

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Held on 26th September 2016

Present: Cllr Mrs J Taylor (in the Chair)

Cllrs T Brown	Mrs J Cook	G Cullen
R Dawes	B Dobbs	M Gregory
A Mee	D Mellor	D Morling
C Matthews	Mrs M Morgan	Mrs P Palmer
S Palmer	Ms H Parkhurst	K Pinion
C Tebbutt		

Absent: Cllrs A Howard, R Hansford

In attendance: Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Archibald (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Cllr Mrs H Matthews (ELDC)
Reverend Peter Liley
Cllr D Glen, Mrs T Carter (LALC)
17 members of the public
One member of the press

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a presentation by Cllr Denis Glen (President) of the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) on the role of LALC, the background to the organisation and the advantages and benefits to the community of trained Councillors and staff members. The Chairman thanked Cllr Glen for his informative presentation.

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public forum; a member of the public present wished to raise the issue of speeding vehicles on Church Lane, Mablethorpe.

The Town Clerk read a brief crime update provided by the police. Cllr S Palmer had provided a tabled report of County and District Council activities. ELDC Cllr Mrs H Matthews, present in the public area, gave an update on £50k funding secured from the Coastal Revival Fund for beach hut upgrades at Sutton on Sea and on the work of the Sutton on Sea Residents' Association with the beach hut regeneration at Sutton.

Prayers were led by Rev. Peter Liley.

The meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

38. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence with valid reasons given had been received from Cllrs A Howard and R Hansford.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies be noted with valid reasons for absence being accepted from Cllrs A Howard and R Hansford.

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

There were none.

40. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH JULY 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th July 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

41. **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 1st August and 5th September 2016
- (ii) Administration Committee 19th September 2016

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

The Council received a tabled report of the Town Clerk, with the Mayor deferring her report to the next meeting. Cllr C Matthews reported on the progress of the Coastal Free School for Mablethorpe, which was working towards its establishment in time for the 2018/19 academic year.

43. **QUALITY GOLD AWARD**

The Mayor accepted the presentation of the Quality Gold Award from Cllr D Glen, President of LALC. She thanked LALC, Members, and staff for their support and effort in achieving this prestigious award, and those present responded with a round of applause

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the meeting be suspended for a short while to allow a presentation to be made to Mrs Trisha Carter, Chief Executive, LALC, on her retirement.

Mrs Carter thanked the Town Council, commenting that she was proud to have helped the Town Council achieve such high standards. A further round of applause ensued.

The meeting reopened at 7.35 p.m.

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

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That appointments to fill the vacant seats on the following standing committees and working groups be made as follows:-

Planning Committee – Cllr M Gregory and Mrs P Palmer
Acre Gap Advisory Group – Cllr C Matthews
Contracts (awarding) – Cllr C Matthews
Emergency Plan – Cllrs R Dawes and D Morling
Events & Youth Engagement – no further appointment
Grant funding (identifying) – Cllrs Mrs P Palmer and S Palmer

(b) That, including the abovementioned appointments, the number of Member representatives on working groups now be set at the level of their current memberships.

Note: The Chairman welcomed new Councillors, Cllr Colin Matthews and Mrs Pauline Palmer to this their first meeting of the Town Council since their election.

45. **BEACH HUTS**

Following some discussion in respect of revised funding streams for beach huts at Sutton on Sea and Mablethorpe:

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved:

- a) That the Town Council shows renewed interest in taking a lease of the Central Promenade chalets and Queens Park chalets, Mablethorpe (term to be negotiated) if the recommendations being made to ELDC's Executive Board are approved;
- b) That the Town Council shows renewed interest in taking a lease of chalets 16 to 29, Sutton on Sea, (term to be negotiated) on the basis that ELDC will allocate £205,000 into their Capital Programme for the redevelopment of said chalets;
- c) That the Town Council makes budget provision of £5,000 (in the first year (and reviews in subsequent years)) as an ear marked reserve for future replacements to the above and endeavours to obtain grant (or other) external funding to offset such precept amounts;
- d) That the Town Council establishes an active task and finish group to enter into further discussions with ELDC to deliver satisfactory outcomes in the continuing beach hut service provision to promote tourism, business and sustainability.

Note: (i) An amendment to the above with the proposal that paragraph (b) of the resolution be deleted, was proposed and seconded and, on being put to the vote, declared LOST.

(ii) Cllr C Matthews wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in this matter as a member of Sutton on Sea Residents' Association.

46. **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT PETER CHAMBERS WAY**

The meeting was advised that the following proposal had been received from the Lindum Group in respect of land off Tuplin Road (referred to in their letter as open space at Peter Chambers Way):-

- (a) That the Lindum Group gift to the Town Council the 3 acre parcel of land adj. to Peter Chambers Way designated as public open space, to hold and maintain in perpetuity for the benefit of the community and the town, with a landscaped open space delivered and maintained by the Lindum Group for an initial 12 month period.
- (b) The approval of the Town Council was sought by Lindum Group Ltd to releasing £5750 of S106 monies to fund a feasibility study exploring the potential to relocate the Station Sports Centre to this area.

In the absence of further information to allow a decision to be made; it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That a meeting be arranged with the Lindum Group, ELDC, all local Councillors for Mablethorpe and the police to further explore options; and (b) following which, a meeting be called to obtain the input of local residents.

47. **NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council expresses its wholehearted support for the National Citizen Service following the recent introduction of the National Service Bill.

48. **ALTERNATIVE USE FOR THE GOLF ROAD TOILET BLOCK**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Council Properties and Public Toilets Working Group brings a worked up proposal back to the Town Council for the alternative use of the currently unused Golf Road Toilet Block as a “Mens’ Shed”.

49. **COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF DRIVING ORDER AT TRUSTHORPE TRIANGLE BRIDGE**

Following the recent damage to the bridge at Trusthorpe Triangle, LCC are trialling a Prohibition of Driving Order which, depending on the outcome of the trial, may become permanent. The Town Council was asked whether or not it had any objection in principle to this proposal.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council fully supports the trial of the Prohibition of Driving Order at Trusthorpe Triangle bridge and would support a permanent Prohibition of Driving Order at this location if it is deemed appropriate following the necessary traffic safety assessments.

Note: Cllr Mrs P Palmer advised the meeting that she was researching the possibility of the bridge being registered as a heritage asset.

50. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s.12 (18) the following gifts be accepted, with thanks:-

- a) Books: i) ***Starting with Chickens*** ii) ***Keeping Chickens***; gift from Mrs S Archibald
- b) Book: ***For Freedoms Cause*** (the Men on the Mablethorpe War Memorial); gift from Cllr Mrs J Taylor
- c) Picture: Mablethorpe Lifeboat; gift from Mablethorpe RNLI (as presented to Cllr Mrs J Taylor at recent Lifeboat Naming and Launch Ceremony).
- d) Photograph and painted egg; gift from Chernobyl children
- e) Replica Bowl; Mablethorpe Golf Club, Gardener-Brown’s Bowl; gift from Mr & Mrs P C Leak

51. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE
INCOME FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That orders for payment made to the sum of £24,788.16 in July and £46,162.50 in August 2016 be authorised; and
(b) that income in the sum of £14,263.80 in July and £10,804.86 in August 2016 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.