

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
1 MAY 2007
At the Old School Hall
West Street Winterton
At 7.00 pm

1. **Apologies:** Were received from Mr Allen Smith, Mr Alan Smith, Mrs L Hopkins, Mrs S Hotchin, Mr D Johnson, and Mrs F Fletcher.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 3 May 2006 was approved as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:** No matters arising.
4. **Mayor's Report:** The Mayor Cllr Langton, said she had experienced a busy but enjoyable year. Cllr Langton said it had been a privilege to represent not only Winterton Council but also the people of Winterton at the many functions she had attended. The Mayor mentioned the numerous events from within Winterton, such as Winterton Show, Remembrance Sunday, the Lions Christmas Market, The Alps College open day, various coffee mornings and Civic Events for local Towns, and even as far away as Hedon and Immingham. The Mayor said she was very pleased with the support she had received for the Civic Service and the Civic Dinner, and had pleasure in giving the Civic Award to Veronica Almond this year. The Mayor said she felt Winterton Town Council was working well together for the benefit of the Town – which was helping to make Winterton a town to be proud of.

The projects that have been completed this year were the erection of the CCTV and purchase of the CCTV mobile cameras in Winterton, which were proving very successful. The purchase of Marmion Drive Playing Field, the Purchase of Newport Drive Playing Field, which will surely see a great improvement to Winterton's leisure provision. Winterton itself is looking much nicer since the approach to the Town on Appleby Lane is cut on a regular basis, and the entrances with the daffodils and planters look lovely. The Mayor mentioned the renovation work that has taken place on the Chapels, in the Cemetery, and in the Town Centre at Rich Toy and Rona's on King Street, and Thompson's old shop on Market Street. The Mayor said she would like to thank the owners for restoring them so well, and that she was sure it would help Winterton with the Best Kept Town Competition this year. Last year Winterton won a bench for the Best Kept Cemetery.

The Mayor thanked Pam Dudson the Town Clerk for her help and support through the year, and for organising the Civic Dinner and Civic Service. The Mayor also thanked Cllr Don Johnson for being Toastmaster and her guest speakers for helping to make the Civic Dinner go so well. The mayor said she hoped the new council would continue to work together, and she thanked those councillors who had retired from the Council for their commitment to Winterton and the Council over the years.

5. **Best Kept Town Competition:** The Mayor read out the pointing system for the previous year's competition which showed areas where improvement could be made, but generally – the Town did very well in most areas. A Mrs Mumby complained about the problems of parking on the road near the doctors surgery – stating that the area was often congested and posed a real danger to residents on the opposite side of the road trying to get out of their properties.

The Town Council have written to Highways at North Lincolnshire Council and the Doctors Surgery to see if they would look at the situation. Highways state there isn't a real problem, and the surgery state there is no money to extend the car park. Highways stated that double yellow lines would speed up the traffic. Mrs Cawsey stated that if the police would support double yellow lines down one side, Highways may reconsider the problem. The police who attended said the PCSO would monitor the situation. It was suggested that a poster be placed in the surgery to ask people to be more considerate when parking their cars.

6. **6:1 Neighbourhood Action Team Meeting & Policing:** The next meeting will be held for Neighbourhood Watch Groups and the Town Council on the 6 June 2007 at 6.30 pm.

6:2 Congestion on West Street was discussed. The Town Council and Winterton Rangers have held talks to try and resolve the congestion, and Winterton Rangers were considering allowing the council to pay to allow the community the use of the car park. Mrs Harrison, who is a Town Councillor said she would like the issue of the Winterton Council using Winterton Rangers parking, putting back on the Town Council Agenda – and felt that it was now becoming a priority. Winterton Rangers stated that they required double yellow lines at their entrance on West Street before they would allow car parking. Many felt that if the car parking was given, then Highways would have to put double yellow lines down. The walking “buses” was felt to be a good initiative, where children walk to school in groups.

