

EPWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday, 18th July 2023, at 7.00 pm, in the Small Hall of the Imperial Hall, Chapel Street , Epworth

Public Participation

Members of the public had expressed a wish to address Full Council about Turbary Road, however this would instead be done later when the item itself was discussed, and then standing orders would be suspended to allow them to do so.

21/07/23 Record of Members Present

The following councillors were present: Councillors Finch (Chairwoman), Cooper, Grantham, J Whittaker, R Whittaker and Wilson.

22/07/23 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

There were apologies from Councillor Baker & Holt - away, and also Councillor Stewart - other commitments.

23/07/23 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

- (i) Councillor Finch declared an interest in Item 5 - Best Kept Village Competition.
- (ii) No dispensations had been granted.

24/07/23 Turbary Road

The Clerk initially gave a summary of what had happened regarding Turbary Road over the years, followed by a brief summary of the Barrister's Advice.

It was resolved that standing orders be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Several residents of The Turbary expressed their views on what should be done about Turbary Road, then councillors discussed the issue of Turbary Road and what action should be taken by the Council itself.

Proposed by Councillor J Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Finch - **It was resolved that the residents should go off and find the 18/19 they need for Turbary Road and speak to North Lincolnshire Council about what they can put in to limit the costs to residents, and then when they are in a position with the permission of North Lincolnshire Council, then Epworth Town Council would look at any quote on its merits with a view to providing 1/19 of the cost, until that point no further discussion by Epworth Town Council.**

There was a request for a recorded vote and it was as follows:-

For:	Councillors Finch, J Whittaker, R Whittaker & Wilson
Against:	None
Abstain:	Councillors Cooper & Grantham

25/07/23 Best Kept Village Competition

Councillors were originally going to consider the purchase of some butterfly decorations for the planters, however Councillor Finch had already bought them.

Proposed by Councillor J Whittaker and seconded by Councillor Cooper - **It was resolved that the Council should reimburse Councilor Finch a total of £46.94 for some butterfly decorations for the planters, however it was stressed that councillors should not spend money without the authorisation of the Council.**

Note: Councillor Finch had earlier declared an interest in this item and therefore left the room whilst it was discussed and it was resolved that Councillor J Whittaker should chair the meeting in her absence.

26/07/23

Closure of Meeting

The Chairwoman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.