



STAINFORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY AT 6.00P.M. ON ZOOM.

PRESENT: Councillor G. Derx in the chair.

Councillors: K. Allsopp, P. Bedford, S. Bolton, W.S.Q. Cook, H. Fisher, D. Marshall, D. Moore, Mrs. I. Moore, Mrs. C. Ruane, Mrs. A. Sylvester, J. Thompson the Clerk, Mrs. K. Evans and the Admin Assistant, T. Birtles.

Also present: K. Keegan – Ward Councillor.

1. **TO NOTE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**
RESOLVED that the following be accepted:
Cllrs. Mrs. L. Crosby & J. Waggitt.
2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS.**
Invited by the Mayor and there were none.
3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
It was agreed that the following be approved:
(a) Town Council meeting held on 1.12.2020
4. **TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.**
Listed on a separate sheet. RESOLVED that they be approved.
(a) To agree date for Budget Meeting, pre-set at Tuesday 26th Jan 2021.
Agreed that the Budget Meeting be held on this date.
(b) To note winners of Christmas Light Competition 2020.
The Clerk notified all members of the winners of the Christmas Light Competition and is to arrange payment of the prize monies as soon as possible. She also reported that upon the day of judging, the Mayor agreed to give a further 3 prizes from his Mayor's allowance at a sum of £20.00 per household. Noted.
5. **TO CONSIDER CEMETERY MATTERS.**
The Clerk reported that one of the Cemetery Operatives is currently absent on sick leave. Noted.
6. **TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF CORRISPONDENCE.** None.
7. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS.** None.
8. **TO REPORT ON POLICE MATTERS.**
Problems involving quad bikes on East Lane Park, as a result of this the Clerk has contacted DMBC requesting signage. Clerk to request DMBC to consider changing the gates to stop access.
9. **TO CONSIDER WELFARE GROUND MATTERS.**
The Clerk reported that the Stainforth Smile group, who were hiring the Pavilion, have now ended their tenancy. Noted.

10. **TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS.**
 Cllr. Mrs. A. Sylvester requested that a village boundary sign be placed at the new entrance to Stainforth on Wagons Way. Clerk to enquire and obtain costings.
 Concerns were raised about cars parking on the highway on Junction Road obstructing DMBC road sweepers on street cleaning days. Cllr. G. Derx to enquire whether anything can be done about this.
 The Clerk informed members that she has identified several roads throughout the town in need of repair and will report to DMBC.
11. **TO DISCUSS MAYOR'S CHARITY. – IN ABEYANCE.**
 Nothing to report.
12. **TO DISCUSS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** The Clerk and Cllr. Bedford reported that the Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Development Order are progressing well. Noted.
 The Clerk reported that good progress is being made in terms of the renovations at the Community Resource Centre. All funded by Accelerated Funds. Noted.
13. **TO DISCUSS THE PARK.**
 Cllr. Mrs. C. Ruane expressed concern over the quality of the work and performance of Council staff at The Park. Following discussion the Clerk confirmed that she will speak with the Cemetery Superintendent to address whether there are any issues.
14. **TO DISCUSS STAINFORTH VOICE.**
 Cllr. P. Bedford raised the issue of delivery of the current newsletter which has been ongoing for quite some time. He suggested that instead of a newsletter, Stainforth Voice could be written as an article within the Thorne Times. This will guarantee circulation and has already proven successful for Hatfield Council. A discussion was held in regards to the Media Officer and the current workload/costs. Following a discussion it was noted that without the creation of the newsletter work/costs will naturally decrease and it was agreed for the Admin Assistant to work alongside the Media Office in regards to the website and the Facebook page.
- Clerk's Note: Cllr. P. Bedford made no comment on this item following suggestion of article in Thorne Times.**
15. **TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME 2021.**
 Following a discussion regarding infrastructure delays in 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic it was agreed for the Christmas Lighting Scheme for 2021 to be increased throughout Church Road and Thorne Road. The Clerk confirmed that she will aim to obtain approximate costings from DMBC and Blachere Illuminations prior to further discussion at the budget meeting.
16. **TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** as **TUESDAY 16th February 2021** at 6:00pm on Zoom.
 Confirmed.
- There being nothing further to discuss the chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:00pm.