

Gainsborough Town Council

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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on **Tuesday 1 October 2024** at **6:30pm** in the Ceremony room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough, DN21 2RJ.

Councillors Present: Councillor Kenneth Woolley (Chair)

Councillor Nigel Bowler
Councillor Dennis Dannatt

Councillor Richard Doy
Councillor Paul Key

Councillor Nicholas Coxon
Councillor David Dobbie
(arrived at 6:31pm)
Councillor Paul Hooton
Councillor James Plastow

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones

Town Clerk

Open Forum Public participation

No public questions received.

FC25/079 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Craig, C Davies, M Devine, S Morley, L Muggridge.

FC25/080 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

FC25/081 Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

FC25/082 Items for Exclusion of Public and Press

No items for exclusion of public and press.

FC25/083 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Paper A)

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 be approved as a as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Note: Councillor Dannatt abstained from voting on the above resolution.

Note: Councillor Dobbie arrived at the meeting at 6:31pm.

Initialled:

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FC25/084 Committee Meeting Minutes (Papers B - E)

- i. Property and Services Committee, Tuesday 10 September 2024 Paper B
- ii. Personnel Committee, Wednesday 11 September 2024 Paper C
- iii. Planning Committee, Wednesday 18 September 2024 Paper D
- iv. Finance and Strategy Committee, Tuesday 24 September Paper E

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the draft minutes of the Committees.

FC25/085 Announcements (Paper F)

- i. Chair of Council

The Chair informed Members of the Cemetery Working Group meeting, presentation of the Citizen of the Year award to John Lyden at the Men's Shed Open Day and the Gainsborough in Bloom award.

- ii. Leader of Council

The Leader informed Members of the Cemetery Working Group meeting, presentation of the Citizen of the Year award to John Lyden at the Men's Shed Open Day, meeting with Gainsborough Trinity Foundation and Trustees discussing ways to move forward with the sand-based pitch and looking at a further meeting with WLDC as the Council was originally informed they would be quarterly.

- iii. Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Bowler advised that Gainsborough Together southwest ward walk arounds were open to all Councillors to attend and he would forward details.

Councillor Dobbie advised he was unable to attend the Central Lincolnshire Design Code Parish/Town Council event as he was working but would read documents provided and report to the Planning Committee.

- iv. Town Clerk

RESOLVED: to support the proposed reduction in speed limit, to 30mph on Corringham Road.

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the Town Clerk's report.

FC25/086 Motion from Councillor Coxon

Following the recent walkabout with the police commissioner, leader and representatives from various organisations, I wanted to share an exciting opportunity that came up during discussions myself and the leader had with Marc.

We talked about collaborating with the probation service to engage in community payback initiatives. Specifically, we're looking into organising a litter pick as part of the community service programme. I was included in an email with Marc's assistant and the probation service, which provided guidance on how to apply for this programme.

Given the positive impact this could have on our town, I would like to propose that our Council applies to join the probation service's community payback

scheme. It's a fantastic way to not only improve our local environment but also to support the rehabilitation process for those involved.

I'm asking colleagues to support this initiative and back the Town Council making an application? Your support would be invaluable in moving this forward.

No second was obtained therefore the motion was treated as though it was never offered.

FC25/087 Motion from Councillor Coxon

I am seeking colleague support for a proposal I believe will greatly benefit our community. It has been brought to my attention by several visitors to the park that the current parking situation is less than ideal, particularly for those who require wheelchair access. At present, visitors have to unload their wheelchairs and then find parking on the road, which poses significant inconvenience and potential safety concerns.

In light of this, I am proposing the establishment of a public car park where the Avery was located at the front of Richmond House. This new facility would vastly improve accessibility for all visitors.

Additionally, I would like to address the current state of our toilet facilities. I believe there is a strong case for not only upgrading these facilities but also introducing a dedicated changing place. This would involve seeking financial support from the West Lindsey District Council to ensure that we can provide a fully accessible and accommodating environment for all park visitors.

Colleague support and input would be invaluable in moving this proposal forward. I am confident that, with their support, we can make these necessary improvements a reality.

The motion was **WITHDRAWN** by the proposer.

FC25/088 Correspondence (Paper G)

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the correspondence circulated.

FC25/089 Items for Notification

Presentation from Community Links Project at the November meeting.

FC25/090 Time and Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the date and time of the next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 6:30pm at Richmond House, Morton Terrace.

The meeting closed at 7:01pm.

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: _____ Dated _____
Presiding chairman of approving meeting

Initialled:

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