

WITHERNSEA TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the Withernsea Town Council meeting, held on Monday 25th February 2019, in the Meridian Centre, 201 Queen Street, Withernsea.

Present: The Chairman Councillor T. Dagnall (TD) . Councillors: B. Cloke (BC), B Dawson (BD), D Edwards (DE), K Hardcastle (KH), L Healing (LH), C Hollingworth (CH), and P Wilkinson (PW) The Town Clerk (JM) and Deputy Clerk (KG). Police: 1 Press: 0 Public: 3.

Minute	Points raised or agreed	Action By
	<p>AGENDA. Part 1. Public session.</p> <p>Fire and evacuation and recording policy announced.</p>	
4552	<p><u>Apologies:</u> <i>To receive and approve any apologies for absence.</i> Apologies received from Cllr Eric Saxby, Cllr SaW and Cllr FW.</p>	
4553	<p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u></p> <p>a. <i>To record declarations of pecuniary / non pecuniary interests 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.</i> Cllr PW declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8b – clock custodian.</p> <p>b. <i>To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items below.</i> None</p>	
4554	<p><u>Minutes:</u> <i>To confirm/receive minutes of the following meeting(s) are a true and correct record of that which took place</i></p> <p>a. <i>Confirmation of Town Council minutes 04.02.19.</i> The minutes were CONFIRMED and signed.</p> <p>b. <i>To receive Withfest minutes 19.02.19.</i> The minutes were received.</p> <p>c. <i>To receive Christmas Lights and Tourism Committee minutes 13.02.19.</i> The minutes were received.</p>	KG
4555	<p><u>Public Participation including Police report:</u> <i>To receive the police report and open the meeting for both police and public participation.</i></p> <p>a. PC Ainley gave an overview of the reported crimes for the quarter, along with an update of the status of arrests, charges and convictions pertaining to a number of criminal activities experienced within the town. PC Ainley also explained the use of the new policing equipment recently issued to local officers, spit guards and body-worn video units, which will now be used by offices when attending incidents. The school crossing experienced a massive increase due to the temporary close of Thirtle Bridge. Cllr TD raised a question regarding the suggestion that the CPS may be reducing the restrictions on sentencing. PC Ainley explained that this was outside the remit of the police. Cllr LH thanked PC Ainley and his colleagues for their service. It was expressed how useful it was to have to a police presence at the meeting to discuss policing matters. Chief Inspector Ian Dixon has now moved on to a new role, Paul Butler is the new Chief Inspector. An invitation is to be extended to Chief Inspector Butler to meet the Council.</p> <p>b. A member of the public asked if it would be possible for the Councillors to meet with Kirkfield allotment holders to take stock of the hard work being put into the allotments. Property officers visit the allotments regularly to inspect the condition and it was agreed to make the allotment holders aware of the date of the next visit so anyone wishing to meet</p>	Cllr LH JM

	with Councillors would have the opportunity. Comment was also made a recent meeting concerning the future use of St Matthew's Church; the proposed ideas for its future were very constructive.	
c.	Mr P Whitehead extended an invitation to all Councillors to visit Castle Cafe prior to the next Council meeting to see the changes made to the cafe in an attempt to make visitors even more welcome to the establishment and the town.	
4556	<u>Clerk's Report:</u> <i>To receive report / update from the Town Clerk.</i> Report circulated. An email received from Dean Edwards (ERYC) confirming the installation of an electric vehicle charger point at ERYC Leisure Centre, which will be ready for use sometime in March.	
4557	<u>Reports by Ward Councillors:</u> <i>To receive brief reports from Ward Councillors representing Withernsea on matters of interest to Town Councillors and the local community.</i>	
a.	UsGirls Programme - A programme aimed at improving the well-being of young girls, 11-19 years, through girl only clubs. Three meetings being held at The Hut in March to discuss what local girls would like to do and how the programme can help them. Active Coast – Offer new monthly outdoor activities encouraging people to get active, commencing March.	
b.	Little Bus – A survey is to be circulated in an attempt to demonstrate to ERYC why there is a need to reinstate the service. ERYC are currently looking into the possibility of funding the service. Please encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey – copies will be available from WTC, The Meridian and cafes and shops around the town.	
c.	Cancellation of Doctors appointments – a significant number of people are not cancelling unwanted appointed. You can cancel an appointment by text. Text CANCEL, your name and time of your appointment to 07535 204558.	
d.	Holmpton Road will be closed for 4 days from 11 th March, a diversion will be put in place.	ALL
4558	<u>Reports by representatives to outside bodies:</u> <i>To receive any reports from members representing the WTC at outside organisations.</i>	
a.	<i>Active Withernsea – Councillor BC.</i> It was suggested at the meeting that their aims may tie in well with the campaign to reinstate the Little Bus. Active Withernsea have issued a questionnaire but appears not to be particularly relevant to Withernsea. They are planning a big launch on Sunday 5 th May. A lot of money is being spent on employing staff, 9 in total. General consensus is one of concern regarding the decision to employ so many staff.	
b.	<i>Church Clock – Cllr PW.</i> Recent issues pertaining to access to the church has now been resolved. Ongoing responsibility of the clock will be discussed at a later Town Council meeting, where a new guardian will be appointed.	JM
c.	<i>Best Pub Toilets Award – Cllr PW.</i> This year's winner was The Old Boatshed.	
d.	<i>Outstrays & Welwick Retreat - Cllr BC.</i> Unhappy with the loss of agricultural land but it will strengthen sea defences.	
e.	<i>Big Local Meeting – Cllr BC.</i> Kate MacDonald from Hull & East Riding Timebank spoke about the scheme; where people can exchange skills and space, for time rather currency.	
f.	<i>The Meridian Centre AGM – Cllr BD.</i> Accounts were presented and officers standing down were duly re-elected. The centre's secretary was granted continuous employment. The re-decoration of the interior is now underway.	
4559	<u>Items:</u> <i>Items to consider / confirm / agree / adopt by Withernsea Town Council.</i>	
a.	<i>Consider award of engraved Town Plaque to Mr Martin Burnhill.</i> It was AGREED to present Mr Burnhill with a plaque upon his retirement to acknowledge his 46 years of tireless service to ERYC and the Town of Withernsea.	JM

