



**Minutes of the meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
General Purposes Committee, held
on Monday 8th February 2021 held virtually via PowWowNow at 7.00pm.**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr Karen Gunn, Cllr Joy Kofoed and Cllr Jack Startin. Also present: Three members of the public, Assistant Clerk: Sarah Gillingham and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

This meeting was held virtually in line with the temporary powers enabled by Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, enacted 25th March 2020. Members of the public were provided with details of how to join the meeting via the published Agenda and online.

Public Participation: No matters were raised.

MINUTES

- GP 2102/01 Election of Members
The Committee received nominations and elected members to the Committee.
RESOLUTION: That Cllr Karen Gunn and Cllr Joy Kofoed are elected as voting members of the General Purposes Committee.
- GP 2102/02 Apologies
No apologies were received.
- GP 2102/03 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations
a. No declarations of interest received.
b. A dispensation was granted to Cllr Frankish to enable her to take part in discussions relating to In Bloom without having to declare a personal interest as a member of the In Bloom Group. This decision was made as without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business. This dispensation shall expire on the date of Town Council elections in May, 2023.
- GP 2102/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
a. The Committee considered the Minutes of the GP Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2021.
RESOLUTION: That the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.
b. The Committee received an update from the Clerk regarding outstanding tasks and actions noting seven outstanding actions from previous meetings to be covered by this meeting agenda.
- GP 2102/05 Play area development plan
The Clerk noted a very strong response to the public consultation via online questionnaire with 82 responses received and thanked Cllr Fox for the visual representations of the results for ease of analysis. Committee members discussed some of the immediate information from the results and the next stages of the processes required. It was noted that some of the play areas mentioned favourably by residents are not located on greens and not near residential areas and these factors need to be taken into consideration.
RESOLUTION: That visits to neighbouring parks mentioned in the responses are carried out to gather information on equipment and positioning. ACTION: Working group
RESOLUTION: That Cllr Cooper analyses the top 10% responses so that costings can be sought around these responses and put into the five-year plan. ACTION: Cllr Cooper
- GP 2102/06 Grove Street Cemetery
The Committee received an update from Cllr Startin regarding the review of the Cemetery Regulations. Recommended amendments and additions were now finalised for agreement at the next Full Council meeting. Regarding operation of the cemetery, the resolution to an issue with a purchased plot at the cemetery encountered over the weekend was detailed and agreed as appropriate. Cllr Gunn noted thanks to Cllr Startin for his knowledge and experience. The Committee discussed the procedures for when the Town Clerk is not working or unavailable for responding to Cemetery enquiries or issues.

Signed:

Dated:

RESOLUTION: *That recommended amendments and additions to the Cemetery Regulations are taken to the next Council meeting for consideration.*

ACTION: Town Clerk

GP 2102/07

Policies

The Committee discussed the NALC Open Letter to Councillors and agreed on any actions required. It was noted that the information linked in with a discussion on the Promoting Kirton agenda regarding better communications informing residents of the roles and responsibilities of different authorities and suggested that NALC could assist Town and Parish Councils with the production of model Standing Orders which better reflect this tier. The critical issue of time referred to in the letter was discussed as important, and the Committee was mindful that this is the growing issue for many people – that they do not have the time to give to community issues such as joining the Town Council.

GP 2102/08

Agenda for next and future meetings

The Committee made note of any items for the agenda for the next or future meetings.

RESOLUTION: *No items requested at this time.*

GP 2102/09

Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next General Purposes Committee meeting as 8th March 2021 at 7:00pm, with Agenda items requested prior to Friday 26th February.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr David Garritt
	Cllr Kathy Cooper
	Cllr Hazel Fox
	Cllr Pat Frankish
	Cllr Karen Gunn
	Cllr Joy Kofoed
	Cllr Jack Startin