

WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 January 2012 at 7:15 pm in the Old School Hall Community Centre, West Street, Winterton.

Present:

Members

Cllr F Marritt
Cllr M Buckley
Cllr R Bridge
Cllr J Buckley
Cllr I Cawsey

Cllr L Cawsey
Cllr F Fletcher
Cllr D Hawley
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr M Joyce

Cllr L Langton
Cllr G Leitch
Cllr A Smith
Cllr R Walshaw

Ward Cllr E Marper

Ward Cllr R Ogg

Ward Cllr H Rowson

Officers:

Mrs P Dudson

Clerk to the Council

Apologies for absence:

Cllr M Foster
Cllr M Harrison

Cllr L Hopkins

Cllr S Hotchin

4 Members of the public were present.

Prayers were said by Rev I Coates.

01/12 To receive declarations of interests from members.

There were no declarations of interests.

02/12 To receive minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2011 for approval.

Minutes to be approved proposed by Cllr R Walshaw, seconded by Cllr I Cawsey.
Resolved: Minutes were approved.

The Mayor said she would like to allow some feedback on some of the items from the previous minutes.

Concern regarding anti social behaviour issues on Churchside was raised. No further monies can be spent on this until April when the new Budget is in place but that the Council will consider other solutions.

03/12 To receive notification on planning issues as follows:

(a) Planning Permission 2011/1404 has been refused to change the use of garage and workshop to a dwelling to the rear of 10 Earls Gate, Winterton, DN15 9XA.

(b) Planning Permission 2011.1196 has been granted to erect 50 kw solar array on poultry farm roof, at Maltby Farm, Holmes Lane, Winterton. DN16 9UF.

(c) Planning Permission has been granted to erect a replacement boundary wall at 15 Manlake Avenue, Winterton, DN15 9SD.

(d) Planning Permission has been granted to erect a first floor extension at 30 Henderson Way, Winterton, DN15 9SJ.

04/12 Ward Councillor Reports.

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned to allow Ward Councillors to address the Council.

(a) To receive Ward Councillor reports:

- § Highways are considering the request made for the installation of dropped curbs in Winterton for those with disabilities.
- § A coffee morning was held at the Winterton Library and Resource Centre and the Ward Council surgery was well attended on the Saturday.
- § Ward Councillors attended the NATs meetings where anti social behaviour issues are being considered.
- § Speeding buses in Winterton are being monitored and are still a concern.
- § A snow warden session has been held at the Civic Centre.
- § Natural England has withdrawn their objection from the WRG planning application for Wind Turbines and Ward Councillors have agreed to meet with WAIT (Winterton Against Inappropriate Turbines).
- § Councillors agreed to join resources around anti social behaviour issues and it was agreed Ward Councillors and Town Councillors, R Bridge, D Johnson, and I Cawsey could work together to maximise efforts.

(b) To receive information on the School Safety Zone from Cllr E Marper.

The proposed traffic regulation orders for West Street and Queen Street were tabled before Councillors. The proposals will include areas of no waiting at any time and 20 mph zones. Ward Councillors were thanked for sight of the proposals and a response will be considered when the proposals are officially received.

Resolved: It was agreed the council would request an extension of time for the consultation response.

Resolved: To publicise the proposals in 'Out n About' newsletter.

05/12 To approve and adopt the minutes of the Policy & Finance meeting held on the 9 January 2012.

Resolved: Minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record subject to a matter of accuracy that Cllr L Langton is Chair not Secretary of NDPF and that "fund" is added to Gratuity in the heading and content.

The Council agreed to approve and adopt the minutes after they had considered the budget.

Thanks were given to Cllr I Cawsey, Cllr D Johnson and Pam Dudson the Town Clerk for all their hard work on the budget and to Alan Barker from ERNLLCA and Dave Jackson from SLCC for their help and contribution.

The Council was updated on the challenges the Committee had on the draft budget of a predicted spend of just under £132,000.00 and after further consideration the proposed spend was reduced to £123,350.00.

The Council was briefed on the Gratuity Fund for the Clerk's retirement and the fact that the Council's Reserve should ideally be between 30 – 50% of the overall Budget.

In response to a question regarding the Mayor's allowance Cllr Marritt and Cllr Buckley had their names recorded in the Policy and Finance minutes because they did not wish to be part of the discussion on Mayoral allowances.

Resolved: That the minutes and budget proposal be adopted. (See Appendix i)

Resolved:

- § That the Precept is set at £83.99 Band D (which levies a precept of £123,350.00).
- § That Newport Drive Playing Field account is reimbursed £8,000.00 from the general fund.
- § That the Clerk's Gratuity fund has £4,000 added from the general fund.
- § That allotment rents are increased to £10.
- § That the Council acknowledges the General Reserve is below the recommended level and resolves to build the fund in the forward financial plan.

06/12 To approve the Accounts for payment as per schedule on Appendix I and approve those accounts paid by the Town Clerk under devolved authority of the LGA 1972 Act, Section 101, as per schedule in Appendix II.

The accounts for payment and accounts paid by the Town Clerk under devolved authority were placed before the council for approval along with the bank reconciliation. The Clerk answered various queries regarding the accounts presented.

Resolved: Accounts approved for payment.

Resolved: Accounts paid by devolved authority were accepted.

07/12 To consider further representations regarding the Local Development Framework.

The Chair reported that new proposals for the LDF are due to be released for consultation. The request regarding the Development Boundary to the North of the Town has been included in the new proposal. The new proposal will expect developers to help address some of the infrastructure issues. An update has been requested from North Lincolnshire Council before the next phase of consultation.

Resolved: LDF to be added to the next Agenda.

08/12 To receive information on the replacement of street lighting on Earls Gate.

A debate took place regarding lighting on Earls Gate and the quality of lighting in Winterton generally. Cllr L Cawsey explained the background to the lighting issues on Earls Gate. A request was made to ask North Lincolnshire Council to consider turning street lighting off early mornings to save energy.

Resolved: To ask North Lincolnshire Council if they will consider switching lighting off in the early hours to save energy.

09/12 To consider a letter of support to the SKIPTON East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership.

Resolved: It was agreed to write a letter of support.

Meeting ended at 8.20 pm.