b.	<i>Consider draft Pastoral (Church Building Disposal) Scheme and representation. Church of England, Church Commissioners – St Nicholas’ Church. An excellent scheme has been proposed for the church including extensive work to re-roof the building to prevent further decay. It was AGREED to send representation in full support of a scheme to preserve the building and protect access to the war memorial clock, the mechanism of which may be moved to the ground floor for ease of access. Cllr KH did not support proposal of more free space in the town, citing that those who rely on rent from room hire to sustain the existing buildings will struggle further.</i>	JM
c.	<i>Consider temporary receiver on Meridian Centre roof for WiFi hotspot – Withfest 2/3/4th August 2019. It was AGREED to allow access for the temporary Wifi hotspot for Withfest. Power may be available from Christmas light sockets.</i>	JM
d.	<i>Agree date for annual footpath audit. Dates will be emailed to Property Officers.</i>	JM
4560	<u>Development Control:</u> <i>To resolve the following Application(s) / Receive decisions (NOD) made. All planning applications are available and accessed electronically from the ERYC website. None</i>	
4561	<u>Finance Matters</u> <i>To agree payments schedule January 2019 – £47,421.32. APPROVED.</i>	
4562	<u>Councillors reports.</u>	
a.	<i>Cllr CH – European Fishing event was well attended with approximately 2000 entrants. Sand le Mere was a local focal point for the event and also takes advantage of hosting a number of national competitions including national poker, darts and pool leagues.</i>	
b.	<i>Cllr CH – Car park at Waxholme Road in need of attention, not adequately finished but ERYC are due to return.</i>	
c.	<i>Cllr CH – Parking at the school continues to be an issue and Cllr CH would like to see this remedied.</i>	
d.	<i>Cllr CH – Temporary traffic lights at Queen Street/Pier Road causing significant issue. ERYC made aware by Cllr LH due to large number of calls.</i>	
e.	<i>Cllr DE – Fence in the corner of Kirkfield allotments is in need of repair.</i>	JM
f.	<i>Cllr BD – Kirkfield footpath is littered with rubbish, could community payback be enlisted to help with this problem. Community payback is struggling at present. Additional litter bins are not seen as a solution as there is litter all around the town, frequently in the proximity of a litter bin!</i>	
g.	<i>Cllr BC – SHAPE meeting 28th February only open to town and parish councillors where Tracey Craggs will be speaking about the 8-8 service.</i>	
h.	<i>Cllr BC – Reminder about the meeting on the 11th March for prospective councillors at The Meridian Centre 4-8pm.</i>	ALL
i.	<i>Cllr TD – Seathorne continue to experience problem from seagulls due to a local resident feeding the birds. It was AGREED it would be better for ERYC to deal with this matter.</i>	JM
j.	<i>Cllr TD – Attended a Holocaust event at Market Weighton, which was very poignant.</i>	
k.	<i>Cllr TD – Will be attending the Planning Enforcement Plan Consultation Event on 27th February.</i>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8:15pm</p>	