

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 20th February 2023

Present:

Cllr	S Holland (in the Chair)		
Cllrs	C Arnold	A Benjamin	Ms S Carruthers
	Mrs J Cook	G Cullen	B Dobbs
	A Howard	C Matthews	Mrs H Matthews
	M Nicholson	G Parkhurst	D Richardson
	P Russell	C Tebbutt	R Watson

Absent:

Cllrs	Mrs B Cundliffe	D Mellor	Miss H Parkhurst
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In attendance:

Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)

Also present:

10 members of the public
LCC Cllr N Sear (part)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr S Holland, invited those present to observe a one-minute silence to pay tribute to former Councillor and Mayor Mrs Joyce Taylor who sadly passed away on 9th February.

Following which, Matthew Archer of Magna Vitae gave a short presentation in respect of the SO Festival 2023; this was followed by a brief question and answer session.

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting and opened the public forum.

Tabled reports of the District Councillors, County Councillors and the Police were noted.

Prayers were led by Rev. Peter Liley

The meeting commenced at 7.24 p.m.

70. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs Mrs B Cundliffe, D Mellor and Miss H Parkhurst

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies be noted with valid reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs Mrs B Cundliffe, D Mellor and Miss H Parkhurst.

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

Cllr C Tebbutt declared a pecuniary interest in agenda items 15 and 16 and advised he would leave the room and not take part in the discussion or voting.

72. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19TH JANUARY 2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 19th December 2022 and the extra ordinary meeting held on 19th January 2023 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

73. **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) Planning Committee 9th January 2023

74. **CONTRACTS WORKING GROUP**

To receive the notes of the meeting of the Contracts Working Group held on 13th February 2023 and consider recommendations in respect of Events within the parish.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council

a) continues in its endeavours to work in partnership with RR Events Solutions Ltd to deliver a Continental Market in Mablethorpe 28th March 2023 to 2nd April 2023 and 28th to 30th July 2023 subject to securing road closure permissions, with costs to be funded by the Town Council;

b) no longer delivers, operates, or manages events within the parish as a corporate body in order to reduce risk and reputational harm and to ensure budget provision for 2023/24 is better used to assist local constituted groups to deliver events within the parish with such grant awards subject to adopted Town Council policies and a robust due diligence process;

c) requests that the dissolution of the Events Working Group be re-evaluated, and a further recommendation be considered by the Contracts Working Group; and

d) endeavours to offer and facilitate *Events Training and Support* to be delivered (up to twice annually) by key partners (i.e., Magna Vitae, ELESAG, ELDC, LCC, Emergency Services and other relevant bodies) to local groups to assist them with the safe planning and delivery of events within the parish.

75. **SO FESTIVAL 2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports the SO Festival in principle but does not make any commitment to financial support at this time. It was noted that Mr Archer would be invited to a meeting of the Contracts Working Group to discuss the SO Festival 2023 further with recommendation(s) be brought to a future meeting.

76. **TO RECEIVE BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, TOWN CLERK AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (TABLED)**

Representative	Outside Body
Cllr A Howard	LALC / NALC
Town Clerk	Tabled Report
CCTV	Quarterly Report

Cllr D Richardson gave a brief update in respect of meetings he had attended in respect of the potential neighbouring GDF project and clarified that the Town Council would not be asked for opinion or to vote in any referendum process. Cllr Richardson further encouraged more people to attend GDF briefing and update meetings.

77. **CONSULTATION - NATIONAL POLICY PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That Cllrs Ms S Carruthers, Mrs H Matthews, G Parkhurst, D Richardson, C Tebbutt and R Watson be appointed to a Task and Finish Group with delegated authority to respond to the National Policy Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation on behalf of the Town Council. It was noted that Cllr A Howard would be readily available to offer any support or advice as he had knowledge of the process from his membership of ELDC Planning Policy and knowledge of the procedure through LALC.

78. **BEACH HUT USE – LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

The free use of a Town Council beach hut (QP44) by Lincolnshire Police, National Coastwatch and the Coastguard to promote both the 'Sandi -Starfish' and 'Float to Live' schemes within the parish during the 2023 season was noted and approved.

79. **FUNDING DONATION REQUEST – LIVES**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council donates £400 to LIVES to enable the purchase of 5 sets of vital defibrillator pads following their request for grant funding.

80. **FOOTPATH LIGHTING – APPROACH TO TRUSTHORPE CEMETERY**

The replacement of obsolete footway lighting (approach to Trusthorpe Cemetery) and the installation of solar alternatives at a cost of £3,078.60 to be met from the current general maintenance budget heading was noted and approved.

81. **TOWN CRIER UNIFORM**

It was proposed and seconded that the Town Council allocates £1,000 towards a replacement Town Crier uniform, which motion on being put to the vote was declared **LOST.**

It was further proposed and seconded that the Town Council allocates £500 towards a replacement Town Crier uniform, which motion on being put to the vote was declared **LOST.**

Note: There being no resolution made on this matter, it may be brought back for consideration at a future meeting.

82. **CCTV FUNDING REQUEST**

The Mayor read out an email of observations from Cllr D Mellor. The Mayor also read out correspondence from a member of the public in respect of this matter.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council contributes up to £40,000 towards additional CCTV that will cover the south promenade area and beach huts at the south of the parish and be of additional benefit to public safety within the community. It was noted that the BHOA would make a contribution of £10,000 towards the scheme and would make additional annual contributions towards maintenance & replacement of equipment. The Town Clerk is to meet with the BHOA secretary to discuss terms and report back to a future meeting.

At 9.22 p.m. It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council suspends standing order 1(b) to enable effective consideration and disposal of the remaining business on the agenda.

83. **PARTNERSHIP WORKING - LAND OFF TUPLIN ROAD MABLETHORPE**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports partnership working with Lincolnshire Outdoor Learning by way of allotting (in principle) up to 2500 sq. metres of land at the Tuplin Road site subject to successful land transfer and the further agreement of the 2023/24 Administration.

84. **COMMEMORATIVE MUGS – KINGS CORONATION 2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council purchases 1008 commemorative mugs to be distributed across the parish (as per jubilee mugs) to commemorate the Coronation of the King in 2023 with funding of £2,900 to be met from within the 2022/23 budget.

85. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT - SERVICE MEDALLIONS**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council accepts the gift by donation of 25no. gold tone medallions from Cllr S Holland to facilitate Town Council presentation to former living

Mayors (and future former Mayors) of the parish in recognition of Service to the Authority (LGA 1972 s139).

86. **FUNDING REQUESTS – COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND WARM SPACES FUND**

The Town Clerk advised that two further requests had been received, considered, and awarded from the Community Resilience and Warm Spaces Fund in an amount of £1,500 each, being Trusthorpe Village Hall and Tide Turners.

87. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To note bank balances and investments as at 2nd February 2023 (latest statement(s))

Account ending 3703	£	798,798.28	Account ending 4082	£	98,259.09
Account ending 2423	£	8,104.95	Account ending 8803	£	1,561.63
Investment Account CCLA	£	300,000.00	Interest 05.01-31.01.23	£	773.46

88. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR NOVEMBER 2022, DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That (a) Orders for **payment** made in the sums of **£42,059.83** in November 2022 and **£388,242.33** in December 2022 and 25,527.45 in January 2023 be authorised and (b) **incomes** received in the amounts of **£5,232.33** in November 2022 and **£36,895.20** December 2022 and **£23,345.62** January 2023 be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.48 p.m.