

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

**Present** Councillor Mrs. E. Ballard JP (in the chair)

**Councillors:** Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and Mrs. P.F. Watson

**Councillors not present:** D. Hobson (DH), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), D.E. Wing (DEW)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and two members of the public were also present.

Members of public/Councillors spoke in the Public Forum, as follows:

- A lady spoke first on behalf of local resident Mr. D. Norris expressing his objections to the planning application for 119 Eastfield Road and then she reported her own objections to the same application.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that there was concern in the community regarding Louth Hospital. She suggested that LTC hold a public meeting after the LCC Elections and have a panel of experts present to answer questions. It was agreed that no resolutions could be made in the public forum but an opportunity would be made to propose a suspension of standing orders during the Town Council meeting at which this possibility could be discussed. Cllr. Mrs. JMS also suggested that LTC should register its concern to Anglian Water over their intention to begin pipe laying work in Westgate Fields on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**552. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors DH, AL, JS, LMS and DEW.

**553. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman invited Cllr. Mrs. MO to speak who opined that the recent Tour of the Wolds cycle event had been well advertised, despite criticism which she believed was unfounded.

Finally, Cllr. Mrs. EB praised her recent timely treatment by the NHS.

**554. Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. Mrs. MO, FWPT, ML, CG, Mrs. SEL, DT, Mrs. SC, Mrs. JMS, Mrs. DB, Mrs. LHW, GEH, JG, DJEH, RJ, Mrs. PFW and EB – agenda item 6d – as an acquaintance of the applicant.
- b. Cllr. RJ – agenda item 9a – as a candidate for the forthcoming LCC elections.

**555. Council Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. GEH it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**556. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the official LCC election notices have been displayed as required.

**557. Correspondence**

The Council noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. **From:** Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP **Re:** UK Parliament Week (attached). Following a proposal Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should request a pack.

- b. **From:** The Rotary Club of Louth **Re:** Louth Youth Initiative Go RYTE! (attached). Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should endorse the initiative and be a partner in the exercise. Following a proposal by Cllr. GEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. PFW it was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor or Deputy should act as a judge, as requested.
- c. **From:** LALC **Re:** Safeguarding in the Community event Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, at The Pavilion, Louth. Cost £8 per attendee (attached). Following a proposal by Cllr. RJ, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. PFW it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council should fund a place for all Town Councillors (who are not also an ELDC Councillor as ELDC already insist on this training).
- d. **From:** Mr. A. Leonard **Re:** Town Council support for Mansion House project. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should support the project. Cllrs. RJ and DJEH wished it to be noted that she abstained from voting.

**558. Temporary Road Closures**

The Council note without comment that the following TRO's were scheduled:

- a. Wood Lane – 24 – 28/04/2017 as and when required for essential maintenance works.
- b. Louth A16 (A157 to B1520), Louth / Kenwick A157(A16 to B1200) 20mph and 40mph speed limits up to 7 days as and when required for surface dressing works.

**559. Travel Claim Authorisation**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. FWPT it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should approve a travel claim for Cllr. Mrs. Ballard who presenting a petition for Louth Town Council.

**560. Feedback**

The Council received feedback from Cllr. Mrs. E. Ballard on the recent visit of Councillor Davies re Amenity Grass Cutting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. She confirmed that he had accepted that LCC had not let the Town Council know of their plans in good time. He had reported that he could not promise anything but had confirmed that two cuts would be done this year and he would 'see what he could do' for the future.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. PFW it was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders should be suspended in order that Louth Hospital could be discussed. Cllr. Mrs. JMS proposed that the Town Council make arrangements now to hold a public meeting, to take place after the forthcoming LCC election at which a panel of experts should be present to answer questions. Following a vote of the council the motion was defeated. Following a proposal by Cllr. Cllr. GEH, seconded by CG it was **RESOLVED** that holding a public meeting should be discussed at the first opportunity, following the election.

**561. Next Meeting**

The Council noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 8.07pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_