

HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, 15th March 2022 at 7.30pm
***(Public Forum at 7.30pm)**
Town Hall, South Lane, Hessle

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Adams, Carroll (Vice-Chairman), Davison, Fordham, Langdale and Padden

Mr Paul Hogan – Non-voting Advisor

Clerk: Mrs K Cooper

15 Members of the public

PCSO Sarah Peasgood and PCSO Barbara Danby

Apologies: Cllrs Bovill (Chairman), Cross, Howe, A. Nolan, D. Nolan, Potter, Sutton, Walker and Wilding

133563 PUBLIC FORUM

To hold the Public Forum at the appointed time of 7.30pm to allow any members of the press or public present to speak.

There were no members of the public or press present that wished to speak on anything other than items on the Agenda.

133564 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman now read out the following – Members must declare their pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in items at this meeting – *rather than personal and prejudicial interests* – and ensure that they act appropriately.

None given.

As members of the public were present, the Chairman proposed that Minute nos: 133568 and 133575 were moved and discussed first and second.

133565 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

(Davison/Adams)

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2022 and authorise the Chairman to sign.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

To receive such communications as the Chairman may wish to lay before the Council:

None received.

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POLICE MATTERS:

- a) To receive the latest information/figures on police matters pertaining to Hessle since the previous meeting.

8.30pm - PCSO's Sarah Peasgood and Barbara Danby attended the meeting and provided the crime statistics for incidents in Hessle since the 18th January which were; 16 burglaries, 12 attempted burglaries, 2 business burglaries, 1 vehicle interference, 11 criminal damage reports, 3 thefts from a motor vehicle, 3 thefts of a motor vehicle, 2 bike thefts and 2 thefts (other).

They have had more patrols to cover areas specifically targeted and as such have made arrests for some of the burglaries undertaken. The recorded crimes summary shows that over the last three years crimes overall are reducing in the area, the annual figures to Feb 2020 = 523 crimes, to Feb 2021 = 431 and in the 12 month period to Feb 2022 = 405.

A big help to the Police has been residents and businesses signing up to the Humberside Police 'My Community Alert' scheme. The Police can post reports of incidents as they happen, report and advise on any scams and what to watch out for and also any major traffic incidents to avoid via this system. Residents can register and receive real time messages about incidents happening in a specific neighbourhood or area that may affect them and they can choose how they would like to receive messages (text, voicemail or email), how often they would like to receive alerts and which issues matter most, from collisions and road closures to missing people. Residents are also able to register details of their residential CCTV cameras, including 'ring' style door cameras. Once registered, the Police would then be able to contact them for CCTV footage should they require evidence. The Clerk confirmed that this service had been advertised in the Town Council newsletter shortly after its launch in March 2018, but details can be included again to remind residents of the service.

Following his promotion and the departure of Inspector Paul Gladstone, arrangements previously made for officers to use the Town Hall two days a week as a 'Police Base' have not been implemented as expected. PCSO Danby confirmed that with only seven staff available on a shift, calls received for service denotes where the Police teams go within the East Riding area which means that they cannot be in Hessle a lot of the time. The new Inspector now in position is Rob Danby and the Town Councillors confirmed that they would be pleased to have the opportunity to meet him and to discuss Hessle.

- b) To receive and note the email from the Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner confirming the Government relaunch of the Community Payback Scheme. The Commissioner is requesting Town & Parish Councils to put forward projects to the Probation Service which would benefit residents.

(Padden/Davison)

RESOLVED that the information is received and noted. The Clerk will look into the scheme further to see if the procedures and guidelines have been changed in order to make it easier to nominate and undertake projects.

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MS3 NETWORKS:

Representatives from MS3 Networks attended to give a brief presentation about the street works currently being undertaken along First Lane.

7.35pm Two representatives attended from MS3 Networks and gave a brief presentation on the MS3 project which is to install alternative Wi-Fi infrastructure to Hull and the surrounding areas. Councillors commented on complaints received from residents about not being notified of the current works and the disruption caused. The project is to be rolled out over the next 6 – 8 months and Hesse will be done in 3 zones. The work involves trenching pavements and verges in order that all cables and fibre network can be put underground. In view of the current disruption caused by works started along First Lane without notification to residents, they acknowledged that there had been failings in the processes they were supposed to follow and that moving forward they know that they need to communicate with residents and include plans and dates of when works will begin and any details of disruption that might be caused. They will also look to liaise with local Councillors about upcoming works. Confirmation was given that they will re-instate (top soil/seed) all the verges properly once work has been completed and weather permitting and if residents have any concerns they will publicise a contact number at each site in order for members of the public to be able to contact them directly. The company are also looking to invest in any future local community events.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from MS3 for attending the meeting and providing the information.

8.35pm Councillor Langdale had to leave the meeting.

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HULL MARATHON 2022:

To receive and approve the details of the proposed route from Lucas Meagor, the Race Director. Mr Meagor will hopefully be attending the meeting via Zoom to provide any further information and answer any questions as required.

Mr Meagor joined the meeting via zoom and provided further information and details about the proposed route for the Hull Marathon 2022.

(Chair/Davison)

RESOLVED that Mr Meagor provides a schematic plan of the road closures, particularly Hesse Square and how this will be managed on the day. Traffic problems have occurred in this area at previous Marathons when using the Square and the Town Council would not wish to see this disruption happen again. Once further information has been received, this will be discussed at the next Planning & Traffic Committee meeting on 5th April 2022.

