

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 15th September 2009 at 7.30pm
***(Public Forum at 8.30pm)**
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessele

M I N U T E S

Present: Councillors Boast, Jefferies, Jenkins, Kitchen (Chairman),
Masson, Morrow, Prattley, Redmore, Smith, B.E.Tress and R.D.Tress.

Also in attendance:

PCSO Lynch – Humberside Police

Mr R.McMillan

**There were no members of the public present, but an emailed communication from a concerned resident was considered under agenda item 4c.*

Apologies: Cllrs.Bratley, Davison and Kersey.

13490 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr.B.E.Tress declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.

13491 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(Prattley/Jefferies)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21st July 2009 and the Urgency Committee meeting held on 27th July 2009, and authorise the Chairman to sign.

13492 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

a) Hessele Clough: Members were informed that the sluice at Hessele Clough would be in operation on Thursday, 24th September 2009 at 2.30pm. The following will meet with Keith Crawford of the Environment Agency – Cllrs.Jefferies, Jenkins, B.E.Tress and R.D.Tress.

- a) Monthly Police Reports to the Town Council: Feedback is invited on the given details provided by Sgt. Bradley.
(R.D.Tress/Prattley)
RESOLVED to write to Sgt. Bradley welcoming the details for the PCSO and that we would prefer to receive the figures (covering a 2 month rota) the week before any meetings of the Full Council, so that they may be attached to the agenda.
- b) Monthly Crime Figures: The latest crime figures were not available but PCSO Lynch will prepare and forward to the Town Clerk for distribution.
He reported on various matters such as graffiti offenders being caught and summarily punished, hi-viz patrols, visiting victims of crime to give advice and alarms. Extra officers have been drafted in to sort out problems in The Square. Trying to redirect youths to KGV. The Community Support bus will be visiting the Foreshore area.
The email of concern regarding the Haven Car Park was discussed. Police say the matter is ongoing but cannot say too much at this point. Supervision is not really an option in the Skate Park.
(B.E.Tress/Prattley)
RESOLVED to carry on talking about the Haven area under agenda item 4c.
Members also asked questions about speeding vehicles on Cliff Road with many complaints received from residents. Police will be carrying out a sting operation. Sections 59 and 165 will be in force. Realise that the Humber Rescue volunteers do have to arrive at their HQ at speed on occasion. Youths playing football in The Square and causing annoyance – this will be viewed on CCTV. Is CCTV working for us – police prosecution usually forwarded on to CID. Used as evidence but not always in evidence. PCSO Lynch will bring back figures relating to CCTV successes.

- c) Activities in Haven Car Park, Livingstone Road and Mill Toilets: *It was resolved that the serious matters of concern to the police be taken to the Local Action Team so that they may have a structured discussion with the police, along with the suggestion of closing the Haven Car Park altogether and ensuring that the Mill toilets are made secure at dusk.*

Cllr.R.D.Tress reported that the LAT would not touch this matter even though it is the most suitable to consider it, and it will be passed on to the Neighbourhood Action Team. ERYC say that it is not aware of the matter. They have cut some bushes back here, but it obviously needs the Police to be in attendance to ascertain the correct ones to remove to deter ongoing 'activities'.

(Jefferies/R.D.Tress)

RESOLVED to write to ERYC's Land & Properties officer, Kristan Livingstone to describe the nature of the problem. To arrange a meeting with her department, the Police and the Town Council.

(B.E.Tress/Jefferies)

RESOLVED to forward the resident's email of concern to Kristan Livingstone with comment that this is the second time Hesse Town Council has discussed this serious matter with the Police. To add our concerns about the Mill toilets and that they should be made secure (after noting that new windows have recently been fitted) as the said activities are also being carried out here. This is why we are linking the 2 sites together as the perpetrators, if stopped at the Haven car park will move to the Mill toilets. That the Town Clerk also responds to the concerned resident informing her of our actions.

a) Humber Bridge Antennae Proposals: *It was resolved at the previous meeting that Mr McMillan obtains accurate and up to date costings from Visual Security Systems, along with all relevant information, and this be taken to Finance & Personnel on 9/9/09 thence to Full Council for a decision.*

Mr R. McMillan did meet with Mr Lal, VSS but the above was unable to be considered as costings could not yet be prepared. This was due to certain permissions for drilling into the Humber Bridge tower, being granted by senior officers at the Humber Bridge Board. To be considered at future meetings when received.

