

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES ON
THURSDAY 24th MAY 2018 AT 7:00PM**

Present: Councillor S Barker-Milan (Mayor)

Councillors: J Charters Mrs J Phillips N Dillon P Roe R Little
C Briggs W Lee P Johnson M Rodgers

In Attendance: Clerk to the Committee: Mrs E Preece (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 19:00

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillors: K Sampson, L Thompson, B Jackling, S Roe, B Sellars,
E Rigby, M Reynolds, D Hargreaves

Proposed by Cllr N Dillon, seconded by Cllr Mrs J Phillips

AGREED

To accept apologies for absence received and the reasons given.
Unanimous

**2. RECEIPT OF ANY DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS UNDER THE
LOCALISM ACT 2011**

Councillors were reminded that under the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011, a member with a disclosable pecuniary interest of which they are aware in a matter who attends a meeting of the council at which the matter is considered must disclose and withdraw from the room.

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council that Councillor L Thompson (Mill Ward) who was co-opted at the Town Council meeting on Thursday 30th November 2017 had resigned from the Town Council.

The Mayor presented Councillor Little with the past Mayoral badges as he was unable to attend the Annual Town Council Meeting.

**4. NOTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MAY
2018 TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES**

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr J Charters, seconded by Cllr C Briggs
the Annual Town Council minutes dated 10th May 2018 be
approved as a true record of minutes.
Unanimous by those who had attended that meeting

5. CORRESPONDANCE AND CLERKS ITEMS

- Councillor Little confirmed that he would like to remain as a representative on the North Hykeham Town Twinning Association.
- Councillor Jackling confirmed that he would like to remain as a representative on the Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association.
- HUB opening – given the last Community Committee meeting did not go ahead due to not being in quorate. The Town Clerk would like to confirm the start time of the opening event as 1pm as opposed to the suggested 11am with the officially opening at 2pm. This would enable guests to have something to eat prior to the official opening.
The Council also discussed the fitting of the plaque to the inside of the wall on the left-hand side as you enter the building.
Councillor Mrs J Phillips gave her apologies for the opening ceremony as she is not available.
- Village Green Public Toilets – the Town Clerk informed the Council that at the Estates and Operations Committee meeting on Wednesday 23rd May a decision to temporarily close the public toilets until September 2018 was taken and then to review this decision after that time. This was a decision discussed at length and taken due to the financial implications of the urgent works required, identified from a health and safety inspection, and the ongoing costs to the extensive and repeat vandalism of both toilets.
There was a request to seek clarification for the decision made as a couple of Councillors disputed that this motion was carried at that meeting.
- Chapel Fields – The Town Clerk informed the Council that all ground works have now been completed to the required standard. Carrier Landscapes outstanding works once the seed has germinated are rolling the area and a first cut. They have installed orange bunting on the timber posts along the perimeter path however this is not deterring members of the public from accessing the fields. At the previous Estates and Operations Committee meeting it was agreed to purchase approximately 156m of heras fencing to complete the fencing off of the perimeter of Chapel Fields, for protection of the recent ground works.
- Notice of Election – NKDC is holding an election for a District Councillor for the North Hykeham Mill Ward.

6. RATIFICATION OF EXPENSES POLICY

AGREED **Proposed by Cllr N Dillon, seconded by Cllr J Charters**
to accept the Expenses Policy for adoption by North Hykeham Town Council.
Unanimous

7. RATIFICATION OF GRANTS POLICY

AGREED **Proposed by Cllr N Dillon, seconded by Cllr P Johnson**
to accept the Grants Policy for adoption by North Hykeham Town Council.
9 For, 1 Abstention

8. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION UPDATE

The Town Clerk took the lead to inform the Council of the work undertaken to ensure that the Town Council is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation which comes into effect

tomorrow, Friday 25th May 2018. The GDPR replaces the existing law on data protection (Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection regarding how their personal data is used by councils. There is an abundance of advice being circulated for the implementation of the new laws and we are using the 'A GDPR Toolkit for local councils' produced by NALC to ensure compliance as it provides a number of practical tools to assist councils in the form of an Action Plan Checklist and a data audit questionnaire.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Little, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, informed the Council that the Neighbourhood Plan had now been examined by an external examiner whose feedback was 'Congratulations on a good, concise Plan!'.

There were 6 modifications in her feedback of which we are extremely pleased, the only comment back to the examiner was in regards to her suggested modification 3 and 4. Promoting environmental sustainability has always been at the forefront of our Neighbourhood Plan and therefore we asked if there was any option for reducing the amount of 'wiggle' room that the new suggested wording provided in relation to development and environmental considerations.

We have now agreed the final wording and confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan and are awaiting confirmation for a referendum date.

The Councillor took the opportunity to thank all those Councillors and staff who took an active role in the plan and we look forward to the referendum.

10. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS

Councillor Lee updated the Council on the District Council beginning with Witham St Hughs major development of 1,100 houses and 150 retirement homes has been delayed due to the NKDC Councillors concerns about the NHS planning to spend the proposed health contributions in North Hykeham rather than in the village which would further exasperate the already stretched facilities.

He proceeded to inform them that NKDC has appointed new partners to develop and operate its leisure, sport, arts and physical activity services over the coming years. Through a new operating model, the previously subsidised services will now run at an overall surplus to the Council, which helps to maintain and grow other services through a 10-year saving of more than £10 million.

As of the 1st April, Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) under the registered trademark of Better operate the leisure centres in North Hykeham, Sleaford and Sleaford Fitness Station sports and sports outreach; Lincs Inspire Ltd will run the Natural World Centre at Whisby and the Arts Services including the National Centre for Craft & Design; and Hill Holt Wood will run the CountrysideNK service, which includes the Stepping Out walk network and nature-based activities.

The meeting closed moved into CLOSED SESSION 19.55

ACTIONS

Action	By whom	By When	Completed
To check whether the Declaration of Interests has been received from all Councillors.	Town Clerk	ASAP	Some Councillors outstanding
To circulate the DRAFT minutes from the Estates and Operations Committee meeting to all Committee members for comment.	Town Clerk	As soon as ready	Completed

