



## Minutes of the Caistor Town Council held at 7.00 pm at the Caistor Town Hall on 13 January 2022

Present: Cllr J. Wright (Chair), Cllr P. Richardson, Cllr J. Bowman, Cllr S. Critten, Cllr S. Gaughan, Cllr R. Lyus,  
Cllr M. Galligan, Cllr S. Hodson, Cllr J. Hughes, Cllr A. Somerscales,  
In Attendance: C. Thomas (Clerk), Cllr O. Bierley (WLDC), Cllr T. Smith (LCC),  
Members of public present: 4

**1 Apologies for absence & reasons given - Ref: 958**

Cllrs Sizer, MacKenzie, Davey  
Cllr A. Lawrence (WLDC)

**2 To receive declarations of interest - Ref: 959**

None

**3 Public Session (10 minutes) - Ref: 960**

One member of the public raised concerns in respect of the planning applications related to Egdon Resources in North Kelsey Moor.

**4 Chairmans Report - Ref: 961**

The Chairman reported that civic functions continued to be very limited due to Covid restrictions. He attended the Caistor christmas event and thanked everybody involved with this event. He thanked Cllrs Bierley, Lawrace and Smith for their unwavering support to Caistor and Dianne Tuckett for her support.

**5 To approve the draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on 09/12/21 - Ref: 962**

It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr S. Gaughan Seconder: Cllr S. Critten For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 3

**6 Finance - Ref: 963**

**a) To approve the Accounting Statements for period ending 31/12/21 - Ref: 964**

The accounting statements for the period ending 31/12/21 had previously been circulated. It was resolved to approve these as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr M. Galligan Seconder: Cllr S. Gaughan For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

**b) To approve the Schedule of Payments - Ref: 965**

It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £5769.20

Proposed: Cllr M. Galligan Seconder: Cllr J. Wright For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

**7 Reports from External bodies:- - Ref: 966**

**a) Lincolnshire Police - Ref: 967**

Lincolnshire Police reported 2 x calls related to rowdy youths gathering outside the old Spar shop on Horsemarket.

There were no other incidents of note.

**b) West Lindsey District Council. - Ref: 968**

Cllr Bierley had previously circulated a comprehensive report prior to the meeting.

Cllrs raised questions in connection with the Queen's Platinum celebration grants and thanks were passed for work on the public toilets and litter collection

**c) Lincolnshire County Council - Ref: 969**

Cllr Smith confirmed matters in hand included drain cover replacement following many thefts along the A46, the pavement on Horsemarket, lamppost leaning on Kelsway and a gap in funding for road repairs. Roman Way was not yet adopted.

Councillors raised concerns with regards to pot holes and parking along Hersey Road particularly affecting the

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fire station. This matter was being treated as urgent.

**d) Caistor Cares - Ref: 970**

No reports were available

**e) Caistor Goes - Ref: 971**

There had been no meetings

**8 Reports from Committee's - Ref: 972**

**a) Finance Committee - Ref: 973**

Cllr Bowman raised questions in respect of recent grant funding which had been declined. The Clerk confirmed that many items had not met the criteria and a resubmitted application had been submitted which were likely to be granted to include further tables, chairs, planters and pop up tents.

The Clerk confirmed that grant funding well in excess of £25000 had been received from a relatively small pot which would make a significant difference to the Town.

Cllr Bowman raised a question regarding gritting. The Clerk confirmed that to date approx £2100 had been spent of a £2500 budget and that reserves would need to be used to get through the remaining winter period.

**b) Employment & Personnel Committee - Ref: 974**

No meetings had been held.

**c) Market Committee - Ref: 975**

Cllr Bowman advised that market users had expressed an interest in developing a monthly farmers market and the 3rd Saturday of each month had been identified.

**d) Economic Development Committee - Ref: 976**

Cllr Critten advised that ACIS were to submit a planning application for Mill Lane shortly. Progress continued with 2-4 Market Place.

A discussion took place regarding parking in Caistor and it was agreed to investigate a parking study to investigate current parking arrangements and proposals.

Following a question raised by Cllr Bowman an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council would be called to address events for the Queens Platinum celebrations.

**e) Town Hall Management Committee - Ref: 977**

The committee meets on 19th January 2022.

**9 Clerks Report & Parish Matters - Ref: 978**

**a) Lincolnshire Fieldpaths Association - Ref: 979**

It was resolved to continue membership of the organisation.

Proposed: Cllr S. Critten Seconder: Cllr A. Somerscales All in favour

**b) Grant Application: Caistor Methodist Church - Ref: 980**

After a discussion it was resolved to approve a grant of £1500 from reserves to support this organisation in view of the urgency of the matter.

Proposed: Cllr S. Critten Seconder: Cllr A. Somerscales All in favour

**c) Grit bin for cemetery - Ref: 981**

It was resolved to purchase a grit bin for the cemetery at a cost of £33.75

Proposed: Cllr S. Critten Seconder: Cllr J. Wright All in favour

**d) Road gritting in Caistor - Ref: 982**

It was resolved to accept a quotation of £270 from Apex Services for road gritting.

Proposed: Cllr J. Hughes Seconder: Cllr J. Wright All in favour

**e) Caistor Street Watch - Ref: 983**

This matter was removed from the agenda.

**f) Public Works Loan Board - Ref: 984**

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Following the resolution made in August 2021 and an application being submitted to the Public Works Loan Board various questions have been raised including an amendment to the original resolution and to seek the repayment method. A new resolution was recommended as follows:-

At the Caistor Town Council Meeting of 13/01/22 it was resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £750,000 over a borrowing term of 50 years for refurbishment of 2-4 Market Place. The annual loan repayments will come to around £30600.

It was resolved to pay the loan back using the Equal Instalment Principal.

This application is in principal only and does not bind the Council to accept or draw down the loan.

Proposed: Cllr A. Somerscales Seconder: Cllr J. Wright All in favour

**g) Storage of Council equipment - Ref: 985**

It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain prices and suggest suitable locations for additional storage for Council equipment.

**h) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 986**

**15568 - CCTV at Sports Ground**

An alternative quote for monitored CCTV had been received of £1800 per annum compared to £2000 with WLDC.

Further discussions will be made with a view to reducing monitoring in favour of recording.

**16482 - Highway Service - Volunteering Days**

The application for refurbishment of the play areas had been accepted with work to start when the weather improves. The only requirement of the Town Council would be to provide paint and materials.

**18761 - Chafer Bug**

Inspections had taken place with a specialist and advice was awaited.

**18950 - Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

A second meeting had taken place with 14 members of the group - 7 of which are members of the public. Preparation of a questionnaire is in progress which will be distributed to all residents and business's in Caistor. Consultations will be held at the Town Hall, market and at several places within the town.

**10 Correspondence Received - Ref: 987**

**a) JW - Is Roman Way adopted ? / Grit bin request - Ref: 988**

Cllr Smith (LCC) confirmed that Roman Way was not yet adopted. As such the grit bin request cannot be pursued. The gritter would be covering some of Roman Way in the interim from a safety aspect. The Clerk would communicate with the resident.

**11 Date of next meeting: 10th February 2022 - Ref: 989**

All items for the agenda by 3rd February 2022

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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