

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ON  
THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7:00PM**

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**Present:** Councillor R Little (Chairman)

Councillors: S Barker-Milan J Charters F W Lee P Roe  
S Roe B Sellars M Rodgers D Hargreaves  
N Dillon K Sampson E Rigby M Rodgers

**In Attendance:** Clerk to the Committee: Mrs D Locker  
5 members of the public  
Dr M Thompson – Councillor Lincolnshire County Council (LCC)

**The meeting opened at 19:05**

**Matters Raised in the Public Forum:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the public addressed the Town Council about the planning application already considered and approved by LCC in respect of the Mushroom Farm Recycling Centre, Boundary Lane, South Hykeham. Their spokesperson read out a pre-prepared statement advising of local concern to include: their opinion that there was limited consultation undertaken by Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and the applicant, the potential impacts of the proposed recycling centre activities on residents and what is presently happening in relation to opposing the centre through a local community pressure group. Councillors were invited to attend the fortnightly meetings of the pressure group where next steps were being discussed and actioned.

**1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman advised that the first of a weekly walking football session, aimed at a mature age group has been arranged locally at the NK One Sport Centre in the evening of Monday 2 October. This will continue as a weekly event throughout the football season. Also, part of the Chairman announcements will be discussed under closed session due to the confidential nature of the matter arising.

**Proposed Cllr S Roe, seconded by Cllr Reynolds**

To change the order of agenda items moving item 6 for consideration before item 5.

**RESOLVED**

To retain the agenda order, as advertised

**3 For, 5 against, 5 abstentions**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN**

Councillors: Briggs, Sahunta, Mrs Phillips

**Proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Rigby**

**RESOLVED**

To accept apologies for absence received and the reasons given.

**Unanimous**

**3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

None received at this point.

**4. NOTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2017 TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** **Proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Charters**  
That the minutes dated 27 July 2017 be approved as a true record.  
**Unanimous by those present at the meeting 27 July 2017**

**5. ADOPTION OF DRAFT COUNCILLOR VACANCY (COOPTION) POLICY**

The Chairman explained that whilst the Council currently coopts Councillors in line with good practice most Councils have a policy framework setting out the cooption process.

**Proposed by Cllr Rigby and seconded by Cllr Charters**

To adopt the draft policy

**Amendment to Proposal by Cllr S Roe and seconded by Cllr Lee**

For the Policy to be agreed but for it to come into force after item 6.

7 For, 5 Against, 1 abstention.

**RESOLVED** That the Councillor Vacancy (Cooption) Policy be agreed and to come into force after item 6. on the agenda  
**8 For, 3 Against, 2 Abstentions.**

**6. CO-OPTION FOR TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY ON MILL WARD**

The Clerk read out correspondence submitted by the two applicants interested in the Councillor vacancy. It was discussed that both candidates had been invited to the Council meeting, but neither could attend due to prior commitments. Some Cllrs felt it was difficult to take a vote on a co-option without first meeting the candidates who had applied for the vacancy.

**Proposed by Cllr Charters and seconded by Cllr Roe**

To defer the vote on co-option to a future date and invite the candidates to attend the next Town Council meetings.

**RESOLVED** **8 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstention**

**ACTION**

Chairman to write to candidates inviting them to attend the next Town Council meeting to explain that Councillors would like to meet and hear from the candidates in person before a co-option occurs.

**7. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS - PROPOSALS**

It was discussed that £16K of the S106 allocation from the Lindum Group construction site is available to spend and that consideration be given for its use for sports facilities at the Hub. For information further allocation is also now available to bid for related to a site located within South Hykeham.

**RESOLVED** **Proposed by Cllr Rigby, seconded by Cllr Charters**

The Council earmark the remaining £16K S106 monies and allocate for use at the Hub and not apply for S106 funding from development in the South Hykeham Parish area.

**Unanimous**

**8. RATIFICATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU INVOICE**

**RESOLVED** **Proposed by Cllr Rigby and seconded by Cllr Charters**  
Defer and refer back to the Finance and Policy Committee to consider original charge agreed.

**ACTION** Clerk to investigate and table this item for consideration at Finance and Policy Committee, with associated evidence.

## 9. RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT FAIRER FUNDING CAMPAIGN

It was discussed that the Greater Lincolnshire area has consistently experienced relatively low levels of central government financial support in comparison with other parts of England and Wales and the current funding formulae does not recognise the issues faced locally.

**Proposed by Cllr Rigby and seconded by Cllr Reynolds**

### **RESOLVED**

For a number of years, the Greater Lincolnshire area has consistently experienced relatively low levels of central government financial support in comparison with other parts of England and Wales. The current funding formula does not recognise the issues faced by this area. It is essential that the Greater Lincolnshire Councils as a whole, adopt a proactive and coordinated approach to lobby for a fair share of government funding for the area and without detriment to any council. Although campaigns have operated in the past to re-engage with relevant stakeholders to lobby for appropriate funding for the Greater Lincolnshire area. North Hykeham Town Council agrees to collectively lobby government for a fairer funding deal for Greater Lincolnshire authorities and out statutory partners, in addition to our ongoing work to secure resources for the economy, infrastructure, housing and community projects in the town."

**Unanimous**

### **ACTION**

Clerk to write to Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) expressing Support for their fairer funding campaign.

## 10 DISCUSSION ON EDUCATIONAL PROVISION FOR THE FUTURE GRANGE FARM SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION

The Chairman read out the following information provided by LCC Children's Services:

*"The Local Authority (LA) are considering the impact on education of future development plans put forward by NKDC for the North and South Hykeham area (part of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan). The LA have a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places and will be looking to maximize the use of S106/CIL and Basic Need funding over the next 20 years to ensure that the local community can access a local school place through sustainable good quality educational provision. A potential 200 new homes is likely to generate in the region of 420 (2 forms of entry) new primary school places, in addition to ensuring that there are sufficient school places for the existing community. There could be a range of ideas from the Town Council; particularly in relation to how they see the recreational facilities fitting with future plans and the part the Community Centre and Town Council playing fields might play alongside existing and future primary provision."*

A discussion was had by Councillors in relation to the statement offered to the Town Council. Councillors expressed the view that the time for detailed discussions would be better once the various landowners have agreed terms and there was an initial draft masterplan for the area in situ.

**Proposed by Councillor Little and seconded by Cllr Rigby**

### **RESOLVED**

Defer this item for consideration and feedback until further details are known. No further consideration to take place until the next civic year after May 2018.

**Unanimous**

### **ACTION**

Clerk to table this item for consideration for next year.

**11. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR VERBAL FEEDBACK**

Lincs County Councillors S Roe and Dr. M Thompson provided update reports and the contents were duly noted. As District Councillor for North Kesteven Councillor Lee advised that there is currently a proposal in place to develop land off Station Road (behind the railway station) to include retail provision along with its potential to bring over 200 jobs to the North Hykeham area.

**12. TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE PERSONNEL MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED.**

**RESOLVED**

**Proposed by Councillor Little and seconded by Cllr Charters**

To agree the motion to go into closed session to consider feedback from the Town Clerk interviews.

**Unanimous**

Dr. M Thompson (LCC Councillor), all members of the public and Clerk to the Committee – Mrs. D Locker left the Council Chamber at 20.30.

8 applicants had been shortlisted, with 2 not attending for interview. 3 candidates were shortlisted for phase 2 of the interview process.

**The meeting closed at 20.40**