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HESSLE TOWN COUNCIL SURVEY:

Following the Town Council Survey which closed on 31st December 2021, Mrs Hornby attended the meeting to present the results to the Council.

8.50pm Mrs Hornby gave a short presentation to the Council on the results from the questions included in the Town Council survey undertaken in December 2020.

Councillor Carroll confirmed that he will summarise all the results for a further detailed presentation to the Council at the next meeting in order to discuss how this information can be used to shape the Town Council strategy.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hornby on behalf of the Town Council for all the work she has done on this project.

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ERYC:

a) East Riding Community Governance Review

To receive and discuss the email from ERYC, Electoral Services confirming that they are proposing to carry out a community governance review. Any feedback which can be looked at as part of the review is to be forwarded to them for assessment.

(Davison/Adams)

RESOLVED that as one or two Wards in Hessle are now disproportionately over-represented with voters, the Town Council requests that ERYC looks at the boundaries of the Hessle Wards in order to try and balance this up. Councillor Davison also advised that following the sale of Springville Methodist Church, this will no longer be available to be used as a polling station and that this is also conveyed to ERYC Electoral Services.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Councillor Carroll provided an update:

Councillor Carroll confirmed that the purchase of the Community Centre has now been completed, pending the Land Registry documentation. A prospective purchaser of the cottage next door which is currently on the open market has made contact with the Community Centre to confirm some necessary building works that are required at the adjacent property, but also to enquire about the potential purchase of a small area of land to the rear of the Community Centre. As these were early exchanges, Councillor Carroll will carry out further discussions and provide more details to the Council in due course on any arrangements that could be considered.

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UKRAINE:

The Ukrainian flag is currently being flown alongside the Union Flag both in the Square and on the Town Hall. Councillors discussed various issues and potential ways to help and support families affected, including the possibility of setting up a hub to put people together as there is currently nothing in Hull or the surrounding area. Councillor Carroll will look further into this possibility and provide more information in due course. The Clerk will undertake to put as much information from the Disasters Emergency Committee, any Charities, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and any details of local collection points on the website, together with any links available to these for residents to access.

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ERNLLCA – Training:

Following ERNLLCA's move to Cloudy IT, all training courses and events can now be directly booked by Clerks and Councillors through their website events calendar. Hesse Town Council needs to agree a protocol for booking training courses, that all bookings are either made exclusively via the Clerk, or all Councillors have the authority from the council to create a booking themselves, but to ensure that the Clerk is advised and made aware of the booking and the cost in order to ensure the Training Budget is not exceeded.

(Padden/Chair)

RESOLVED that all Councillors and the Clerk can book training courses directly through the ERNLLCA website, but any Councillors that do book directly must notify the Clerk immediately after making the booking and provide details of the course booked, the date, the time and the cost.

7.50pm Residents and members from the Friends of Tranby Gate who were present spoke to the following item concerning the land at Tranby Lodge Gardens.

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TRANBY LODGE GARDENS:

Hesse Town Council to discuss and make a decision on the recommendation from the Environment & Open Spaces Committee that Hesse Town Council take ownership of the amenity land area (YEA67930) at Tranby Lodge Gardens from Persimmon Homes Yorkshire and for it to remain as public open space in perpetuity.

(Davison/Adams)

RESOLVED that Hesse Town Council do not take on the ownership of the amenity land area (YEA67930) at Tranby Lodge Gardens from Persimmon Homes Yorkshire. With additional administrative, maintenance and financial resources that will be required together with the location of the land and restricted access, it is not in the best interests for Hesse residents. It is unlikely to be used by many residents and will therefore be an unnecessary asset which does not benefit Hesse in a manner commensurate with the expenditure as it does not demonstrate value for money which could be utilised better elsewhere.

133576

NEWBALD PARISH COUNCIL – Letter to East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Following correspondence received from Newbald Parish Council at the Full Council meeting in September 2021 regarding concerns and disillusionment experienced by town and parish councils across the area with the East Riding Council, a draft letter has been written addressed to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (copy enclosed for your perusal) and sent to all town and parish councils across the East Riding. If Hesse Town Council is in agreement with the concerns mentioned and positive solutions suggested, Newbald Parish Council have requested that Hesse Town Council consider being added to list and named as one of the Town and Parish Councils in support.

(Chair/Fordham)

RESOLVED that Hesse Town Council agree with the concerns and solutions in the prepared letter and is happy to be named and added to the list in support of Newbald Parish Council.

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STANDING ORDER 9.1:

A member may ask the Chairman of the Council or the Chair of any Committee any question concerning the business of the Council provided that two working days' notice of the question has been given by the member to the Town Clerk.

None received.

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FINANCE MATTERS:

- a) Schedule Nos: 269 and 270 (Receipts & Payments up to 31/01/2022 & 28/02/2022):
(Davison/Padden)

RESOLVED to approve the copies as given that were duly signed by the Chair of Finance & Personnel at the meetings held on 9th February and 9th March 2022.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

To accept the minutes of the meetings (minutes previously circulated) and approve any recommendations contained therein;

Events & Communications (report only) - 2nd February 2022 – (Padden/Fordham)

Events & Communications – 2nd March 2022 – (Padden/Fordham)

Environment & Open Spaces – 8th February 2022 – (Fordham/Padden)

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Finance, Personnel & Asset Management – 9th February 2022 – (Davison/Padden)

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Planning & Traffic – 1st February 2022 – (Adams/Davison)

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