

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

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

Held on 19th February 2018

Present:

Cllr	A Mee (in the Chair)		
Cllrs	T Brown	G Cullen	R Dawes
	B Dobbs	M Gregory	A Howard
	D Morling	Mrs P Palmer	S Palmer
	Mrs J Taylor	C Tebbutt	

In attendance: Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Archibald (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mr O Monk (Admin Assistant)
Cllr H Matthews (ELDC)
Rev. Gillian Stevens (part)
Member of the press
3 members of the public

Absent: Cllrs Mrs J Cook, R Hansford, C Matthews, D Mellor, Mrs M Morgan,
Miss H Parkhurst and K Pinion

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a short presentation by Rachael Jones, ELDC Community Led Housing Facilitator, followed by questions.

In the absence of any comments from the public area, or the police, the meeting received reports of Cllr G Cullen with an oral update from LCC and a tabled report on behalf of Cllr C Matthews.

Cllrs T Brown, G Cullen, A Howard, S Palmer and Mrs H Matthews, who was present in the public area, each reported on ELDC matters.

Prayers were led by Rev. Gillian Stevens.

The meeting commenced at 7.32 p.m.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs Mrs J Cook, R Hansford, C Matthews, D Mellor, Mrs Morgan and Miss H Parkhurst.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies be noted with valid reasons accepted from Cllrs Mrs J Cook, R Hansford, C Matthews, D Mellor, Mrs Morgan and Miss H Parkhurst.

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

Cllr A Howard wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the payment schedule with regard to Canon Copiers.

90. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2018

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

91. **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) Acre Gap Working Group 22nd January 2018
- (ii) Planning Committee 12th February 2018
- (iii) Grants Working Group 12th February 2018
- (iv) Gregory Cup Working Group 12th February 2018

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

The Mayor reported that numerous civic attendances had been made by himself, his consort and Deputy in recent weeks. He further reiterated the promised resumption of works by the contractor at the Kier Homes site, Sutton on Sea this month.

The report of the Town Clerk had been tabled.

Cllr Mrs J Taylor reported on Sutton Carnival.

Cllr S Palmer reported on the Mablethorpe Community Hall.

Cllr A Howard reported on meetings of LALC and NALC.

93. **COMMUNITY LED HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSAL – SUTTON ON SEA**

Following the informative presentation at the start of the meeting, the Town Council was asked to confirm its position with regard to the proposed possible Community Led Housing Project at Sutton on Sea.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That the Town Council supports a Housing Needs survey for Sutton on Sea; and

(b) that Cllr Mrs Joyce Taylor be nominated as the Town Council representative to join the working group, with the invitation to be further extended to absent Members.

94. **2018 TOURIST SEASON IN THE MABLETHORPE & SUTTON PARISH**

In light of meetings held in neighbouring coastal resorts, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That the Town Council requests East Lindsey District Council to organise a meeting with interested organisations involved in running the Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea area as a visitor resort to discuss some future challenges in order to boost the local economy in the coming months; and

(b) that an invitation be extended to Cllr Craig Leyland to visit the Town Council.

95. **POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF FORMER MABLETHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL PREMISES**

Following discussion around the likely cost of a building condition survey, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That, initially, a cost neutral exercise be carried out to identify costs of:-

- necessary renovation works
- a building survey
- likely running costs
- right of way clarification
- quotation for public works loan for purchase of premises
- implications of vacating current accommodation

Note: The Town Clerk advised that this information may not be able to be gathered in time for the March meeting, but would be brought for further consideration to the next available meeting of the Town Council.

96. **TO CONSIDER PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH CCC - ST MARY'S CONSERVATION AREA AND THE FORESHORE (QUEEN'S PARK)**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That consideration of the offer of 20 x fruit trees for St. Mary's Conservation Area be deferred pending advice to be sought on the risk associated with growing fruit on a former land-fill site.

(b) that the Town Council accepts the offer of 3 x picnic benches to be sited at Queen's Park on the unused bases; with 3 additional benches at this location to be provided by the Town Council at a total cost of c.£1,200.

97. **TO NOTE NECESSARY REMEDIAL WORKS TO THE POND AT ST MARY'S CONSERVATION AREA**

The Town Clerk advised of issues in respect of the pond no longer holding water which was due to vegetation growing through the pond sub-structure and clay liner. Remedial works to address the matter will cost in the region of £7,500 to £9,000 (provided for within the 2017/18 budget). Works will take place during March / April 2018 and should be completed within a 10 day period, weather permitting.

98. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR JANUARY 2018**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That orders for **payment** made to the sum of **£ 38,268.98** in January 2018 and (b) that **income** for January 2018 in the sum of **£ 4,960.97** be noted.

99. **TO RESOLVE TO MOVE 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**

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:

- (i) Administration matters in respect of CCTV within the parish;
- (ii) To receive the recommendations of the Contracts Working Group and decide upon the award of the tender for Grass Cutting contract 2018/19 and beyond.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Following a short recess between 8.30 p.m. and 8.35 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)

Minute arising from confidential items:-

100. **(I) ADMINISTRATION MATTERS IN RESPECT OF CCTV WITHIN THE PARISH;**

The meeting received an update in respect of CCTV within the 7 Towns Partnership with proposals of the way forward to be brought to a future meeting.

(II) TO RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONTRACTS WORKING GROUP AND DECIDE UPON THE AWARD OF THE TENDER FOR GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2018/19 AND BEYOND

The Town Clerk circulated minutes and confidential notes of the Joint Working Group in respect of the forthcoming verge and amenity tender.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That the Town Council accepts the recommendations of the Joint Working Group in awarding the grass cutting contract to Glendale Countryside Ltd; and

(b) that the Administration Committee considers the development and implementation of a Town Council tender workshop/seminar for interested parties in respect of potential or future tenders.

Note: It was noted that feedback would be given to all contractors on request.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.