

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Management and Finance Committee held at Richmond House,
Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Paul Key (Chairman)

Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Vaughan Hughes
Councillor Lesley Rollings

Also Present: WLDC Councillor Trevor Young

In Attendance:

Sue Harrison Acting Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones Assistant Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Norman Dinsdale

RESOLVED to accept the reason for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

3. FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2013 / 2014 (Paper A)

- i. Football
- ii. Cricket
- iii. Bowls
- iv. Pavilion Hire

A length discussion took place during which several members felt it would be sensible to incorporate fees and charges for sports grounds into a full development exercise to ensure that the facilities are run more cost effectively and become more sustainable.

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Rollings, seconded by Councillor Hughes to defer consideration of the first 4 items and request the Personnel Committee when considering the restructure to give some thought to providing capacity for developing all sites.

Members considered an email received from Paul Hamnett, Football Development Officer for Lincs FA regarding charges for the use of Sports Pavilion of sports courses run by the LFA.

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Rollings, seconded by Councillor Hughes to charge the FA £35 + VAT for an evening workshop and £350 + VAT for a Level 1 course.

v. Cemetery

Members considered other local authority comparison charges in Paper A

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Key, seconded by Councillor Hughes to increase all current cemetery charges by 10% with the exception of exhumation which will not increase.

vi. Allotments (2014 / 2015)

Councillor Hughes declared a direct pecuniary interest as an allotment holder and left the room at 7:49pm.

Councillor Clarke declared a direct pecuniary interest as an allotment holder but stayed in the room.

The Chairman indicated that he would have allowed members of the public to make a statement if present.

Members considered that they needed more comparison charges for the size of the allotments that the Council offers.

RESOLVED to defer the item regarding allotment fees for 2014/15 until comparison charges have been received from the National Allotment Society.

Councillor Hughes returned to the meeting at 7:56pm.

vii. Garage Space Rents (2014 / 2015)

Members had a general discussion.

RESOLVED to set the 2014/2015 charge for garage space rents to £50 per annum and speak with Thonock and Somerby Estates with regards to ascertaining responsibility for the maintenance of the road way.

Councillor Key requested that his vote against the above resolution be noted.

viii. Register Office

Members were advised that the lease between WLDC and LCC was for a term of ten years from 1 July 2001 at a rent of £4,035 per annum. West Lindsey District Council had transferred their interest to the Town Council in 2009 along with all obligations.

LCC were at present 'holding over' which means LCC are staying in occupation on the existing terms until such a time comes when the Town Council request a lease renewal or indicates a possible alternative use for the building.

Councillor Hughes advised that he would, in his professional capacity, take measurement of the room and look at comparables for renting the space.

RESOLVED to defer a decision on the future lease rental charge of Richmond House until more information has been received and a development plan drawn up for the house / park.

4. TO CONSIDER BUDGETARY REQUIREMENT FOR BUDGET 2013 / 2014 AND TO RECOMMEND THE LEVEL OF PRECEPT TO FULL COUNCIL (Paper B)

Members considered Paper B in great detail and made minor amendments along with provision for a contribution of £3,000 for a Gainsborough Festival.

Councillor Dobbie declared a personal interest as the former Chairman of the Riverside Festival Committee.

RECOMMENDATION to Full Council on proposal by Councillor Key, seconded by Councillor Rollings to approved the Precept provision for 2013 / 2014 of £417,830 being a 0% rise.

Councillor Hughes left the meeting at 8:45pm.

The meeting concluded at 8:58pm

Chairman