

# WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 7.30pm in The Old School Hall, West Street, Winterton

### Present

Cllr V. Mumby (Mayor)	Cllr D. Johnson (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr B. Bridge
Cllr P. Coath	Cllr R. Kimberley-Scott	Cllr L. Langton
Cllr P. McCartan	Cllr D. Muldown	Cllr P. Mumby

### Public Participation:

No members of the public were present.

1809/1

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs I. Cawsey, J. Davey, and J. Kemp.

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### Declaration of Interests

- No Declarations of Interests were made.
- No dispensations were granted.

1809/3

### Committee's and Working Groups

The Council considered its current vacancies on committees and working groups

**Resolution: The following members were appointed:**

**Property Committee: Cllr P. Coath and Cllr R. Kimberley-Scott**

**Personnel Committee: Cllr B. Bridge and Cllr P. McCartan**

**W2022: Cllr J. Davey**

Cllr V. Mumby suggested Risk Management be the responsibility of the Policy and Finance Committee. Cllr R. Kimberley-Scott asked that both the Policy and Finance and Property committee take responsibility for risk as it applies to both areas.

**Resolution: The Council agreed for both the Policy and Finance and the Property Committee to take responsibility for Risk Management within the Council.**

**ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr R. Kimberley-Scott offered to continue in the roles previously held including Winterton in Bloom, Council representative to the Senior Citizens Forum and as the Council's official photographer.

**Resolution: The Council agreed to Cllr R. Kimberley-Scott resumes his previous roles as listed.**

May 2019 Elections

Councillors discussed the reduction of Councillors from 18 to 9 from next year's May elections and discussed the impact this would have on the Council and its workload. Concerns were raised over how the Council would conduct its business under its current system of committee's and working groups, without leading to a substantial increase in workload for councillors as unpaid volunteers.

**Resolution: Councillors to review the Councils current Standing Orders. The Clerk to send these out to all Councillors.**

**Resolution: The Clerk to contact NLC Democratic services and ask if model organisational plans are available for Town Councils operating with a similar number of members. Also, can they offer any advice as to what options the Council could consider?**

**Resolution: The Clerk to ask Bottesford Town Council which organisation they joined after deciding not to renew their membership with ERNLLCA.**

**Resolution: The Clerk to contact ERNLLCA with a list of questions raised from the meeting, listed below:**

- Can ERNLLCA offer any advice on how to effectively manage committee's/working groups with reduced member numbers.
- What would be the minimum number of Councillors that could make up a committee?
- What about a conflict of interest if the Council has married couples or couples that live together? Could this be an issue with a smaller number of Councillors?
- It is a legal requirement to have a separate Personnel committee to deal with all Personnel matters?
- We currently have a Mayor who is appointed on an annual basis; the Mayor also acts as the Chair of the Council. Could the two roles be split and the Council operates with a Mayor, who is the figurehead of the Council and a Chair, who is responsible for the running of the Council and chairs the meetings?
- Could the Mayor or Chairperson be elected for a longer period than a year?
- Could the Chair of the Council be appointed for 4 years?
- Can the Councils committee's become working groups but still operate in the same way?

- The quorate number for nice councillors is six. What if a number of Councillors declared an interest in a planning application, reducing the number of councillors who could vote to below that number?
- Could you please provide the Council with guidance on how the Council may benefit from having appointed members of the community work on areas relating to the Council but cannot vote on the decisions made by the Council.

**Meeting closed at 8.35pm.**