



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council held
on Saturday 21st March 2020
at the Town Hall Garden, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 11am.**

Members present: Cllr Pat Frankish (Chair), Cllr David Garritt and Cllr Jack Startin.
Also present: Town Clerk, Neil Taylor-Matson

Prior to the meeting prayers were led by Cllr Frankish
Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

MINUTES

2003E2/01 Exclusion of the Public & Press

The Council considered the exclusion of the public and press under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the risks public gatherings presently represent to public safety and the advice of the Government.

RESOLUTION: That the public and press be excluded.

2003E2/02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Billy Boyd (holiday), Cllr Kathy Cooper (health), Cllr Geoff Cossey (health), Cllr Hazel Fox (health), Cllr Karen Gunn (work).

Cllr Gunn, in her submission of apologies for the meeting requested the following be recorded: "I personally feel having the Extraordinary meeting on Saturday rather unfair as I'm yet again unable to attend due to my shift. I'm in a job which is considered front line. I don't know when I will make another meeting, likewise the remainder of you. However what I find most annoying is I will not have voting rights. I stated I could make Friday, yes I knowlegal side however I feel there maybe some special circumstances an the state of emergency we will soon be entering there is a loop hole. I can make Monday evening or anytime Tuesday 24/03/2020."

The Clerk noted that all options to work within the legislation which governs Town and Parish Councils is key in order that decision making is legal and accountable. It was made clear to all Councillors that nobody should be leaving self-isolation situations for a meeting of the Council. In the light of no alternatives provided other than delay, which was unfortunately not a practical option under the circumstances, if the Council is quorate this critical meeting should go ahead as published. The meeting was able to be held in the Town Hall Garden allowing for the safest environment without the need for meeting others within an enclosed environment. There was enough room in the outdoor area to stand apart at safe distances and offer every level of protection available. The Clerk thanked the Council for its understanding and patience with the fast moving environment at this time.

2003E2/03 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

- a. No declarations of interest were made.
- b. No dispensations were noted for this agenda.

2003E2/04 Devolution of Powers

The Council considered the devolution of powers under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 101 in order that the Town Council can continue to function and make decisions under the conditions required by Government to contain the current risks of COVID-19.

RESOLUTION: That an amendment regarding the period of time for the measures to be put into place should be included to read "when the government of the United Kingdom has reinstated all public meetings."

RESOLUTION: That an amendment regarding the holding of meetings should be included to read "when legislation is in place to allow the holding of meetings remotely and voting via other means than within face to face meetings."

RESOLUTION: Proposed by Cllr Garritt, Seconded by Cllr Startin and agreed unanimously that with the stated amendments the proposals from the Town Clerk be approved. See attached report.

ACTION: Town Clerk

2003E2/05 Planning

- a. The Council considered a response from the Town Council to the North Lincolnshire Local Plan Consultation.

RESOLUTION: That comments from all Councillors are sought and collated together under the devolved policy adopted and submitted prior to the deadline set by North Lincolnshire Council.

ACTION: Town Clerk

b. The Council considered a response from the Town Council to Strategic Land Group's proposal for a housing development at Ings Road.

Cllr Gunn, in submission of apologies for absence to the meeting requested the following be recorded: "I fully support the residents in turning down this application for housing development. I feel we should be highlighting we have Gledells site and the Camp which would be more suitable for development and in their current state are becoming an eyesore to our Town. We need to save our fields we are increasingly becoming more water logged. Ings Road and Lane are narrow and an old part of our Town, let's not lose all its character. I personally feel as a council we must do all we can to stop this being developed. However my concerns are the developers will argue the point there is a development at the top of Ings Lane and the ongoing development behind Richdale Ave and a precedent has been set."

RESOLUTION: *That the Council response takes into consideration the strong public feeling as well as the clear impracticality and inappropriate location of this proposal.*

RESOLUTION: *That the Council responds: "The Town Council would like to thank you for the inclusion in your current public consultation. Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is aware that there is strong feeling within the community that this is the wrong location for a development like this. There are other areas of the town which are more suitable. There are a number of technical factors, including highways, ecology, water and drainage and overall infrastructure which draw serious concerns. The location is not right for the shape of the town and the way in which it needs to develop, and with a number of approved developments already this should be a matter of serious consideration. The Town Council will respond in full to any submitted planning application."*

ACTION: Town Clerk

The meeting closed at 11:15am.