

Minutes of the Caistor Town Council held at 7.00 pm at the Caistor Town Hall on 9 December 2021

Present: Cllr S. Davey, Cllr P. Richardson, Cllr J. Bowman, Cllr S. Critten (Chair), Cllr S. Gaughan, Cllr M. Galligan, Cllr S. Hodson, Cllr C. Mackenzie, Cllr A. Somerscales,

In Attendance: Carl Thomas, Cllr O.Bierley (WLDC), Members of public present: 6

- 1 <u>Apologies for absence & reasons given Ref: 906</u> Cllrs Wright, Sizer, Lyus, Rudd, Hughes
- 2 <u>To receive declarations of interest Ref: 907</u> Cllr Davey in item 9A.
- <u>Public Session (10 minutes) Ref: 908</u>
 Member of the public spoke about the proposed oil drilling at North Kelsey Moor.
- **<u>4</u>** Chairmans Report Ref: 909 The Vice Chairman thanked Cllr Bowman and everybody involved in the Christmas lights switch on event.
- <u>To approve the draft minutes of Council Meeting held on 11/11/21 Ref: 910</u> It was resolved to approve these as a true record.
 Proposed: Cllr C.Mackenzie Seconder: Cllr M.Galligan All in favour

6 Finance - Ref: 911

a) To approve the Accounting Statements for period ending 30/11/21 - Ref: 912

The Clerk had previously circulated the accounting statements for the period ending 30th November 2021. It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr S. Gaughan Seconder: Cllr M. Galligan All in favour

b) To approve the Schedule of Payments - Ref: 913

It was resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments totalling £5114.90 Proposed: Cllr M. Galligan Seconder: Cllr S. Gaughan All in favour

c) To approve the budget for 2022/23 - Ref: 914

It was resolved to approve the budget for 2022/23. Proposed: Cllr M. Galligan Seconder: Cllr S. Critten All in favour

d) To approve the precept demand for 2022/23 - Ref: 915

It was resolved to approve the precept demand of £100,000 for the financial year 2022/23. Proposed: Cllr J. Bowman Seconder: Cllr S. Critten All in favour

e) Grass Cutting Contract 2022/23 - Ref: 136825

As part of the 2022/23 budget process it was resolved to award the grass cutting contract for 2022/23 to Immingham Town Council.

Proposed: Cllr S. Hodson Seconder: Cllr C. Mackenzie All in favour

f) Road Gritting and Snow Clearance - Ref: 136824

The Clerk advised Councillors that gritting of roads had commenced and due to the recent cold spell £1000 of the £2500 budget had been spent and it was likely that we would need to use reserves especially as the traditional cold spell had not been reached.

The Clerk introduced a Gritting and Snow Clearance Policy to provide a formal framework to assist in the decision making process on whether to grit or not. It was resolved to adopt the policy with immediate effect and appoint ClIrs Davey and Mackenzie to the a new Gritting and Snow Clearance delegated committee.

Proposed: Cllr M. Galligan Seconder: Cllr J. Bowman All in favour

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7 Reports from External bodies:- - Ref: 916

a) Lincolnshire Police - Ref: 917

The Clerk read out a report from Lincolnshire Police

b) West Lindsey District Council. - Ref: 918

Cllr Bierley had previously circulated a report.

c) Lincolnshire County Council - Ref: 919

Cllr T. Smith advised that he was dealing with ongoing matters including Horsemarket, parking issues on Bank Lane and Hersey Road.

d) Caistor Cares - Ref: 920

Cllr Mackenzie advised that coffee mornings continued on Friday mornings at the Town Hall finishing on 17th Dec and re-starting on 7th January.

e) Caistor Goes - Ref: 921

Cllr Mackenzie was hopeful of grant funding to help progress events in 2022.

f) Town Hall Management Commitee - Ref: 922

Cllr Gaughan confirmed the town Hall was getting busier and events were proving popular.

<u>8</u> <u>Reports from Committee's - Ref: 923</u>

a) Finance Committee - Ref: 924

The Finance Committee continued to meet monthly and had nothing to add.

b) Employment & Personnel Committee - Ref: 925

Cllr Davey confirm the Clerks review was completed with no matters arising, the handyman's contract had been renewed for 12 months and a winter work schedule was in operation.

c) Market Committee - Ref: 926

Cllr Bowman confirm the market continued to do well and the Christmas Market was very well attended.

d) Economic Development Committee - Ref: 927

No meetings had taken place

9 Clerks Report & Parish Matters - Ref: 928

a) Caistor & District Lions Bonfire Event - Ref: 929

It was resolved to allow Caistor Lions to host the fireworks event at South Street Park on 5th November 2022.

b) Rural/Market Town Group - Ref: 930

It was agreed not to join the Rural Market Town Group.

c) Welcome Back Funding - Ref: 931

The Clerk outlined the current progress on the Welcome Back Fund and sought ideas for a further spend of between £8-10,000.

d) Location of new benches, cycle racks and notice board - Ref: 932

It was agreed to locate the new benches at Town Hall, nr ROK Foundation, A46 between Caistor Top and Police Station, Nettleton Road/Cromwell Road, Sports field x 2

It was agreed to locate the bike racks at Arts & Heritage Centre x 3, South Street Park, Sports Field x 2, Sports & Social Club and investigate locating 1 at old Magistrates Court.

e) Caistor Watch - Ref: 933

The Clerk gave an update on implementation of Caistor Watch and was awaiting advice from the insurance underwriters and the Police.

f) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 934

15568 - CCTV at Sports Ground

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Quotes had been obtained to replace cameras and take control of CCTV. Information was presently awaiting from WLDC before proceeding further.

16482 - Highway Service - Volunteering Days

A successful meeting had been held with LCC and it was hoped that the play areas would be refurbished in the new year.

17989 - Play Areas Inspection reports

The play areas had been inspected in November with no areas of concern identified.

18761 - Cricket Club Lease & Problems

A draft lease from the cricket club was awaited. Cllr Hodson and Davey agreed to look into and report back to Council on the Chafer Bugs problem.

18950 - Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The first meeting had taken place but with only 3 members of the public. The next meeting would be in January and it was suggested that Councillors actively encouraged residents and business owners to become part of the group.

<u>10</u> <u>Correspondence Received - Ref: 935</u>

a) PL/EW - Concerns with tree safety in church yard - Ref: 936

After investigation the Town Council appears to be responsible for the trees and a tree survey was to be proposed before any work was undertaken.

11 Date of next meeting 13/01/22 - Ref: 937

Items for the agenda by 6th January 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.43 pm