Antennae would be cheaper than GPS. If others wanted to link in we could demand a fee for doing so. Antennae cameras can be used by the Police and Humber Bridge Board for monitoring purposes.

b) Existing Camera Images/Proposed siting for Phase 3 of the Town Council's CCTV Scheme: *It was resolved at the previous meeting that a meeting takes place with the Police, the Chairman and the Town Clerk, to carry out a review and brings back a costed proposal, first to Finance & Personnel on 9/9/09 and thence to Full Council for consideration.*

Mr R. McMillan and PCSO Petch have carried out a review of the all 21 camera images. There are 13 recommendations to alter the existing cameras as follows:

Looking at –

Spar main door – move to left.

Weir newsagents – turn round to look across the road.

Seat at Weir end of Prestongate – turn round to look toward South Lane.

Bus shelter – widen angle to get both sides to include all shelters.

Admiral Hawke – move to look at Mac & Mets and Marquiss of Granby.

Camera on library looking at tree (Southgate) – tree can be relocated to view another problem area.

HSBC cash machine – turn round to look more into The Square.

Play area in Tower Hill Memorial Park – move a little to the left.

Swinegate (1) – move right and slightly up.

Orchard Centre car park – relocate to view the Council flats.

Swinegate (2) – move slightly.

Looking at Fletcher Close from Library – possible relocation to another problem area.

Dome above Roche on The Weir – perhaps relocate to look at Tower Hill Memorial Park further.

Mr McMillan will forward a detailed revision to the Town Clerk. He also recommended that the pc's be update to obtain more image frames per second and will obtain costings accordingly for future consideration.

(R.D.Tress/B.E.Tress)

RESOLVED to order all the adjustments as given tonight and that the monies be taken from the budgeted heading for CCTV (Capital).

(R.D.Tress/B.E.Tress)

RESOLVED that the above resolution be subject to the pricing of the 'tweaking' being delegated to Finance & Personnel in October 2009.

Mr McMillan will obtain the required costings from VSS and report to the Town Clerk accordingly.

c) VSS – Recent Works Carried Out:

- i. 20/8/09 – 5 library cameras out for a number of days. Visited to find breaker at library meter had blown a 20amp fuse /2 x 12v supplies also blown rendering PSU faulty. Repairs duly carried out on 25/8/09.

- ii. 26/8/09 – All external cameras cleaned and checked power supplies, cables, copex, brackets, housings and enclosures.

(R.D.Tress/Jefferies)

RESOLVED noted.

d) Library Tree: *After further requests for pruning of this tree which totally obliterates the view from the CCTV camera looking south along Southgate, ERYC's Tree Officer has arranged for further urgent pruning to be carried out (previously done under Tree App.STA6181). A decision will need to be taken on whether the camera is moved or the tree is removed. Mr R.McMillan is in the process of investigating relocation of the camera and any costings will be brought back for consideration.*

(R.D.Tress/Jefferies)

RESOLVED noted.

Members thanked Mr McMillan and PCSO Lynch for attending and they duly left the meeting at 8.35pm.

Cllr.B.E.Tress declared a personal interest in the following item and left the room whilst discussion took place thereon but returned whilst final deliberation and voting were taking place.

13495

YORKSHIRE DAY EVENT – 1ST AUGUST 2009:

Cllr.Prattley spoke to say this was more of an ERYC event and was actually a shambles apart from the church service. It was not advertised well and a lot of people said to him that it was a pathetic show. Cllr.Jenkins thought the band, cake, wine and town crier were presented well and that there were some positive activities.

(R.D.Tress/Prattley)

RESOLVED to note the report and that it be referred to the Communication Committee to perhaps consider an article of explanation in the next issue of 'Hessle Town'.

2 members abstained from voting.

(Masson/Jefferies)

RESOLVED to complain to ERYC about the way in which the whole event was organised.

5 members voted for the proposal and 3 members voted against therefore the motion was carried.

13496

FINANCE MATTERS:

a) Schedules 118 & 119 (Receipts & Payments):

(Prattley/Jefferies)

RESOLVED to receive the schedules as attached and duly signed by the Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee at its meeting held on 9/9/09.

b) Budget for the Events Committee (Referred from the Events Committee meeting of 22/7/09): Recommendation that this item goes to the next Full Council meeting on 15/9/09 to make a request for a budget for the Events Committee for non-Christmas Lights events.

(R.D.Tress/Prattley)

RESOLVED that the Events Committee sets this out line by line at its next meeting and then refers to Finance & Personnel and thence to Full Council for further consideration.

c) Virement of Funds: A **recommendation** to Finance & Personnel (meeting of 9/9/09) is received from the Environment Committee (meeting of 8/9/09) that the sum of £500.00 be vired from the Land & Property heading into the Equipment, Maintenance & Projects (Allotments) heading, to ensure sufficient funds remain following the approved purchase of a new gate (Ferriby Road site). This **recommendation** is now put before Full Council to approve accordingly.

