



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council held on Wednesday 24th June 2020 virtually via PowWowNow at 7pm.

Members present: Cllr Pat Frankish (Chair), Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Billy Boyd, Cllr Geoff Cossey, Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Karen Gunn and Cllr Jack Startin.
Also present: Town Clerk, Neil Taylor-Matson

This meeting was held virtually in line with the temporary powers enabled by Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, enacted 25th March 2020. Members of the public were provided with details of how to join the meeting via the published Agenda and online.

Prior to the meeting the Mayor, Cllr Pat Frankish provided an introduction to the virtual meeting along with housekeeping guidance.

Public Participation: No members of the public raised any issues.

MINUTES

2006E/01

Apologies for Absence

- a. Apologies were received from the three Ward Cllrs: Cllr Neil Poole, Cllr John England and Cllr Trevor Foster.
- b. The Council considered granting a leave of absence for Councillors unable to join virtual meetings.

RESOLUTION: This was deemed to be unnecessary as all Councillors were present.

2006E/02

Declaration of Interests / Dispensations

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

2006E/03

Report from Ward / North Lincolnshire Councillors

As no Ward Councillors were present, the Mayor noted that Cllr Neil Poole had contacted the Clerk with an update prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk reported that due to the concerns raised about the substantial increase of heavy traffic passing through the town to service the quarries at Gainsthorpe, NLC were working on resolving the issue with further information to come on an agreement regarding an up to date travel plan to cover both the North and South Quarries. The Clerk noted the support from the Ward Cllrs for the Town Council and residents requests that planning application PA/2020/588 be considered by the NLC Planning Committee and spoken against.

2006E/04

Finance

i. Income and Expenditure

- a. The Council received notification of accounts paid by the Town Clerk under devolved authority LGA1972 for February, March, April, May and June.

RESOLUTION: Approved.

- b. The Council approved accounts for payment for the months February, March, April, May and June.

RESOLUTION: Approved.

- c. The Council noted the changes to business interest rates as notified by the bank.

The Clerk noted the significant drop in the bank interest rates due to the current national health crisis and its impact on the financial position of the UK, noting that this would have a small impact on the finances of the Council and the expected income approved in the 2020-2021 budget.

- d. The Council received notification of receipt of VAT refund for 2019-2020 as recorded on the April Finance Statement.

ii. Internal Control

- a. The Council received the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliations to balance with the bank statements and cashbook for February, March, April and May.

RESOLUTION: Approved.

- b. The Council approved the 2020-21 Reserves Statement and this was signed.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- c. The Council discussed the Mayoral Allowance 2020-21.

RESOLUTION: That this be deferred until the Annual Meeting of the Council is held and a Mayor and Deputy are duly elected for 2020-21.

iii. External Control

- a. The Council received the Internal Auditors Report and recommendations.

- b. The Council completed, approved and signed the 2019-20 Annual Governance Statement.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- c. The Council completed, approved and signed the 2019-20 Accounting Statements.

ACTION: Town Clerk

- d. The Council confirmed the appointment of an internal auditor for 2020-21.

RESOLUTION: That Richard Dixon is appointed internal auditor for 2020-21. ACTION: Town Clerk

Signed:

Dated:

2006E/05

Policies and Procedures

The Council considered NALC's new model Code of Conduct and agreed on the response from the Town Council to the consultation.

RESOLUTION: That Councillors respond individually to the online consultation and contact the Clerk if they require the link to the consultation to be re-sent to them.

ACTION: Councillors and Town Clerk

2006E/06

Summer Gala

The Council discussed and agreed the options around the provision of a community event in place of the 2020 Summer Gala.

RESOLUTION: That it is confirmed the 2020 Summer Gala is to be cancelled with no additional event planned. The Kirton in Lindsey Scarecrows 2020 is already in progress as a summer event for the community to enjoy safely with a focus around the weekend when the Gala would have taken place.

ACTION: Town Clerk

2006E/07

Next Meeting

The Council agreed arrangements for the next meeting of the Council.

The Council discussed the various factors influencing how meetings can be held at this time and how to proceed with Council matters. Cllr Cooper raised a query about attendance at the virtual NLC Committee Meeting for representation regarding planning application PA/2020/588. Cllr Fox raised a query about the reopening of the play area on the Green.

RESOLUTION: That a further Extraordinary Meeting is held on Wednesday July 22nd 2020 at 7pm virtually via PowWowNow.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk will inform all Councillors when the date of the virtual NLC Committee Meeting for discussion of planning application PA/2020/588 is confirmed so that attendance can be agreed.

ACTION: Town Clerk

RESOLUTION: The Clerk noted that the latest government advice is that outdoor play areas can re-open from Saturday 4th July, provided that they can be "Covid-19 safe". The full guidance is still to be published. Further information will be provided once the guidance is available.

ACTION: Town Clerk

The meeting closed at 19:50.