

Council members,
Cllr J Whittaker (Chairman), Cllr P Finch; Cllr M Harm, Cllr G Johnson,
Cllr T Mitchell, Cllr D Stewart MBE (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs R Whittaker,
Cllr D Woods. Cllr Mrs C Finch

Minutes of an extra ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Imperial Hall (small room) **on Tuesday May 21st 2019 at 7pm.**

The following paragraphs were read out:

Public Participation session: Residents are invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda or, issues for future consideration. **(Members of the public are reminded that each presentation should take no more than three minutes).**

This Council supports the rights of anyone to record this meeting but advises that anyone so recording cannot disrupt the meeting by means of the recording and expresses hope that the person (or persons) carrying out the recording have obtained the necessary legal advice, for themselves, to ensure they understand the rights of any member of the public who may be present who do not wish to be filmed or recorded.

42.05.19 To record the Names of Members Present. Cllr J Whittaker presiding
Cllrs: P Finch, Harm, Johnson, Mitchell, Mrs R Whittaker and Woods. Cllr Mrs C Finch.
The clerk C Maguire was in attendance

43.05.19 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stewart.

44.05.19 To receive Declarations of Interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. (*Localism Act 2011 Code of Conduct*).
Cllr J Whittaker personal and prejudicial interest Item 26 HSR Law.

45.05.19 To note dispensations given to any member in respect to items on the agenda (*Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct*). None requested.

46.05.19 To receive the Chairman's Announcements (*for information only*). The Chairman thanked Cllr Johnson and the clerk for waiting with him after the last meeting whilst the building was made secure.

47.05.19 To receive reports from Ward councillors (*for information only*). Cllr Mitchell had been made aware of problems with the call connect service with a complaint about the lack of services to West End of Epworth, and with duration of the "drop off" times in Doncaster. He would raise these issues again. Other issues, pot holes on Eastfield Road and Greengate, a tree overhanging a garden on Tottermire and paint spillage (previously reported). Cllr Mitchell reported that he would be attending a meeting with the Axholme Central Police Team in relation to the rise in precept and the effect on rural crime. Also reported was that there is a place

available on the local NATS. The condition of the A161 was raised noting that “significant improvements” were scheduled.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mitchell for his report and confirmed that the report was on behalf of both ward councillors.

48.05.19 To receive the Clerk’s Report (*for information only*). No report available.

49.05.19 Co-option to fill casual vacancy: Rules 5(5) and 5(6) of the Local Elections (Parishes & Communities) (England & Wales) Rules 2006 to receive information from interested parties for co-option as a new member to the council. Letters from two applicants had been circulated; following a discussion on the timing of the co-option a vote was taken and **RESOLVED** Mrs Caroline Finch was co-opted to the council. Clerk to send a letter to the unsuccessful applicant. 1 abstention.

Cllr C Finch signed her “Declaration of Acceptance of Office” and took her seat on the council

50.05.19 Internal control: To resolve additional May cheques for payment as presented on the following schedule (*Local Government Act 1972 as amended*).

			Net	VAT	Total
104268	Torne Valley Ltd	Repairs to equipment	£14.03	£2.81	£16.84
104269	Fountains Court Florist	Silk arrangement Chapel of Rest	£100.00		£100.00
		Total cheques			£116.84

Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Mitchell **RESOLVED** cheques for payment as presented, schedule signed by the Chairman.

51.05.19 Watering of 8 street planters: to receive a quotation from P Haywood to water the street planters for the 2019 summer season. Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Mrs C Finch **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Mr P Haywood to water the planters for £25.00 per time based on a frequency of fortnightly from mid-May.

52.05.19. Kings Head Croft & Cemetery: to receive a quotation from N Hall for the wall repairs to the closed churchyard wall and to dismantle and remove from site the pre-cast concrete shed at the Cemetery. Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Woods and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from N Hall to re-point the Kings Head Croft/closed churchyard wall for £1900.00 and dismantle and remove from site the concrete shed at Cemetery Lodge for £400.00. Clerk to confirm with St Andrews that no faculty required. 1 against.

53.05.19 Epworth Cemetery: to receive a quotation from J Thorpe to ease door and fit MDF cupboard to electric meters. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from J Thorpe for £180.00 for works as specified.

