

CAISTOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Caistor Town Council held on Thursday 8th August 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Caistor.

Present: Cllrs J Wright (in the chair), A Clark, S Critten, S Duprat, M Galligan, S Gaughan, C Mackenzie, C Rudd, A Somerscales & S Wright.

Apologies: Cllrs J Bowman, S Davey, J Hughes & M Sizer.

Present: J Hanrahan (Town Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Declaration of Interests:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (11th July 2019):** It was moved and seconded, by Cllrs Carol Mackenzie and Alan Somerscales respectively, that the minutes were a true and correct record. This was agreed with one abstention.
3. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman advised that he had attended three functions on behalf of the Town Council:
 - a. The impressive Flower Club exhibition in the Town Hall on 13th July.
 - b. Visited the Rock Foundation launch at Grimsby Road on 2nd August.
 - c. Attended the Sandra Murphy patented horse feed event at Nettleton on 2nd August.
- 5a. **Economic Committee Minutes & Actions:**

Members received and considered the deliberations of the Committee and supported all the actions as recommended.
- 5b. **Environment Committee Minutes & Actions:**

Members received and considered the deliberations of the Committee and supported all the actions as recommended
- 6: **Reports from External Bodies:**
 - a. **Police Report: PCSO Dawn Cowling**

Apologies were given regarding the publication of the June report, this was due to work absence. A Parish Council Cluster Meeting, will be held at Market Rasen, Police Station on Friday 6th December 2019 at 7pm. If there are any specific questions that you would like answering, please forward them to PCSO Dowling. Otherwise, any other questions can be answered during the evening. In the Caistor beat area during June/July they had dealt with 36 traffic related incidents and approx. 50 x calls regarding concern for a person's safety and 10 x calls to people reported missing. **Caistor:** had 2 reports of a JCB driving late at night. Officers attended and can confirm it was the owner who was driving. However, we were grateful for the call. These types of incidents can often result in ATM breaks. After the theft of mini digger from Nettleton Road, extensive enquiries have taken place which have identified a vehicle and its direction of travel away from Caistor. PC Keats is following up this information and the owner is being updated.
Members noted the report
 - b. **West Lindsey District Council: Cllr Owen Bierley**

Cllr Brierley presented his comprehensive written report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting and answered questions on it. The report was most expansive and Members expressed their thanks. Members advised the District Cllrs that the ladies flush in the Town hall car park toilets needs attention as do the lighting columns in George Mews. Cllr Galligan enquired about progress on CCTV and was advised that a report was to be considered in September.
 - c. **Lincolnshire County Council: Cllr Tony Turner:** Cllr Turner gave a short verbal report stating that he would be standing down at the next LCC election. Cllr Galligan asked for an update on the damaged road sign at Kelsway and the potholes on Plough Hill. Cllr Turner said

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he would take up these matters and the Town Clerk advised that they had been reported to LCC.

8: Town Clerk's Report on ongoing matters:

Members noted the Town Clerk's report. In respect of the general maintenance of the Town Centre it was noted that the operative has not using his equipment to the best advantage and should not try to pick up individual petals but should brush them.

- **Litter & Spraying:** There was some discussion about the extent of the litter clearing and weed spraying to be undertaken, which is the area bounded by South Street, Horsemarket, Bank Street, Chapel Street and High Street including the Market Place.
- **CGS September 11+ days:** Saturday 7th & 21st September. Cllrs J Wright, S Critten and Angela Clark indicated that they would be available and others were encouraged to participate.
- **Caistor Development Trust:** Members noted that the £10,000 from the (CDT) is in the process of being transferred to the Town Council which is to be ring fenced for car parking initiatives.
- **Utility Alliance** advised us to switch our energy supplier. They indicate that we could save £107 a year (£538 over 5 years) by switching from Opus Energy. Our current annual expenditure is £712 compared to £605 by switching. Members agreed to the switch to the new supplier.
- **South Street Park Fence:** Town Clerk advised that two tenders had been received. The first was for £1,690 (part fence repair, part new) and second £5,800 (all new). Members accepted the lowest tender which was from Jon Waterman.

8: Finance:

- a. **Pensions Regulator (PR):** This matter was considered in closed session.
- b. **VAT Reclaim:** Our claims progress was noted.
- c. **Town Hall Roof Grant:** It was noted that West Lindsey District Council have approved our grant application for roof works and an invoice for £8000 has subsequently been submitted. The Town Hall Executive Committee have also contributed £5000 towards these works.
- d. Acceptance of the monthly schedule of payments and receipts was proposed and seconded by Cllrs S Critten and J Wright and subsequently agreed.

9: Correspondence:

- a. **Bob Tubman of Wolds Wanderers** has written to update members on the state of the pitches at the Sports Club. They believe that there is a case for banning dogs from the field entirely as even when the mess is picked up there may be traces of the roundworm parasite which may contaminate the soil. Members discussed this matter at length and rejected the idea of creating a dedicated dog walking area. It was agreed that more persons should be formally trained to issue enforcement penalty notices (Cllrs Clark, Jim Harahan, K Hodson, M Gilliatt and CS&SC Members).
- b. **Car Recharging & Bike Store:** Town Hall Executive Committee is happy with car charging points but unhappy with the idea of a cycle store. Environment Committee to consider the matter further at their next meeting on 5th September.

10. Parks Inspection:

Cllr S Wright carried out the inspection this month and reported that overall the Parks were in good order. South Street Park had no litter as did Millfield's Park. However, there were Pidgeon droppings on the safety surface at North Kelsey road. A Stanley knife was found and removed near to the exercise machine at North Kelsey Road. There was slight damage to the swing seat. The keep fit equipment whilst not dangerous could do with checking and tightening. **Our Operative would attend to these matters.**

11. Outside Bodies:

- a. **Caistor Goes:** has had a quiet period but is now preparing for proms in the Park on 8th September 2019.
- b. **Caistor Cares:** The last event was cancelled due to a waterlogged venue.

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- c. **CS&SC:** T20 cricket event and BBQ planned. CCTV still needs addressing by WLDC.
- 12. **Closed Session:** It was proposed that the Town Council Move into Closed session. Proposed by A Clark & seconded by Cllr C Mackenzie. This was agreed unanimously.
 - a. **Pensions Regulator (PR):** It was agreed that the Town Council must comply with the Regulator's advice but asked the Town Clerk to seek clarification that backdating to the point of employment was necessary. The matter was delegated to the Employment Committee to resolve.
 - b. **Cllr Rudd** submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Member responsible for Cemeteries, Churchyards and PRow. Members thanked him for his hard work and Cllr Somerscales with Cllr J Wright's help agreed to take on the role unless another member volunteered.

Meeting closed at 8:28pm (2028hrs)

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