



WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th November, 2019 at 5.30pm at the Council Offices, 52 West Street, Winterton

Present:

Cllr D. Johnson (Chair) Cllr B. Bridge (Deputy Chair) Cllr M. Harrison
Cllr H. Rowson Cllr R. Ogg

Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance.

Prior to appointing a Chair, Cllr D. Johnson, as Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed councillors.

1911/1 Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E. Marper and P. McCartan.

1911/2 Declaration of Interests
No Declarations of Interests were declared.
No dispensations were requested / granted.

Throughout the meeting, Cllr R. Ogg left the room, to liaise with the emergency planning team at NLC in relation to the severe flooding in the area.

1911/3 Precept and Budget Planning
The committee considered the following points and made recommendations for consideration at the December Council meeting:

- a. The considered projects and workload for the year ahead and associated costs.
Recommendation: The committee recommends the following projects/works to be completed within the 2020/21 financial year:

War Memorial -

The memorial to remain in its current location and quotes obtained for the memorial to be cleaned.

Plaques to be sourced, to match the existing plaques, for the names of the forgotten soldiers provided by Estelle Mumby.

Estimated Cost: Unknown

Cemetery Chapel –

Restoration for the right hand side to Chapel to allow it to be opened to the public. Estimated cost: £20k.

Outdoor Gym Equipment –

The committee recommends installing outdoor gym equipment at the Community Pavilion site. Estimated Cost £10k.

West Street Park –

The committee considered the average cost of updating the park and whilst they agreed the park is in need of updating, the town is also in need of additional car parking space. Therefore, the committee would recommend that the Council considers the option of using all or part of West Street Park for parking prior to making a large investment in new equipment. This may be subject to conditions laid down in the original purchase agreement of 1953.

The committee is aware of a large area of land being given to NLC within the Keigar Development that could be used as a play area and the council could look at the possibility of extending the park on Marmion Drive. Whilst the committee does not want to see a reduction in green open space, it is aware of resident concerns over parking and agrees every option should be considered.

The committee recommends obtaining quotes to remove the skate park in West Street park and install the disused fencing at the entrance to the Community Pavilion site, within this financial year.

- b. To consider a 5 year plan for the Council including projects and associated costs.

Recommendation: The committee recommends the following points to form a 5 year plan:

- ***Neighbourhood Plan***
- ***Play Areas***
- ***Parking***

- c. To consider the devolution of powers from North Lincolnshire Council. The committee reviewed correspondence between the Town Council and NLC in relation to the Parish Path Scheme. The Council had received the Parish Path Agreement and had returned the agreement with queries. No further action had been taken. The devolution of grass cutting for internal verges had also been discussed however due to the officer retiring, no further progress was made. Cllr H. Rowson advised speaking to Colin Wilkinson at NLC, the officer responsible for these areas.

Recommendation: The committee recommends the Council continues to look at taking part in the Parish Path Scheme and taking on responsibility for the cutting of the internal verges and any other areas cut by NLC.

Estimated costs for equipment and time: £10K

1911/4 Agenda for next and future meetings

- Precept/Budget Planning

1911/5 Next Meeting

The date and time of the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting was agreed as (subject to any change in circumstances):

Date of next meeting to be arranged on receipt of precept information from NLC.