

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Held on 24th October 2016

Present: Cllr Mrs J Taylor (in the Chair)

Cllrs T Brown	Mrs J Cook	G Cullen
R Dawes	B Dobbs	M Gregory
R Hansford	A Howard	A Mee
D Mellor	D Morling	C Matthews
Mrs M Morgan	Mrs P Palmer	S Palmer
Ms H Parkhurst	K Pinion (except items 6 and 7 (part))	
C Tebbutt		

In attendance: Mrs S Archibald (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Mr Nigel Collins
6 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public forum; a member of the public present wished to raise the issue of dog fouling in parks and other open spaces across the parish. He attributed the perceived increase as having been caused by the cessation of provision of free dog bags by the Town Council and urged that a review of the impact of this cost-saving measure be addressed. The Chairman would ensure that this was considered accordingly.

There was no police report. Cllr S Palmer gave a report of County and District Council activities, particularly around Devolution and the impact of budget cuts. District Cllr A Howard further reported on Devolution and gypsy/traveller provision issues.

Prayers were led by Mr Nigel Collins.

The meeting commenced at 7.20 p.m.

52. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

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

Cllr G Cullen wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as having collected the 'In Bloom' award. Cllr A Howard wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in the payments schedule with regard to Canon and the Post Office, as a business user.

54. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. **TO RECEIVE THE NOTES 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:

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

The Council received an oral update from the Mayor on the various Civic events recently attended. Cllr A Mee reported that he too had attended Civic events, as Deputy Mayor. Cllr B Dobbs reported that the Council Properties and Public Toilets Working Group, having met with representatives of the Mens' Shed project, were keen to receive approval for works to commence. The Town Clerk's report was tabled.

57. **UPDATE IN RESPECT OF ELDC PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF GYPSY/TRAVELLER SITES IN THE DISTRICT**

Cllr A Howard gave an oral update on the current position of planning applications for gypsy/traveller sites in the District and on the requirement for the ELDC Local Plan to provide for 20 sites in total; he further advised that the previously identified potential site in Trusthorpe had since been discounted and the Mablethorpe site identified would have a maximum of 7 pitches, and probably less than this. This item was for information only.

58. **ACRE GAP**

The Assistant to the Town Clerk updated Members on the current position with regard to the proposed LNR declaration of Acre Gap and possible Community Wildlife Grant to be applied for from LCC to progress the revisions to the Acre Gap Management Plan. She further reported that a quote for a major cut of Acre Gap had been received in the sum of £1,500 + VAT.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That further consideration of the legal implications of the LNR declaration be referred back to the Working Group;
(b) that the Working Group, together with the Grants Working Group (identifying), as appropriate, consider the application for a Community Wildlife Grant to progress a revised and simplified Acre Gap Management Plan; and
(c) that £1,500 + VAT is authorised to be spent from the general maintenance budget on the major cut of Acre Gap.

It was further proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (d) That the Working Group be authorised to spend up to £250 from the Acre Gap budget to purchase and plant a mature oak sapling, in the meadow area, with associated protective fencing and commemorative plaque.

59. **PROPOSED 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT SUTTON ON SEA (SANDILANDS) TO CHAPEL ST LEONARDS**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That it be conveyed to LCC Highways, in response to the request for any comments with regard to the proposal for a new 40 mph speed limit between Sutton on Sea (Sandilands) and Chapel St Leonards, that the Town Council SUPPORTS this proposal.

60. **2017/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CONSULTATION PAPER**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That a Task and Finish group be established with the delegated authority to make a response on behalf of the Town Council to the 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation Paper.

Note: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairmen of Administration and Planning Committees were invited to remain after the meeting. Cllr A Howard also volunteered to join the Group.

61. **IN BLOOM AWARDS**

The Mayor advised the meeting that Sutton on Sea had been awarded Silver by East Midlands in Bloom. Mrs Pat Locke, present in the public area, was invited to address the Council, and was pleased to announce that Mablethorpe had been awarded Silver Gilt by East Midlands in Bloom and had achieved a Silver award in Britain in Bloom.

Cllrs G Cullen and B Dobbs presented the Town Council with the award certificates achieved by Mablethorpe in Bloom, which were warmly accepted by the Mayor, who offered her sincere congratulations in appreciation of the hard work of all those who had contributed to achieve such a good result. A round of applause ensued.

62. **TOWN TWINNING**

Following some discussion around the benefits and possible negatives of town twinning, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That a Task and Finish group comprising membership of Cllrs R Dawes, C Matthews, Mrs J Taylor and local residents Mrs Val Corkell, Mr Steve Holland and Mr Col Sweeney be established to explore "twinning" possibilities for the Town Council at zero cost to the Town Council.

63. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That orders for payment made to the sum of £27,957.67 in September 2016 be authorised; and
(b) that income in the sum of £126,343.50 September 2016 be noted.

Note: Cllr S Palmer wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in this matter as a governor of Sutton on Sea Primary School.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.