

MABLETHORPE & SUTTON ON SEA
NOTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Held on 29th May 2018

Present: Cllr S Palmer (In the Chair)
Cllrs Mrs J Cook G Cullen R Dawes
R Hansford A Howard A Mee
D Mellor Mrs P Palmer Mrs J Taylor

Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Ms Sue Sheekey - Chair Mablethorpe in Bloom
2 Members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Cllr S Palmer introduced Ms Sheekey who made a brief presentation on behalf of Mablethorpe 'In Bloom'.

During the presentation Ms Sheekey thanked ELDC, the Town Council and staff members for their prior and ongoing support in respect of 'In Bloom'. Thanks were also passed to CCC for an equipment grant and Mablethorpe Art Group for completing the 'street art' displayed on Quebec Road.

Ms Sheekey advised of groups and organisations who had pledged help and support in respect of the 2018 'In Bloom' entry, including:

- Mablethorpe Primary Academy
- Mablethorpe Fire Brigade
- Beavers, Scouts and Guides
- P&P Homewares
- Springwell Academy
- RAFA
- CCC
- CLIP
- East Lindsey District Council
- Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council

Cllr S Palmer thanked Ms Sheekey for the presentation and to all those who took part in the 2017 'In-Bloom' activities and to the commitment shown in respect of the 2018 competition; Cllr A Mee added his thanks as retiring Mayor.

1. **WELCOME**

The Mayor, Cllr S Palmer opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public and Councillors.

2. **MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2017 be signed as a correct record.

3. **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OVER THE PAST YEAR FOLLOWED BY REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS FOR THE TOWN, DISTRICT AND COUNTY GROUPS**

The Town Clerk had tabled a comprehensive report of the activities of the Town Council during 2017/18 and gave a brief overview of the contents of the report which included a detailed list of Town Councillor contact details, a comprehensive timetable of meetings and a financial report.

Cllr S Palmer invited questions from those in attendance.

The Town Clerk was asked to clarify expenses claimed by the retiring Mayor, Cllr A Mee during the 2017/18 administration period; the Clerk advised that such claims were made of 2 composite parts:

- i) Authorised travel expenses in respect of mileage/travel to training events where the Town Council 'car sharing' expectation was always paramount (up to 5 persons on all occasions) and within annual budget 2017/18.
- ii) Mayoral travel expenses in respect of claims for mileage/travel in respect of attendance at Mayoral events and taken from the Mayoral allowance 2017/18.

Cllr S Palmer thanked the Town Clerk for producing a comprehensive annual report.

Cllr J Taylor gave a brief update on the preparations in respect of Sutton on Sea Carnival for 2018 and was thanked by Cllr S Palmer for the update.

4. **REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS WITHIN THE PARISH**

A representative of the CCC asked for an update in respect of Picnic Benches on the vacant beach hut plots in Mablethorpe. The Town Clerk advised that the order for the benches had been placed and delivery and installation would take place within 6 weeks.

The CCC representative also gave an update on recent activities and advised that the Community Payback Team were available to assist with any 'tidy up' issues within the parish.

Mrs J Cook gave a brief update on Mablethorpe Community Hall and indicated it was in a healthy financial position and had seen an increase in lettings.

Cllr A Mee advised that he had visited the 'Dance School' with Cllr S Palmer during his term of office and both had enjoyed their visit noting this was an asset to the area and a credit to the students in attendance.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The issue of grass and verge cutting was raised and the Town Clerk advised that the recent problems with the contractor had been resolved with a 'free cut' taking place to rectify problems.

Issues in respect of pot holes and resurfacing were raised. It was agreed that Cllr Cullen would pass on details to LCC in respect of inadequate re-surfacing (slurry seal) in the Park View area of Sutton on Sea (in consultation with LCC Cllr C Matthews).

The displaying of prior 'In Bloom' awards within the ELDC/library building was requested and the Town Clerk agreed to liaise with both parties and implement where possible.

The issue of a signage board within St Mary's Conservation area was raised and Cllrs Cullen and Howard agreed to discuss ELDC Member funding for this.

Picnic benches within St Mary's Conservation area were discussed and the Town Clerk agreed to liaise with CCC; it was noted that this was identified in the Community Led Plan and a priority of local residents.

The CCC representative advised that a traditional Christmas event was in the planning stages, to be held on Saturday 22nd December 2018 but this would not include a street market this year.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.