MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 15th February 2016

Present: Cllr G Cullen (in the Chair)

Cllrs T Brown	Mrs J Cook	R Dawes
B Dobbs	M Gregory	R Hansford
A Howard	T Mee	D Mellor
Mrs M Morgan	D Morling	S Palmer
Ms H Parkhurst	K Pinion	Mrs D Russell
C Sweeney	Mrs J Taylor	

Absent: Cllr C Tebbutt

In attendance: Reverend Peter Liley
Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Archibald (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
8 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman advised that the scheduled address by Cllr C Leyland, Leader, ELDC, had been postponed.

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public forum. Thanks were received from The Conservative Club for the donation received towards the children's Christmas party. A local resident asked for the Council's support in a Mablethorpe bid to compete in Britain in Bloom. The Mayor's consort read a statement on behalf of the Mayor regarding the invitation to the Mayor's Civic Service and offered an apology should any offence have been taken over the form of words. A report was tabled by the police and reports were received from Cllr S Palmer on behalf of LCC, and Cllrs S Palmer and A Howard on behalf of ELDC.

Prayers were led by Reverend Peter Liley.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

85. **NEW COUNCILLOR WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Michael Gregory to his seat on the Town Council as the newly elected Councillor for Mablethorpe North Ward. The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Gregory had signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed his DPI form.

86. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Town Clerk reported that an apology for absence with valid reasons given had been received from Cllr C Tebbutt.
It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That an apology be accepted from Cllr C Tebbutt.

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

Cllrs Mrs J Cook, G Cullen, A Howard, D Morling, K Pinion and Mrs J Taylor each wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as members of the Mablethorpe Community Hall committee. Cllr A Howard wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in orders for payment as a business user of the Post Office, Canon and as Chairman of LALC.

88. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2015 AND TO AUTHORISE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th November 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

89. **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) Planning Committee 7th December 2015
(ii) Planning Committee 4th January 2016
(iii) Planning Committee 1st February 2016
(iv) Community Amenities Committee 8th February 2016

90. **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.
The Town Clerk particularly wished Members to note advice received that, in order to be properly insured, Councillors using their vehicles on Council business must take out appropriate business use cover.

91. **PROPOSED TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION**

Following discussion around a possible application to the newly established Tesco Community Grant scheme and the acknowledgement that other available lines of grant funding were being missed:-

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That a Grant Funding Working Group comprising Cllrs Ms H Parkhurst, Mrs D Russell and Ms S Carruthers, as a non-member, be formed to explore possible avenues of grant funding, in addition to the Tesco Community Grant scheme.

92. **VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That Members be appointed to fill the vacant seats on standing committees and working groups, as follows:

Administration Committee – one seat – Cllr M Gregory
Community Amenities Committee – one seat – Cllr M Gregory
Acre Gap Advisory Group – two seats remain vacant
Community Safety – one seat – Cllr M Gregory
Council Properties Working Group – one seat – Cllr Mrs J Cook
Events Partnership/Illuminations switch on – Cllr Mrs D Russell
NDO/CLP – one seat – Cllr D Morling
Future Operations Exploration Working Group – three seats – Cllrs M Gregory, T Mee, D Morling

93. **AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Members had before them a report of the Town Clerk on minor amendments to be made to the Council's Financial Regulations, following advice received from NALC.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the amendments to Financial Regulations, as presented, be approved.

94. **MABLETHORPE COMMUNITY HALL**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the following be noted:-
(a) The acceptance of a grant from CCC (Big Local) in the sum of £5,000 towards replacement internal doors; and
(b) the cost of the 3 year maintenance contract for the replacement entrance doors at £170.00 (ex. VAT) p.a., to be funded from the Council's maintenance budget.

Note: A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr K Pinion as Treasurer and all members of the committee for their hard work.

95. **PROPOSED BARRIER TO LIMIT VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE BEACH FROM QUEBEC ROAD, MABLETHORPE**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Council makes an expression of support for the proposal by ELDC to install a barrier to prevent unauthorised vehicular access to the beach from Quebec Road, Mablethorpe, and it was noted that this would be at no cost to the Town Council.

96. **REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF COVENANT: TRUSTHORPE FORMER HOUSEHOLD AMENITY SITE**

Following discussion around the importance of a household amenity site to the area, it was determined that talks were needed between the solicitors acting for LCC and the Town Council before any agreement to remove the restrictive covenant on the Trusthorpe former household amenity site be made.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That a meeting be arranged with representatives of LCC and the Town Council, including, Cllrs G Cullen, A Howard and the Town Clerk, with County Councillors for Mablethorpe and Sutton, Cllr S Palmer and Mrs A Reynolds to be invited.

97. **MAP CIC**

Members were updated on changes at MAP CiC and the threat to its future events programme.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That, in light of imminent changes in the structure of MAP CiC and its operations, an urgent meeting be arranged with the Community Operations Manager to discuss how the Town Council might work with the organisation to ensure that future events are saved and essential equipment is preserved for future use. The Town Clerk to arrange a meeting between Mrs K Froggatt and Cllrs G Cullen, Ms H Parkhurst and C Sweeney, with all District Councillors for the Parish to be invited.

98. **OFFICE REDECORATION**

The Town Clerk reported on contractual lease obligations for redecoration of the Town Council offices and on quotes received for the work.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the quote of £745.00 for office redecoration, in accordance with clause 5.4 of the Town Council's lease agreement with ELDC, be accepted, with costs to be met from the 2015/16 budget.

99. **TO AUTHORISE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015 AND JANUARY 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That orders for payment made to the sum of £21,825.35 in November and £20,132.57 in December 2015, and £11,445.83 in January 2016 be authorised; and (b) that income for November 2015 in the sum of £2,397.00, December 2015 in the sum of £5,836.01, and £883.00 in January 2016 (to 21.1.16 only) be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.