

Lowestoft Town Council
Extraordinary Full Council Meeting

Held via Video Meeting
19:00 on 17 September 2020

MINUTES

Video meeting participants: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Robert Breakspear, Colin Butler, Neil Coleby, Amanda Frost, Alan Green (Chair), Jacqueline Hardie (joined 19.03), Peter Knight, Andy Pearce, John Pitts and Alice Taylor

75. Welcome

Councillors and members of the public were reminded of the right to report and the application of the video meeting protocol, and the meeting was welcomed.

76. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Eastwood, Lang, Page, Parker, Patience and Youngman. Cllrs Carlton and Collecott had not provided apologies and were absent. Cllr Pearce proposed acceptance of the apologies; seconded by Cllr Knight; eleven Councillors voted in favour; one Councillor abstained from the vote.

77. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

There were none.

78. Any advance comments from the public on any matters on this agenda

None

79. Finance

79.1 Mains water supply to The Ness - It was understood that the expectation was with the Town Council to instruct and pay for the water pipe which would cross the Ness and over land not previously tested for contaminates. Cllr Butler proposed that the Council did not lay the pipe across the Ness but instead provide water provision via a standpipe only. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed. Any cost issues relating to the delivery of this decision would be discussed during confidential session.

80. Climate Emergency

80.1. Development and Coastal Change Supplementary Planning Document and its effect on Town Council land was considered following a presentation that Council had received prior to this meeting. Cllr Barnard expressed concern for the extent of the coastal erosion at Gunton and it was agreed that the Shoreline Management Consultation would be considered by Planning and Environment Committee and they would submit a response on behalf of the Town Council. Cllr Pearce asked that the presentation offered on the Flood Defence project be arranged, seconded by Cllr Green and agreed (one abstention).

81. Personnel

81.1. To consider a recommendation from the Personnel Committee on the recruitment of the Events and Communications Officer (confidential)

82. Legal

- 82.1. To consider design and construction features for completion of The Ness (confidential)
- 82.2. To consider ownership and development of the Triangle Market and Sails (confidential)
- 82.3. To consider an offer to purchase an area of the Great Eastern Linear Park (confidential)

83. Date of next meeting - 22 September 2020 at 7.30 pm

84. Items for the next agenda and close

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Cllr Knight proposed moving the meeting into confidential session; seconded by Cllr Pearce; all in favour. The Mayor thanked those who had been viewing the meeting via live stream and the live stream was closed as the meeting went into confidential session. It was confirmed the meeting would end following the confidential session.

85. Resolution to close the meeting to the public:

85.1. Employment matters - It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, Seconded by Cllr Pearce and agreed that the recommendation of the Personnel Committee in relation to the appointment of an Events and Communications Officer be adopted.

85.2. Legal matters:

82.1 Design and construction features for completion of The Ness (confidential) - matters relating to the completion and transfer of The Ness were considered. It was agreed that all outstanding matters be resolved before the park be transferred for management by the Town Council.

At 20.35 the meeting was adjourned and Cllr Frost and Cllr Pitts did not return.

At 20.40 the meeting reconvened.

82.2 Ownership and development of the Triangle Market and Sails (confidential) - matters relating to land registration were discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Hardie to formalise outstanding registration issues and unanimously agreed. The Council were also in agreement that a barrier/bollard be installed on the highway at the Triangle Market, proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed (one abstention).

82.3 Purchase an area of the Great Eastern Linear Park (confidential) - it was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed that the Clerk actions the confidential decision of the Council in relation to the purchase of this land.

The Mayor closed the meeting 21.20.

Signed:

22 September 2020