



STAINFORTH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY AT 6.00P.M. ON ZOOM.



PRESENT: Councillor G. Derx in the chair.

Councillors: P. Bedford, S. Bolton, W.S.Q. Cook, Mrs. L. Crosby D. Marshall, D. Moore, Mrs. I. Moore, Mrs. C. Ruane, B. Segal, Mrs. A. Sylvester, J. Waggitt, 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:
Cllr. H. Fisher
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 19.1.2021
 - (b) Budget meeting held on 26.1.2021
4. **TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS.**
Listed on a separate sheet. RESOLVED that they be approved.
5. **TO CONSIDER CEMETERY MATTERS.** None.
6. **TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF CORRISPONDENCE.** None.
7. **TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS.**
21/00018/3FUL - Erection of single storey side extension at 81 East Lane Stainforth. No objection.
8. **TO REPORT ON POLICE MATTERS.**
Questions were raised over whether or not the Police Station in Stainforth is to reopen. The Clerk confirmed that she will write a strong letter to the Crime Commissioner asking the question and also expressing members' disappointment about the lack of policing in Stainforth. It was noted that the Police Station could have been costed into the Towns Deal investment plan, however, this was removed due to the previous assurance that the Police Station would be reopened by SYP.
9. **TO CONSIDER WELFARE GROUND MATTERS.**
A site meeting of the Recreation Committee is scheduled for 18.2.2021 to discuss the plans for the new playground. Cllr. Bedford reported that the designs have received positive feedback from the miners and other members of the public. Noted.

Signed Mayor16th March 2021

10. **TO CONSIDER HIGHWAYS MATTERS.**
Members reported pot holes on Field Road, Kirton Lane and Thorne Road along with flooding on Junction Road. Clerk to report to DMBC. Clerk to request 'deer crossing' signs on the new link road from the highways department.
- (a) To update on East Lane Park access gate. The Clerk confirmed that she has spoken with the Education Trust who currently own the park and they have agreed to begin by erecting signage on the land to deter quadbikes/motorbikes. The possibility of changing the entrance to a more secure gate was discussed and the Clerk is awaiting further feedback on this. The Clerk was thanked for her work on this. Noted.
11. **TO DISCUSS MAYOR'S CHARITY. – IN ABEYANCE.**
Nothing to report.
12. **TO DISCUSS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.**
(a) To discuss external funding requirements.
Cllr. P. Bedford reported that there is funding available to create a website for the Neighbourhood Development Order. Cllr B. Segal suggested that he would create the website for the NDO on behalf of Stainforth4ALL. A discussion was held. All members agreed that S4ALL would create the website for the Town Council.
It was also agreed for the Admin Assistant, T. Birtles, to do the media for the NDO through Stainforth Town Council.
13. **TO DISCUSS THE PARK.**
A suggestion was made as to whether solar panels could be installed on the roof of the Council Chamber. Clerk to look at costings. Noted.
14. **TO DISCUSS STAFFING MATTERS. RESOLVED that press & public be excluded, Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.**
- (a) To approve permanent contract for Administration Assistant. Following discussion it was agreed to offer the Admin Assistant a permanent contract.
- (b) To discuss requirements of a Locum Clerk to cover Clerk's maternity leave. Following discussion it was agreed to place an advertisement in the YLCA and SLCC for an experienced Locum Clerk to initially cover 1 x day per week, with flexibility if needed.
15. **TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING as TUESDAY 16th March 2021 at 6:00pm on Zoom.**
Confirmed.

There being nothing further to discuss the chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:20pm.