

WINTERTON TOWN COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the Meeting of Winterton Town Council held on
Friday 24th April 2020 at 5.00pm via Skype.**

Present:

Cllr D. Johnson Cllr M. Harrison Cllr A. Bazley Cllr B. Bridge
Cllr N. King Cllr E. Marper Cllr P. McCartan Cllr R. Ogg
Cllr H. Rowson

Miss L. Newstead – Clerk

2004/1 The meeting was opened and Councillors were welcomed by Cllr D. Johnson.

2004/2 Apologies
No apologies

2004/3 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations
a. Interests
None
b. Dispensations granted.
None

2004/4 Minutes of Previous Meeting
a. The Council considered the Minutes of the Winterton Town Council Meeting held on the 10th March 2020.
Agenda item 2003/6 – External Audit – Appendix A was not included in the information forwarded to members prior to the meeting and therefore should reflect this in the minutes.

Resolution: That the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record after the amendment of agenda item 2003/6 – External Audit to record Appendix A was not received.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr M. Harrison did not vote as she was not present at the March meeting.

2004/5 Report from Ward / North Lincs. Councillors
Cllr E. Marper reported on behalf of the Ward Councillors
(Available to view at www.wintertoncouncil.co.uk on receipt)

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr B. Bridge made members aware of the Mary Clarke Relief in need fund. A small funding pot to help local families in need. It was agreed that staff at the Federation School (Infants and Juniors) may be best

placed to identify families who would benefit from financial support during the pandemic.

Resolution: Cllr B. Bridge to contact the schools directly and make them aware of the fund and how families could apply for support.

ACTION: Cllr B. Bridge

Cllr P. McCartan raised the matter of the land to the rear of the Spar shop being advertised for sale through North Lincolnshire Council. He was please to hear that the property had been withdrawn from sale, after contacting the council. He asked that the property is not offered for sale again.

Cllr E. Marper reassured Cllr P. McCartan that this would not happen, as the land had been offered to the Federation School for use as a Forest School.

In light of the Coates Avenue development being approved at a recent appeal hearing. Cllr P. McCartan asked the Ward Councillors if the planning department or the legal department at North Lincolnshire Council could offer some guidance as to why appeals are being lost. This is the second appeal for planning in the town, that has gone in the favour of the developers

Cllr Marper responded that the reasons why the appeal has been successful is detailed in the individual inspector's report but stressed the need for the Council to push on with a Neighbourhood Plan.

2004/6

Biffa/Roxby Landfill Site

Cllr R. Ogg reported that Mr James Harrison continues to send out weekly updates to keep residents up to date with progress on the work at the site. Environment Agency are also sending out regular updates. As the Council are unaware of any recent complaints in relation to odour, the Council will continue to encourage residents to report any issues to Mr Harrison and the Environment Agency.
No further action.

2004/7

Grass Cutting

a. To receive an update on the maintenance of grass verges and public rights of way and to agree any actions.

b. To review quotes obtained to maintain the grass verges and public rights of way and agree any actions arising.

The Clerk updated Councillors on the current situation regarding grass cutting.

Cllr D. Johnson proposed considering the quotes for grass cutting at the extraordinary meeting of the Council scheduled for Tuesday 28th April, to allow the council to obtain the required 3 quotes for consideration.

Resolution: The Council agreed to review quotes for grass cutting at the extraordinary meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

2004/8

Corona Virus Pandemic

a. The council considered its current measures in place for playgrounds, parks and open spaces. And the latest government advice for these areas.

Resolution: West Street and Marmion Drive playgrounds to remain closed. Newport Drive playing field to remain closed. Winterton Cemetery to remain open but residents are reminded follow social distancing guidelines.

ACTION: Clerk

b. To review the Council's Emergency Plan and provision in the community to support the elderly, vulnerable and families and to agree any actions arising.

Cllr P. McCartan reported on the excellent work of the Poirier Foundation and Disabled Club to support their members. The local co-op has given priority to these people and allows the group to pre-order their shopping which is then ready for collection the next day. The organisation have also taken non-members under their wing if they have been identified as needing additional support. Every street in the town has a dedicated volunteer. Each volunteer has delivered slips to every household, aiding those who cannot leave the house or are elderly.

The Council considered ways in which they could help the local community.

Cllr P. McCartan declared an interest as a volunteer with the organisation.

Resolution: The Council agreed to donate £500 to the Poirier Foundation to help with ongoing support for residents during the pandemic.

ACTION: Clerk

c. Members considered the current opening times of the Recycling centre in Winterton after reports of queuing traffic on North Street waiting to access the site.

Resolution: The Council agreed that the site was very busy initially but is now coping with the number of users and there has been no further reports of queuing traffic, therefore no further action is required at this time.

2004/9

Staff Matters

Cllr D. Johnson informed the Council Ms. K. McGrath had agreed to accept the position of Responsible Financial Officer and would be starting at the beginning of May. Ms. McGrath will take over all financial aspects of the Council. To do this, a new laptop is needed. Cllr D. Johnson asked members to consider purchasing a laptop up to the value of £500, for this purpose. If agreed, the laptop could be delivered to directly to Mr C. Moore to be set up.

Resolution: The Council agreed to purchase a laptop up to the value of £500 and for Mr C. Moore to do the setting up.

ACTION: Clerk

- 2004/10 Police Matters
The Clerk reported on a raid on an unoccupied property in Winterton. The local policing team recovered over 100 cannabis plants with an estimated value of £80,000.
- 2004/11 Finance
- a. **APPENDIX A:** The Council received Notification of Accounts Paid by the Town Clerk under devolved authority LGA 1972 for March. **Payment for a notice board for WCP had been made from the main account and not the WCP account.**
Resolution: *The cost of the notice board to be transferred from the WCP account to the Councils main account.*
ACTION: Clerk
- b. **APPENDIX B:** The Council considered the Schedule of Payments for March.
Resolution: *That all payments be made as detailed.*
ACTION: Clerk
- c. **APPENDIX C:** To receive notification of accounts paid by the Town Clerk under devolved authority LGA 1972, in relation to the Community Pavilion for March.
- d. **APPENDIX D:** Schedule of Payments relating to the Community Pavilion for February.
Resolution: *That all payments be made as detailed.*
ACTION: Clerk
- e. **APPENDIX E:** The Council received 2019/20 Summary of Spend to date – for information only.
- f. **APPENDIX F:** The Council received the Summary of Spend and Bank Reconciliation up to 31st March 2020.
- 2004/12 Agenda for next and future meeting
The following items were put forward for the May agenda:
- Items from the March meeting.
- 2004/13 Date of next Meeting
The date and time of the next Full Town Council meeting was agreed as (subject to any change in circumstances):

**Tuesday 12th May 2020
at 6.00pm
via Skype.**

The meeting closed at 6.38pm