54.05.19 Epworth Cemetery: to receive a quotation from Grice & Hunter for a “professional insurance reinstatement cost assessment” for the existing buildings. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to accept the £100.00 fee from Grice & Hunters.

55.05.19 Membership of ERNLLCA Executive Committee: to elect 2 councillors to represent the council at ERNLLCA district committee meetings. Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Johnson and **RESOLVED** to defer the item for 6 months.

56.05.19 ERNLLCA: resolutions to the 2019 Annual General Meeting: To receive information from ERNLLCA on the procedure and time line to submit resolutions for discussion at the AGM. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Mrs Finch and **RESOLVED** to defer the item to the next meeting to allow the clerk to enquire of ERNLLCA whether or not a question on the reduction in councillor numbers would be appropriate.

57.05.19 ERNLLCA: Chairmanship Training: to resolve attendees to the ERNLLCA Chairmanship training course. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Mitchell **RESOLVED** information noted.

58.05.19 ERNLLCA: Councillor training: to resolve attendees to the “Being a good councillor”. With the Brigg session already known to be booked 3 councillor expressed an interest in attending the training at Goole on Wednesday September 25th 2019. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to book those place and in addition to ask for the full course to be presented locally.

59.05.19 RoSPA playground inspection training: to resolve that the clerk/assistant clerk may attend the training course. Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Mitchell, and **RESOLVED** that clerk and assistant clerk may attend the ROSPA training course.

60.05.19 Epworth Town Council Media Policy: to receive current policy for discussion and possible amendment. After much discussion on the merits and pitfalls of councillors managing facebook it was proposed by Cllr Mitchell seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** that the policy could be re-drafted (by Cllr Harm) and brought back to full council. In addition the clerk should ask ERNLLCA for the current policy on managing facebook.

61.05.19 Items referred from the Annual Assembly:

(a) to discuss the request for a pedestrian crossing on the A161 junction (Belton Road side) Points noted: previous suggestion to have crossing by garden centre: pedestrian period in lights sequence; footpath at lights very narrow; risk of blocking junction with additional waiting time; proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Johnson **RESOLVED** to write to North Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest

(b) to discuss the request to write to North Lincolnshire Council to complain about communication with North Lincolnshire Council and their responses, and to progress a number of issues to be acted upon, requesting a regular update. Note: some issues already answered by Ward Councillor who will continue to work through the list of queries. Proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to write officially to both ward councillors asking reason for delayed responses. 1 abstention

NOTE: Ward Councillor willing to take referrals from individuals

62.05.19 SLCC training: to resolve that the clerk may attend the SLCC training day in Lincoln on July 17th. Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr Mitchell and **RESOLVED** that the clerk should attend the SLCC training day at Lincoln at a cost of £80.00 plus VAT.

63.05.19 Fields in Trust: to resolve whether or not to renew Fields in Trust membership. Proposed by Cllr R Whittaker seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to renew membership at a cost of £65.00

64.05.19 Kings Head Croft – Fields in Trust Have a Field Day: to resolve whether or not to hold a Field day on July 6th 2019 (NOTE: interest has already been registered). Proposed by Cllr Mitchell seconded by Cllr Harm **RESOLVED** Councillors to promote through schools, add to facebook, informal working group to organise.

65.05.19 VANL: to resolve whether or not to renew membership. Proposed by Cllr Harm seconded by Cllr R Whittaker **RESOLVED**. Newsletters to all councillors.

66.05.19 Epworth & District Agricultural show 2019 to resolve whether or not to hire a stand at the show. Proposed by Cllr R Whittaker seconded by Cllr Harm **RESOLVED**. Noted a valuable community engagement opportunity.

67.05.19 HSR Law: to discuss the next step in the complaints procedure. Following receipt of a letter of reply and in order to provide councillors with an opportunity to read the reply proposed by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Harm and **RESOLVED** to defer the item to the June full council meeting.

68.05.19 To list: items for facebook. New council; Have a Field Day (weekly)

69.05.19 Questions to the Chairman: (*Items of immediate urgency that must be acknowledged before the next meeting and have not been included on the Agenda*). None

70.05.19 To confirm the date and time of the next monthly meeting as Tuesday June 4th 2019 at 7pm in the small room of the Imperial hall, Epworth.

To record the closure of the meeting at 8.35pm

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