(Prattley/Jefferies)

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation as given and that the sum of £500.00 be vired from Land & Property to Equipment, Maintenance & Projects (Allotments).

- d) Financial Regulations: A ***recommendation*** is received from the Finance & Personnel Committee (meeting of 9/9/09) to approve and set out the following in the Council's Financial Regulations- 'That investments should be dealt with by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Finance & Personnel'.

(R.D.Tress/Prattley)

RESOLVED to approve the recommendation as printed.

13497

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (*Previously*

circulated):

RESOLVED to receive the following minutes -

Environment - 14th July 2009. (*The recommendation contained therein was dealt with at the Urgency meeting of the Council on 27th July 2009*) (Jenkins/R.D.Tress)

Communication - 15th July 2009. (R.D.Tress/Boast)

Events - 22nd July 2009. (*Please see agenda item 7b for the recommendation contained therein*) (Prattley/Jenkins)

Communication - 27th July 2009. (Boast/R.D.Tress)

Tree Visits - 4th August 2009. (R.D.Tress/Jenkins)

Communication - 4th August 2009. (Boast/Jenkins)

Planning & Traffic - 4th August 2009. (Masson/Jefferies)

Town Plan - 19th August 2009. (B.E.Tress/R.D.Tress)

Events - 19th August 2009. (Prattley/Jenkins)

Planning & Traffic 1st September 2009. (Jefferies/Chair)

Asset Management - 2nd September 2009. (Prattley/Smith)

Environment - 8th September 2009. (*Please see agenda items 7c, 7d & 13 for the recommendations contained therein*)

(Jenkins/R.D.Tress) (With the exception of recommendation 13 which will be considered at the end of the agenda, the others have already been approved)

Finance & Personnel – 9th September 2009. *(Please see agenda items 7c, 7d, 12 & 13 for the recommendations contained therein).* (With the exception of recommendations 12 & 13 which will be considered at the end of the agenda, the others have been already been approved).

13498 VARIATION OF A STANDING ORDER (S.O. 34.2) (Referred from Full Council on 21/7/09):

- a. The following resolution has stood adjourned without discussion since 21/7/09 ‘That, in these Standing Orders, the words Chairman of the Council should be read as Town Mayor’.
- b. The following resolution has stood adjourned without discussion since 21/7/09 ‘To permanently vary Standing Order 5.1 to read – Members shall vote by a show of hands’.

(R.D.Tress/Prattley)

RESOLVED to formally adopt both the variations to the Standing Orders as given in agenda items 9a and 9b.

13499 STANDING ORDER 9.1:

A member may ask the Chairman of the Council or the chairman of any committee any question concerning the business of the Council, provided that two days notice of the question has been given by the member to the Town Clerk.

None were received.

13500 WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING:

Referred from Asset Management of 2/9/09 where it was resolved that this matter be discussed in general, with further information obtained from ERYC by Cllr.Jefferies on why Community Halls and similar buildings have to pay for collections/recycling facilities.

Cllr.Jefferies contacted ERYC’s Paul Dalby but he was unsure whether this is classed as trade waste or not. He will get back to us when he has a definitive answer.

(R.D.Tress/Prattley)

RESOLVED to note the report and bring back any further information to the next meeting.

13501 POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW:

The Equalities Policy has been reviewed and approved by Finance & Personnel (meeting of 9/9/09) and a recommendation is now given that we adopt the Equal Opportunitites – Equality and Diversity Policy as given. A copy is given for your perusal and files thereafter.

(R.D.Tress/Jenkins)

RESOLVED that the Equalities Policy as given is formally adopted and that thanks be given to Cllrs.Morrow and B.E.Tress for its preparation.

(R.D.Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED to implement Standing Order 30.1 that
In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

There were no members of the press or public present.

13502

ALLOTMENT WARDEN:

*Following a recommendation to the Finance & Personnel Committee (meeting 9/9/09) from the Environment Committee (meeting 8/9/09) that the Allotment Warden be dismissed and following serious consideration, a **recommendation** is now brought to Full Council from Finance & Personnel that the Environment Committees recommendation be approved and that the Town Clerk first takes advice from ERNLLCA with regard to the legalities of this particular dismissal before carrying out any actions.*

(R.D.Tress/Chair)

RESOLVED that the Allotment Warden be dismissed.

The Town Clerk tabled a communication from ERNLLCA with a recommendation on how we should proceed should the action be approved.

(R.D.Tress/Prattley)

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be given authority under the Local Government Act 1972, section 101, to resolve this matter and that ERNLLCA be invited to advise as to process and record.

