resolved:</u> That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6th July 2015 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

48. **<u>TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED</u>**

It was proposed, seconded and
<u>Resolved</u>: That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the following committees be approved:
(i) Planning Committee 29th June and 3rd August 2015
(ii) Community Amenities Committee 10th August 2015

49. **<u>TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, MEMBERS OF LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL, POLICE, TOWN COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS, REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK</u>**

The Council received various reports, both tabled and oral.

50. **<u>CCTV: UPDATED SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT</u>**

Members received the updated CCTV Service Level Agreement, and, following expressions of concern around the manner of its communication:-

It was proposed, seconded and
<u>Resolved</u>: (a) That the Town Council accepts the contract as stated;
(b) that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Leader of ELDC to voice the Council's concerns over the bullying tactics employed in its delivery; and
(c) that the Council considers how the existing cameras might be kept by this authority rather than allowed to be scrapped for parts.

51. **<u>RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRANTS WORKING GROUP (EVENT GRANTS)</u>**

The Town Clerk updated Members that all awaited information in respect of grant applications detailed in the schedule of proposed Event Grant awards had now been received.

It was proposed, seconded and
<u>Resolved</u>: That the recommendations of the Grants Working Group in respect of the first tranche of Event Grant awards, as presented, be approved.

<u>Note</u>: Cllr S Palmer wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Sutton on Sea First Residents' Association and Cllr G Cullen declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of MAP C-I-C. The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council were members of MAP C-I-C.

52. **<u>RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACRE GAP WORKING GROUP</u>**

It was proposed, seconded and
<u>Resolved</u>: (a) That the Outline Management Plan for Acre Gap, as presented, be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to submit the LNR Declaration to Natural England; and

(b) that an application for 105 native British trees from the Woodland Trust, to be placed at Acre Gap, with any surplus trees located elsewhere on Council-owned land, subject to further approval by the Council, be authorised.

Note: A vote of thanks is recorded to Paul Espin and Bev Philp for the work they have both put in to preparing the Outline Management Plan for Acre Gap.

53. **RESCISSION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTION**

The Chairman vacated the chair for consideration of this item and left the room.
The chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman.

At the meeting of the Town Council held on 6th July 2015:-

*"It was proposed and seconded that a sum of £600.00 be allocated from the community safety budget head 2015/16 in respect of a swimming subsidy to Mablethorpe Primary Academy, to be reviewed prior to next year's budget setting; which motion on being put to the vote was declared **LOST**"*
(minute 38, TC 6.7.15 refers)

In accordance with Standing Order 38(a), a special resolution, signed by twelve Members of the Council, has been received, which proposes that this decision be reviewed and the request for funding from Mablethorpe Primary Academy in respect of an annual swimming subsidy be reconsidered and granted in view of the receipt of additional information.

Members considered again the request by Mablethorpe Primary Academy in respect of a swimming subsidy.

It was proposed and seconded that a sum of £600.00 be allocated from the community safety budget head 2015/16 in respect of a swimming subsidy to Mablethorpe Primary Academy, to be reviewed prior to next year's budget setting.

Cllr Mrs J Taylor requested,(as per standing order 17) a recorded vote.

Votes for: Cllrs J Carter, T Mee, K Pinion, Mrs J Taylor

Votes Against: Cllrs T Brown, Mrs J Cook, R Dawes, B Dobbs, R Hansford, D Mellor, Mrs M Morgan, D Morling, S Palmer, Ms H Parkhurst, Mrs D Russell, C Sweeney.

There were no abstentions.
Which motion, on being put to the vote was declared **LOST**.

54. **MABLETHORPE COMMUNITY HALL**

The Chairman vacated the chair for consideration of this item. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the chair was occupied by Cllr C Sweeney.

Members considered the detailed recommendations of the Council Properties Working Group with regard to immediate and future necessary repairs and renewals.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That the Town Council accepts the findings of the Council Properties Working Group and authorises the actions identified to be carried out.

The Town Clerk updated Members on the outstanding loan and rent arrears totalling £4757.84.

It was noted that discussions with ELDC were ongoing with regard to the acquisition of the building and that a formal agreement with the management committee would be put in place once the outcome of those negotiations was known.

It was further proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (b) That at such time as the asset transfer of the building from ELDC to the Town Council is finalised, the outstanding debt be written off without further debate; and, in the meantime, the agreed repayments of £50.00 pcm are to continue.

55. AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S ADOPTED COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That an amendment to the Town Council's Communication Policy giving the Town Clerk (or representative) delegated authority to construct and send written communication (postal items) on behalf of the Town Council using approved stationery be approved.

56. ANNUAL INSURANCE REVIEW

The Town Clerk advised that the 2015 insurance premium had been paid under the current 3 year fixed term arrangement; with new quotes to be obtained at the end of the agreement in 2016. Members noted the foregoing.

57. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH LCC

Members received an update on the historic P3 agreement with LCC and the terms under which the Town Council undertook to maintain LCC-owned public rights of way.

Following detailed consideration of the agreement and advice of budget cuts by LCC, and works which may or may not be carried out by the Town Council in future:-

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That the P3 agreement with LCC be terminated forthwith;
(b) that the final cut for this season not be undertaken; and
(c) that future budget provision be made for extra maintenance as may be necessary at Branch Line Walk.

58. SCHOOL CLOSURE CONSULTATION (MONKS DYKE TENNYSON COLLEGE, MABLETHORPE CAMPUS)

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That the Town Council writes to the Education Authority (LCC) and advises them of the Town Council's opposition to their proposal to terminate secondary education in the town;
(b) that the Town Council voices that opinion in the official pre-publication consultation and post-publication phase of the process that will be led by the school;
(c) that a statement of the Town Council's opposition be permanently and prominently displayed on the Town Council website for the duration of the campaign to keep secondary education in the town; and
(d) that a letter be sent to Victoria Atkins MP, urging her to lend her support to the campaign of opposition.

Note: Cllr Mrs J Taylor wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest as a past school governor.

59. **MEMBER AND STAFF TRAINING**

This item was for information and noting only.

60. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEMETERIES WORKING GROUP**

Members considered the recommendations of the Cemeteries Working Group.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That all actions be noted and agreed; and
(b) that the burial plot purchase scheme, as stated, be adopted with immediate effect.

61. **TO AUTHORISE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR JUNE AND JULY 2015**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That orders for payment made to the sum of £26,765.57 in June and £19,955.69 in July 2015 be authorised; and
(b) that income for June in the sum of £2498.50 and July 2015 in the sum of £7238.10 be noted.

Note: Cllr A Howard wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in respect of business relationships with the Post Office and Canon.

62. **MATTERS FOR GENERAL INTEREST AND NOTING ONLY, OR FOR INCLUSION IN A FUTURE AGENDA.**

(a) Cllr S Palmer had raised this issue of future maintenance of the Grove Road triangle which would be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.
(b) Cllr D Russell wished to know what provision was being made by ELDC for a transient traveller site.
(c) Cllr Ms H Parkhurst wished to thank all Councillors and volunteers who had contributed to making the Bathing Beauties such a success.
(d) Cllr G Cullen also wished to congratulate Sutton on Sea on their wonderful beach festival event.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.