



Minutes of the Caistor Town Council held at 7.00 pm at the Caistor Town Hall on 8 December 2022

Present: Cllr J. Wright (Chair), Cllr S. Davey, 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 P. Haslam, Cllr A. Somerscales, Cllr J. Cox,

In Attendance: Carl Thomas, Cllr O. Bierley, Cllr T. Smith (LCC), Cllr A. Lawrance (WLDC),

Members of public present: 5

- 1 Apologies for absence & reasons given - Ref: 1575**
None
- 2 To receive declarations of interest - Ref: 1576**
Cllrs S. Gaughan, R. Lyus, P. Richardson, S. Davey and M. Galligan in items 10b and 10d
- 3 Public Session (10 minutes) - Ref: 1577**
No matters arising
- 4 Chairmans Report - Ref: 1578**
The Chairman reported that he had attended the Christmas tree light switched on and thanked all concerned in a very successful event.
- 5 To approve the draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 10/11/22 - Ref: 1579**
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record
Proposed: Cllr S. Gaughan Seconder: Cllr P. Haslam For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 3
- 6 To approve the draft minutes of the closed session of the Council Meeting held on 10/11/22 - Ref: 1580**
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record
Proposed: Cllr S. Davey Seconder: Cllr S. Gaughan For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 3
- 7 Finance - Ref: 1581**
 - a) To approve the Accounting Statements for period ending 30/11/22 - Ref: 1582**
The accounting statements had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.
It was resolved to approve the accounting statements as a true record.
Proposed: Cllr J. Bowman Seconder: Cllr J. Wright All in favour
 - b) To approve the Schedule of Payments - Ref: 1583**
It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments totalling £4101.30
Proposed: Cllr J. Bowman Seconder: Cllr A. Somerscales For: 12 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
 - c) To approve the 2023/24 budget - Ref: 1584**
The 2023/24 budget had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting having been approved by the Finance Committee.
It was resolved to approve the budget.
Proposed: Cllr J. Wright Seconder: Cllr J. Bowman All in favour
 - d) To approve the precept request for 2023/24 - Ref: 1585**
It was resolved to approve the precept request of £109886 for the financial year 2023/24.
Proposed: Cllr S. Critten Seconder: Cllr J. Bowman All in favour
- 8 Reports from External bodies:- - Ref: 1586**
 - a) Lincolnshire Police - Ref: 1587**
The Clerk had communicated with the Police who report no matters of concern.
 - b) West Lindsey District Council. - Ref: 1588**

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Cllr O. Bierley had circulated a report to councillors with no matters arising.
Cllr Lyus asked if the waste bins on A46 layby could be reinstated.
Councillors thanked West Lindsey District Council for their support and service to the Town throughout 2022

c) Lincolnshire County Council - Ref: 1589

Cllr T. Smith confirmed that work continued to investigate the flooding issues along Brigg Road and the junction of Canada Lane.

Concern was raised regarding further pot holes along Hersey Road and bollards placed along North Kelsey Road.

Councillors thanked Lincolnshire County Council for their support and service to the Town throughout 2022

d) Community Groups - Ref: 1590

Caistor Goes: Christmas Market had been a success with 19 stalls

e) Town Hall Management Committee - Ref: 1591

New Trustees had been appointed Minutes from the AGM were circulated.

9 Reports from Committee's - Ref: 1592

a) Finance Committee - Ref: 1593

Nothing to report.

b) Employment & Personnel Committee - Ref: 1594

Matters were deferred to the closed session

c) Economic Development & Market Committee - Ref: 1595

Cllr Critten advised that a visit had been made to Hillcrest Business Park with WLDC, a meeting had been held with the High Street Task Force focusing on the market Place and 2-4 Market Place was ongoing with the AGM shortly.

10 Clerks Report & Parish Matters - Ref: 1596

a) Winter gritting - Ref: 1597

It was resolved to award the contract to Apex Services.

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

b) Disposal of christmas tree - Ref: 1598

Cllrs Gaughan, Davey, Lyus and Galligan didn't not take part in this matter

It was resolved to make a donation of £250 to Caistor Lions for removal and disposal of the Christmas Tree.

Proposed: Cllr J. Bowman Seconder: Cllr J. Wright For: 9 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

c) Community Energy Project (SC) - Ref: 1599

Cllr Critten had held a meeting attended by 11 residents keen on pursuing a Community Energy Project which was also supported by Power for People.

It was resolved for Council to support this initiative.

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

d) Caistor Lions use of South Street Park - Ref: 1600

Cllrs Gaughan, Davey, Richardson, Lyus and Galligan didn't not take part in this matter

Permission was given to Caistor Lions to use South Street Park for the Fireworks Event to be held on 4th November 2023 to include setting up on 2/3 Nov and clear down on 5/6 Nov.

e) Sports Field fencing / fertiliser - Ref: 1601

A request had been received from Caistor Cricket Club seeking financial assistance towards fertiliser and aeration of the cricket pitch at a cost of £2300.

Concern was raised that only the Cricket Club would benefit from such expenditure rather than the whole community and that all other organisations licensed to use the Sports Field pay all ground and running costs

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themselves. Also taking into consideration was the peppercorn rent paid which did not justify such expenditure

A request had been received from Caistor Cricket Club for the fencing outside of the changing rooms to be replaced as posts had rotted and the fence therefore unsafe.

The Council had inspected the fence and whilst most of it was structurally sound there were two posts which needed attention. The Council didn't believe that they owned the fence and didn't feel that it represented a safety issue whether the fence was there or not.

Both requests would be declined.

f) Structural survey of Town Hall - Ref: 1602

It was resolved to appoint Alan Wood & partners to undertake a structural survey of the Town Hall at a cost of £875

g) To discuss the Coronation of His Majesty The King, King Charles III, on Saturday 6th May - Ref: 1603

It was resolved to form a committee to organise and event to celebrate the Coronation.
Cllrs Bowman, Wright, Davey, Critten and Galligan were elected to the committee.

h) To discuss Production and distribution of the "What's on in Caistor 2023" leaflet. - Ref: 1604

It was agreed to produce a Whats On flyer for 2023

i) Review Tracking Report - Ref: 1605

15568 - CCTV at Sports Ground

The Clerk had been unsuccessful in obtaining further quotes for CCTV despite contacting numerous companies.

It was agreed to proceed with the two quotes obtained.

11 Correspondence Received - Ref: 1606

None

12 Date of next meeting: 12/01/23 - Ref: 1607

All items for the agenda by 05/01/23.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm