

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL PROPERTIES WORKING GROUP

Held on Friday 17th October 2025

Present: Cllrs K Marnoch G Parkhurst C Tebbutt

Absent: Cllr C Arnold L Cooper S Holland H Parkhurst P Russell

In attendance: Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mrs D Onyskiw (Administration Officer)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting elected Members were advised in line with the Town Council adopted Filming and Recording of Meetings Policy, the recording and filming of staff conversations, informal meetings, working groups, sub groups and the Annual Parish meeting fall outside legislation contained within the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from Cllrs C Arnold, L Cooper, S Holland, H Parkhurst and P Russell were noted. In the absence of the Chairman, it was proposed, seconded and Resolved that Cllr C Tebbutt act as chairman for this meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

For openness and transparency Cllr C Tebbutt advised that he knew the architect appointed to the project by the Town Council in a personal capacity.

3. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes of the meeting held on 14th April 2025 were accepted as a true record.

4. HEALTH & SAFETY

It was proposed, seconded and

Recommended: That the Town Council should explore and appoint a sector specialist to ensure legal and competent compliance in respect of Health & Safety policy and procedures.

5. UPDATE - ST. MARY'S NAUTRE AREA

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update in respect of the footpaths and pond in St. Mary's Nature Area.

It was proposed, seconded and

Recommended: That staff members continue their endeavours to secure necessary quotations.

6. LAND – TUPLIN ROAD

a) It was proposed, seconded and

Recommended: That the Town Council should use part of the **i)** land for the planting of trees secured following the successful grant under the Kings Fund for Community Orchards – (TC minute ref 38 27.07.2024 refers); **ii)** following a request from a local youth the Town Council reviews the possibility of use for safe mountain biking riding; **iii)** further engages with representatives in respect of a community garden area and **iv)** retains an area for event space. It was noted that additional waste bin requests be followed up with ELDC.

- b) It was further proposed, seconded and
Recommended: That the Town Council accepts ownership and responsibility of additional land at the junction of Tuplin Road, Centenary Close and Coleman Close and accepts a £5,000 contribution toward future maintenance of this area. It was noted that this area could be developed in the future to provide a small play park area.

7. **PUBLIC TOILETS – STOCK CONDITION**

It was proposed, seconded and

Recommended: That the Town Council makes additional budgetary provision to enable effective and necessary refurbishment of its 3 toilet blocks and request the Grants Working Group submit application to ELDC to secure grant funding towards such costs.

8. **OPENING PERIODS - BEACH HUTS 2025/26 & 2026/27**

It was proposed, seconded and

Recommended: That the Town Council supports the following opening / closing dates:

Recommended dates: Mablethorpe & Sutton – close 31st October 2025

Mablethorpe – open 2nd April 2026 to 30th October 2026

Sutton – open 14th February 2026 to 30th October 2026

It was noted that updates to the dedicated beach hut website would be undertaken in advance of the 2026 booking period.

9. **PROPERTY – 108A THE HIGH STREET MABLETHORPE**

- a) The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on works undertaken to date (contractual).
- b) The revised layout plans were shared with the group with all in support.
- c) The Town Clerk advised that 2 potential uses for the outbuildings being: **i)** use by TC appointed contractor to use as a local base (potential income stream); **ii)** use by local group as a 'Repair shop' (community facility).

It was proposed, seconded and

Recommended: That the Town Council does not specify uses of the outbuildings at this time with any decision deferred until the site had been developed and to minimise any health and safety risk from potential users / visitors.

Staff members were asked to offer the former 'Men's Shed' building (as a readily available area) to the group interested in operating a 'Repair Shop' as this building had previously been successfully occupied, utilised and operated by the Men's Shed group for over 5 years.

- d) It was proposed, seconded and
Recommended: That the Town Council instruct its appointed architect to submit planning application to ELDC to begin the development process.

The meeting closed at 8.48 a.m.