

## GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of Council held in the Ceremony Room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7:00pm

**Present:** Councillor Kenneth Woolley (In the Chair)

Councillor Matthew Boles  
Councillor Harry Clarke  
Councillor Tim Davies  
Councillor Dennis Dannatt  
Councillor Paul Key  
Councillor Sally Loates  
Councillor Keith Panter  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Sharon Hopkinson  
Councillor Liz Clews  
Councillor Michael Hopper

**In Attendance:**

Matthew Gleadell Clerk to the Council

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN**

Councillor Richard Craig  
Councillor Caroline Davies  
Councillor Ashley Perraton-Williams  
Councillor Clio Perraton-Williams

**RESOLVED** to receive the apologies for absence and accept the reasons given.

**2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

No declarations received.

**3. COUNCIL MINUTES (Paper A)**

i. Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 7 March 2017

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions received from members of the public.

**5. PRESENTATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Apologies were received from the Chairman of the Royal British Legion prior to the meeting who had unexpectedly been unable to attend. It was therefore agreed that his presentation would be given at a later date.

**6. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE PERSON PRESIDING MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL (Paper B)**

The Mayor reported on recent attendances at various Civic events which was duly noted by the members.

**7. TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Paper C)**

**RESOLVED** that the draft minutes of the Committees be received.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting dated 15 March 2017 be deferred for noting at the next Full Council meeting as it was evident that some members had not received copy of the minutes prior to the meeting. All members were however given a copy of the minutes at the meeting.

**8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLVED** under standing order 14D to change the order of business and deal with item 8 at the end of the meeting.

**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Hopper gave members a detailed update in relation to progress of the Neighbourhood Plan which was supported by the Clerk who also provided some additional information as regards the progress of grant application.

**10. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Clerk reported to members as regards to correspondence received from Tesco and Sir Edward Leigh regarding the issues of trolleys. The Clerk also reported that West Lindsey District Council had now taken up the issue and were considering how they could address trolleys also.

The Clerk also reported to members he had been investigating the issue of pigeons in the market place. The Clerk reported that he had obtained a quote to carry out a survey of the town centre from the same Company that carries out pigeon control for Wimbledon. The Clerk reported that the cost of a survey would cost £150 which would involve an assessment of roosting times and provide guidance and advice how to address the problem going forward.

**RESOLVED** that the Council fund £150 for the cost to carrying out initial pigeon survey of the Market Place.

**11. GAINSBOROUGH GROWTH**

The Clerk gave members an outline of the growth plans for Gainsborough. The Clerk arranged for members to engage in an exercise involving considering what growth of Gainsborough would mean for Council generally and more specifically Gainsborough Town Council. The Clerk then arranged for members to undertake a swot analysis of the Council's ability to deal with Gainsborough growth and the likely impact on the Town Council in terms of its undertakings.

**12. REPORT FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (Paper E)**

The Clerk gave members his monthly report which was noted by the members.

**8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members gave due consideration to the recommendation from the Personnel Committee. Members of the Council were asked questions of the Personnel Committee regarding the issues concerned. Members also considered at length the contents of the Clerks paper.

**RESOLVED** that the cost of redundancy rises from the Councils restructure of the grounds maintenance be met from general reserve and that the recommendation of the Personnel Committee be supported.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm