

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on 26th October 2015

Present:

Cllr G Cullen (in the Chair)

Cllrs T Brown

B Dobbs

D Mellor

S Palmer

C Sweeney

Mrs J Cook

R Hansford

Mrs M Morgan

K Pinion

Mrs J Taylor

R Dawes

T Mee

D Morling

Mrs D Russell

C Tebbutt

Absent:

Cllrs J Carter, A Howard, Ms H Parkhurst

In attendance:

Reverend Gillian Stevens

Cllr Mrs A Reynolds (LCC)

Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)

Mrs S Archibald (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

One member of the Press

11 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a presentation was given by Mr Ian Blakey, Director of Operations at the Marisco Medical Centre, accompanied by Mr Martin Jago of the Clinical Commissioning Group for the Lincolnshire East area, highlighting recent improvements and the proposed way forward for the practice.

Mr Blakey was thanked by the Chairman for his informative presentation.

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public forum; there being no questions from the public present and no police presence, reports were received from Cllrs S Palmer and Mrs A Reynolds on behalf of LCC. Reports on behalf of ELDC were received from Cllrs G Cullen and S Palmer.

Prayers were led by Reverend Gillian Stevens.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence with valid reasons given had been received from Cllrs J Carter, A Howard and Ms H Parkhurst.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies be accepted from Cllrs J Carter, A Howard and Ms H Parkhurst.

64. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

No additional declarations were made.

65. **TO NOTE DISPENSATIONS FOR BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING**

The Town Clerk reported that written requests for dispensation were required in connection with budget and precept setting up to the next elections in 2019. Those Members who had not already submitted such requests at the recent meeting of the Administration Committee signed individual requests for dispensation.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That individual written requests for dispensation received from Cllrs T Brown, Mrs J Cook, R Dawes, Ms M Morgan, D Morling, Mrs D Russell, C Sweeney and C Tebbutt, approved by the Clerk in accordance with delegated powers, be noted.

66. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 3RD AUGUST 2015 AND THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AND TO AUTHORISE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd August 2015 and the meeting of the Council held on 7th September 2015 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

67. **TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the following committees be approved:

- (i) Administration Committee Extraordinary meeting 20th July 2015
- (ii) Planning Committee 28th September 2015
- (iii) Community Amenities Committee 28th September 2015
- (iv) Administration Committee 19th October 2015

68. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, TOWN COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS, REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK**

The Council received various reports, both tabled and oral.

69. **FINDINGS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk on the findings of the External Audit.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council accepts the completed statements of the external auditor for 2014/15 and:-

- (a) notes the Town Clerk and RFO's timely display of the notice of Conclusion of Audit 2014/15;
- (b) notes the 'incorrectly stated' figures shown in the 2014 column in Section 1 of the Annual Return 2015/16 with reference to the Town Clerk's response in respect of:
 - Previously 'signed off' documentation
 - Changes to the accounting software

- No legal (or other) requirement to provide such detail at this time
 - Additional cost to the Town Council to 're-process' this information;
- (c) agrees to follow 'best practice' guidance and instructs the Town Clerk to update the asset register to include a 'proxy cost' of £1 per item (total £9) backdated to the date of receipt of the Annual Return (7th September 2015);
- (d) notes the review of the fixed asset register undertaken by the Administration Committee at its meeting held on Monday 19th October 2015.

Note: The Town Clerk was congratulated on the extra work put in to fulfil the, largely unnecessary, extra accounting required by the auditors.

70. **EVOLVING AREA COMMITTEES**

Members received a summary of the proposed changes to the number and frequency of ELDC Area Committees.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That, as County and District Councillors regularly report back to Town and Parish Council meetings, Area Committee meetings serve no useful purpose and should be abandoned altogether; and
(b) that the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of the ELDC Chief Executive regarding reinstatement of the Liaison meetings between the District and this Town Council.

71. **BEACH HUTS**

Cllr C Sweeney made a comprehensive presentation of the facts and figures, both historic and projected, with regard to the cost implications of taking control of the ELDC-owned beach huts at Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That, in light of the lack of economic viability, the Town Council does not proceed further with negotiations for the acquisition of the ELDC-owned beach huts at Mablethorpe and Sutton on Sea; and
(b) that the Town Council fully supports the retention of the beach huts and would be happy to act as a conduit in negotiations by other bodies, with ELDC.

Note: Cllr C Sweeney was congratulated on the work he had put into his comprehensive presentation.

72. **TO AUTHORISE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2015**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That orders for payment made to the sum of £11,900.56 in August and £34,100.66 in September 2015 be authorised; and
(b) that income for August in the sum of £6,371.00 and September 2015 in the sum of £104,288.38 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.