6:3 CCTV Both the main camera and the mobile CCTV were proving to be excellent deterrent on various issues. It was felt that when prosecutions went ahead and it was in the newspapers – it would make an even bigger impact. Mr A Smith, the Town Council Deputy Mayor, said the Chinese Food Takeaway Shop residents were suffering a lot of harassment. The Police said they did hope that more people would report incidents, however small, so that they can monitor situations and gauge what the real problems are. Mark Powell, a pupil at Winterton Comprehensive, asked why the police did not go and speak to pupils at the Junior School about issues as well as the comprehensive school. The Police thought it was a good idea and agreed to do this. The Mayor said she admired Mark for attending and congratulated him on his good ideas.

7. **Complaints, suggestions and matters for the press:**

- a) Lighting columns. One light opposite the Coop has stopped working. A light outside the George was flickering. The lighting on Stovin Crescent snicket was not working. Youths were reported to be running along pensioner's walls and roofs off Fowler Court, and Stovin Crescent, Winterton – in the early hours of the morning on a regular basis. The Police said they would look at this, and a CCTV camera to be installed in the area.
- b) West Street Park. The Town Council have agreed to close the actual park. The right of way will be open but the Park Area will be off limits after dark. The Park lighting is to be improved, and CCTV will be in operation in the park shortly.
- c) Bus to Brigg. This was provided last year – as a way of giving families with young children without transport the chance to use the leisure centre at Brigg at a low cost and was well used during summer holidays. Elderly also used the bus to visit Brigg. The Council have put the same service on again this year, but extended the service to the Garden Centre. Mrs N Mumby asked why the bus did not have disabled access. Mr Smith, the Deputy Mayor asked Mrs Mumby if the disabled group had their own transport. Mrs Mumby said yes, but that she felt the bus should give a service to all.
- d) The bus company would do all they could to help any disabled person who wished to use the service and would make reasonable adjustments to give a service, but the service had been initially run to prevent families feeling isolated, and encourage them and their children to take up physical activity and give them a healthier lifestyle.

- e) Another resident said there was nothing for older people to do in the Town and she felt there should be a purpose built place . The Town Clerk asked why an elderly club couldn't be set up at the Jubilee Club or Rangers or the Old School Hall. The resident said none of the buildings were suitable. The Town Clerk Pam Dudson, said the Council were hoping to build a Sports Hall which could be used by the elderly, on Newport Drive. The resident said – that would be too far out. The resident said they would have liked the Army Hut on De Lacy Way. Mr D Hawley said, North Lincs Council had condemned this building as it had asbestos panels, no disabled access and was not worth spending any money on. The Town Council were also told, that no planning permission would be given on any community facilities, as there was not enough land to provide proper parking. They intended to knock it down and sell the land for £85,000 for a residential bungalow which was more in keeping with the area.
- f) Ark. Ms S Mumby asked if the Ark had obtained planning permission to put the sign up, which she felt was totally out of character for the building, and how much had it cost the Taxpayers. . Mrs Cawsey said planning was not required, and although the sign cost £900 it had not cost the tax payers anything as it was paid for with a Grant which was obtained from the Arts Council. Mrs N Mumby asked how much money had been poured into the Ark Project. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Council had given £10,000 over 2 years to pay for the wages of the Youth Workers, and the police had stated that it had made a difference in Winterton, was providing a service and reducing anti social behaviour.
- g) Marmion Drive PF. Mark asked what was happening to the area. The Mayor said a purpose built park which would include a toddler area, and multi sports court. Plans have been drawn up, but funding has to be obtained, and not easy for council to obtain funding.
- h) Mrs D Eccleston said she had been to an life long learning event to encourage elderly citizens to take up further education, and found it very interesting. Mark said Winterton could do with a room for pupils to do their homework, which had more computers. Schools are now being encouraged to open up their classrooms and sports halls after school to allow more use of the buildings.
- i) Cllr Lesley Langton said she would like to congratulate Winterton Rangers who have won promotion with a massive score into the 1st Division, and she felt they had definitely put Winterton on the map with their success story.
- j) West Street Park. Tree near fence catching a wire. Clerk to get it trimmed back please.
- k) Cemetery wall has now been painted.

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm

Mayor _____ Cllr L Langton 2007