

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAISTOR TOWN COUNCIL,

held in the Alan Caine Council Chamber, Town Hall, Caistor on 11th October 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs A. Somerscales (Chairman), M. Sizer, J. Bowman, S. Critten, A. Clark, D. Barker, J. Wright, M. Stopper & M. Galligan

Also present: District Cllrs A Lawrence, County Cllr A. Turner, J Hanrahan (Town Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs J. Hughes, S. Gaughan, S. Millson, C Mackenzie, C. Rudd & O Bierley,

2 **Declarations of Interest:**

None.

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman advised that he had been on holiday for much of the month but had attended the WLDC budget briefing at the Guildhall, Gainsborough. He advised that WLDC were following a strategy of seeking to raise funds to replace those lost by the loss of central Government financial support. They were seeking to ease the burden of Council Tax and so had purchased an hotel in Wakefield as an investment as it gave returns in excess of bank deposits. The proposed sports facility at Market Rasen was to be built on the back of a franchise agreement with the operators, again at cheaper rates than loans.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th September 2018.**

The minutes were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Barker and Clark and it was duly Resolved, that they be signed as a true record.

5 **Reports from External Bodies:**

a. **Police report:** Previously circulated by PCSO Dawn Cowling.

b. **LCC report:** Cllr Tony Turner advised that the proposed safety works on the A1084 had been delayed a year but Cllr Turner is pressing for special efforts to be made to improve the safety at Grasby in the near future. Members had many questions concerning Highways:

- i. Had there been any progress in clearing the North Street/ Brigg Road pavement of overgrown vegetation?
- ii. When will the barriers at the A46 end of The Meadows be repaired?
- iii. There was an issue of speeding on North Kelsey Road as vehicles enter Caistor at the old hospital site.
- iv. Can a SID be deployed and speed gun training be organized?
- v. Can the Police pay more attention to speeding in these areas?

Cllr Turner said that he would look into these matters and report back. The Town Clerk added that he had reported these matters to LCC Highways and Police but was awaiting their response, He would chase them up.

c. **WLDC report:** Previously circulated by Cllr O Bierley, who was ill. The Town Council wished him a speedy recovery. Cllr Lawrence answered any

questions on the report. Cllr Stopper was interested in what reserves were being held by WLDC and where the Council's current priority areas. Cllr Lawrence responded that she did not have the financial details before her but would forward them on to Town Council shortly. In terms of current priorities housing and social issues at Gainsborough and Helmswell were priorities as was preparing for the fall out and impacts of the proposed closure of RAF Scampton.

6. Town Clerk's Report on ongoing matters:

The Town Clerk advised that he had been on holiday, but few new issues had arisen in his absence. The only one which has yet to be resolved is the attendance of Lewy's fruit and Veg at the Saturday market. This had been hindered by his lack of stalls which he hopes to resolve in time for the market on 20th October.

7. Payments & Receipts

- a) PKF Littlejohn, the Town Council's Auditor, had reported that the 2017-18 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) was in accordance with proper practices and this should be notified to the Town on our website and noticeboard.
- b) Payments and receipts for September 2018, were proposed and seconded to be authorised, by Cllrs Somerscales and Barker respectively, and duly accepted for payment.

8. CTC Correspondence to 11th October 2018

- i. Cllr Lawrence's suggestion that the new properties off Whitegate Hill be named **Mill View and Mill View House** was accepted.
- ii. The thanks from **Caistor Grammar School** for the Town Council's organisation of Car Parking for their 11+ events were appreciated. Members however, requested the Town Clerk and Chairman meet with the Head to discuss future events and collaborations.
- iii. Michelle Edmunds of **Slimming World's** request to place an advertising banner on the South Street park fence was debated at length. Members were of the view that they wished to be supportive of local businesses and facilities. They agreed that, subject to planning consent, the banner could be displayed for up to 4 weeks before the event and then removed.
- iv. **Rough Sleeper's** details were to be notified in confidence to the Town Clerk who would forward them on to WLDC.
- v. **Caistor Swift Group's** thanks for the erection of 4 swift bricks on the Town Hall were noted. Cllr Galligan asked that Keith Robinson clear the mess left by the roofers around the flower beds on the Town Hall west gable.
- vi. No invoice had been received from the **roofers** despite constant requests which would impact on our ability to obtain grant aid and was holding up the resurfacing of the Town hall Car Park.

9. Parks Inspection Report & Actions:

- i. No Report this month. Cllr Clark to carry out the October survey.
- ii. There have been several complaints from residents who about the South Street Park and wish to see works to trees and fencing. The Woodland Trust have been approached to survey the trees and advise on how to use natural vegetation instead of fencing to mark the Park boundaries. The independent survey of our

play areas has now been completed and we await their written report and recommendations.

10. Reports from meetings:

- a. **Caistor Sports & Social Club & Caistor Cares:** Cllr Clark had circulated a written report but added that the CS&SC had held its AGM and the club raised concerns at the increased incidence of dogs fouling the playing surfaces. They were aware that it would be only a minority of folk who were not clearing up after their dog. However, the impact on young footballers and children in the under 8s play area is worrying. Children's safety is the prime concern. They wished for a total ban on dogs to be enforced.
Members debated the matter and resolved that Cllrs Critten and Mackenzie be given time (3 months) to patrol and educate dog walkers of their responsibilities, to clean up after their dog and to keep them on a leash, and of the £1000 fine if they did not comply. This initiative to be backed up with new signage and press release.
- b. **Caistor Heritage Dig:** Cllr Stopper advised the Town Council that there would be a heritage dig taking place in Caistor, at the site of the allotments (North Kelsey Road) adjacent to the remains of the Roman Wall, on 7-10th & 16-19th November. The two plot holders impacted upon had been spoken to and were supportive. The Town Clerk would formally advise them of the dig.

12. Closed Session to discuss Confidential Matters:

Cllrs Sizer and Barker moved and seconded respectively, that the Town Council move into closed session. This motion was carried unanimously.

- a. **Market Place Parking:** Cllrs Sizer & Critten, proposed and seconded, that the Town Council request visits from the parking attendants (PA) on a more regular basis. This was unanimously agreed.
- b. **Caistor Grammar School** It was agreed that the Town Clerk & Chairman should negotiate involvement by the school in the marshalling of their visitor's cars.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm