MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 23rd October 2017

Present:	Cllr A Mee (in the Chair)		
	Cllrs T Brown	Mrs J Cook	G Cullen
	R Dawes	B Dobbs	M Gregory
	R Hansford	A Howard	C Matthews
	D Mellor	Mrs M Morgan	D Morling
	Mrs P Palmer	S Palmer	Miss H Parkhurst
	K Pinion	C Tebbutt	

In attendance: Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mr O Monk
Mrs C Collins
Mrs L Collins (part)
Cllr Mr H Matthews ELDC
6 members of the public

Absent: Cllr Mrs J Taylor

The Mayor, Cllr A Mee asked those present to observe a 1 minute silence for former Town Councillor and Mayor, Mr Peter Jackson, who sadly passed away on 16th October.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a short presentation on the Lincolnshire Coastal Bid was made by Lisa Jane Collins – Lincolnshire Coastal Destination BID Development Manager. A short question and answer session followed. Cllr A Mee thanked Lisa for her informative presentation.

The Chairman opened the meeting for the public forum; a member of the public present made a short statement in reply to a comment made by a past member of the Mablethorpe Community Hall Committee during the public forum at the meeting held on 18th September 2017. The Chairman of Mablethorpe in Bloom presented a framed Silver Gilt certificate to the Town Council. Cllr A Mee thanked the In Bloom volunteers for all of their help and assistance during the 2017 season and noted the Town Council's commitment to continued partnership working with such groups within the community.

Cllr G Cullen gave an oral update from LCC and Cllr C Matthews gave an oral and tabled update from LCC.

Cllrs A Howard, S Palmer and Mrs H Matthews reported on ELDC matters.

Prayers were led by Mrs Christine Collins (Lay Reader).

The meeting commenced at 8.04 p.m.

49. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs J Taylor.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That apologies be noted with valid reasons accepted from Cllr Mrs J Taylor.

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

Cllr A Howard wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in respect of payments made to Canon Copiers, DSTM and Mablethorpe Marathon Foundation and as a member of LMDB. Cllr C Matthews wished it to be noted that he had no interest in a recent planning application in respect of land adjacent to his home address.

51. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th September 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52. **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 9th October 2017
(ii) Planning Committee 16th October 2017

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

The report of the Town Clerk had been tabled. Cllr A Mee gave an oral update on Mayoral duties to date. Cllr S Palmer gave a brief update on the activities of Mablethorpe Community Hall. Cllr R Dawes spoke about proposed works at Acre Gap. Cllr A Howard apologised for non-attendance at a recent meeting of The Open Circle of Friends due to personal reasons. Cllr K Pinion advised that he had undertaken a review of the Town Council banking and reconciliation, noting the finances were in order and well presented. Cllr Pinion further encouraged other appointed members to undertake similar checks at the earliest opportunity in order to comply with financial regulations.

54. **UPGRADE TO MABLETHORPE WAR MEMORIAL AREA**

The Town Clerk advised that quotations for the works had been received with the most cost effective being £10,900 (excl VAT). He further advised that due to a lack of update from ELDC in respect of the area, it would be prudent for the existing ear marked reserve (EMR) level to be maintained and included in future budget provision with exploration of grant application(s), with any shortfall to be found from within contingency budgets.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Council maintains the existing EMR and the 2018/19 budget proposal with further provision by way of exploration of grant application(s), with any shortfall to be found from within contingency budgets.

55. **CCTV UPDATE**

The Town Clerk advised that the camera at the High Street and Victoria Road junction, Mablethorpe was now functional. He further added that the replacement of the existing cameras was ongoing and all should be completed by Easter 2018.

56. **THE BOATSHED UPDATE**

The Town Clerk advised that the assignment of the lease of the premises to Coastal Events CiC had been approved by ELDC on 8th September 2017 and all parties awaited the legal paperwork to sign in order to complete the transfer.

57. **MAYORAL CHAIN**

To consider cost of replacement Mayoral Chain and repair and engraving of existing chain.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Council:

a) Purchases a replacement 40" Mayoral chain (sterling silver gilt as per original) at the cost of £2,800
b) Purchases a hand painted crest (as per existing) at the cost of £2,200
c) Requests minor repairs, engraving, polishing and flash plate to the existing Mayoral chain at the cost of £350.
d) Requests the dismantling of the existing sterling silver gilt pendant, repair the vitreous enamel, re-finish in polished hard gold plate and assemble approx. £400 (+/- 10%) dependant on size)

It was noted that the above costs exclude VAT and that a suitable bespoke velvet backing and fitted case be sourced locally at a future date.

58. **EMERGENCY PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr Miss H Parkhurst (Emergency Team Leader) gave an update on recent visit by the Emergency Working Group to the Anderby 'AVERT' team. It was noted and agreed that partnership working with neighbouring emergency teams was of paramount importance and of benefit to all parties.

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Clerk be instructed to continue with the purchase of 3 battle boxes and associated equipment.

59. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Council accepts the archive of LMDB reference file of catchment areas and Board maintained water courses as a gift from the late Peter Jackson to the Town Council under the Local Government Act 1972 s.139(1).

60. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: (a) That orders for **payment** made to the sum of **£ 25,850.56** in September 2017 and
(b) that **income** for September 2017 in the sum of **£175,730.01** be noted

61. **TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONTO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Council moves into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matters:

To consider purchase of land for future equipment storage purposes.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

The meeting continued in the absence of press and public. (Not for publication by virtue of Section 100(a) para. 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the items being of a confidential nature)

62. **TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LAND FOR FUTURE EQUIPMENT STORAGE PURPOSES.**

It was proposed, seconded and
Resolved: That the Town Council does not make any offer on the identified land at this time and considers options a future date.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.