



**Minutes of the meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
General Purposes Committee, held on Monday 11th September 2023
at the Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey at 7:30pm.**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Kathy Cooper, Cllr Hazel Fox, Cllr Joy Kofoed and Cllr Suzanne Stephenson.

Also present: 2 members of the public, Assistant Clerk: Cheri Morton and Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson.

MINUTES

- GP2309/01 Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr Adam Delsignore and Cllr Pat Frankish.
- GP2309/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations
a. Cllr Kofoed noted an interest in PA/2021/891. Cllr Fox noted a personal interest in PA/2023/1339.
b. No dispensations were granted.
- GP2309/03 Public Participation
Members of the public gave information in relation to planning application PA/2021/891 with a supporting statement read out. The Committee expressed thanks for the information provided.
- GP2309/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The Committee considered the Minutes of the GP Committee Meeting held on 10th July 2023.
RESOLUTION: That the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.
- GP2309/05 Planning
The Committee considered the following planning applications:
- i. Application: PA/2022/2001
Proposal: Planning permission to erect portal frame building for storage of agricultural equipment.
Site Location: Cranwell Close, Kirton in Lindsey.
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk responds with “Objection” to this planning application noting that until the application has correct details to determine the actual location it is impossible to effectively consider and address it. The comments of the Environmental Protection Officer are supported in full and the response from the Highways department is questioned. Reconsideration of this position could be given if the correct information is given regarding the actual location.
ACTION: Town Clerk
 - ii. Application: PA/2021/891
Proposal: Planning permission to erect 9 dwellings with landscaping and access.
Site Location: 9 Torksey Street, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4PW.
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk responds with “Objection” to this planning application noting that the proposal constitutes over development of the location with too much development in a very small area. The five accesses for up to ten vehicles on this already busy junction is of concern, particularly as this is a narrow road and a bus route and will only get busier due to previously approved planning applications elsewhere. There remain concerns with the drainage solutions proposed for the site. Reconsideration of this position could be given if the proposal is amended for less density of dwellings.
ACTION: Town Clerk
 - iii. Application: PA/2023/1339
Proposal: Advertising consent for one internally illuminated fascia sign and window vinyls.
Site Location: 9 High Street, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4LZ
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk responds with “Objection” to this planning application noting that this retrospective application directly contravenes local planning policy HE2 and HE4 due to the detracting from important existing spaces and views and detrimental effects on the architectural or historic quality of the Conservation Area. The signage which is now installed is of poor appearance, the internal illumination inappropriate for the location and has made a building of no architectural merit worse. The building is now at odds with the Grade II Listed Town Hall and other buildings in the Market Place. The new signage is out of keeping and has comprised the vista of the Grade II Listed Town Hall.
ACTION: Town Clerk

Signed:

Dated:

- iv. Application: PA/2023/1479
 Proposal: Planning permission to erect a conservatory.
 Site Location: 37 Park Hill, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4NL
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk responds with “Support” to this planning application.
ACTION: Town Clerk

b. The Committee considered the Kirton in Lindsey Neighbourhood Plan work. Cllr Garritt gave an overview of the process and work required.

RESOLUTION: That the appetite of the Council as a whole and residents is sought.

RESOLUTION: That information is prepared for the September Full Council meeting about the process and work required.
ACTION: Cllr Garritt

c. The Committee received the National Association of Local Council’s (NALC) Consultation on Local Plans.

RESOLUTION: That a response is returned to NALC outlining that the Council is not made up of qualified planning experts able to respond to detailed questions, however it has a vision of what it wants and asks that this is included as relevant in the consultation response:

- To have a say on planning matters
- To have its views and opinions acknowledged
- To be involved in what planning is designated in its area
- To prioritise grey development areas over development of green areas
- To have a strong and acknowledged input on the size of properties, parking and land usage
- To be able to protect its local infrastructure to prevent it from being compromised any further
- To hold more weight as the most local representatives
- To be given adequate time to give a full considered response with the monthly schedule of Council meetings for decision making taken into account
- For its local knowledge to be acknowledged and acted upon and not simply dismissed due to a lack of formal qualification
- For its historical and agricultural landscape to be protected
- For its environment and landscape to be protected
- The town should not be penalised due to decisions made by higher tiered authorities and decisions taken at a higher level by planning inspectorates far removed from understanding and appreciating the local knowledge and experience
- The town should not be penalised by central policies such as five-year housing plans **ACTION: Town Clerk**

- GP2309/06 Snow wardens
 The committee considered information and preparation required for Winter 2023/24.
RESOLUTION: That North Lincolnshire Council are asked for the updated approval list for winter service support.
ACTION: Cllr Garritt
RESOLUTION: That checking of salt boxes across the town is organised by the snow warden representatives.
ACTION: Snow wardens

- GP2309/07 Play area update
 a. The Committee received an update about the proposed local agreement for play area maintenance and repair with North Lincolnshire Council. The Clerk reported no further update on costings was yet received.
RESOLUTION: That Cllr Fox contacts Carl Beacock again for a response. **ACTION: Cllr Fox**
 b. The Committee considered current general maintenance matters for the play area. Quotations for bins and replacement seagull flaps were reviewed, more permanent CCTV signage confirmed as in place, signage for the zipline was discussed, the process for the removal of dead animals was discussed and the Clerk noted the progress for the replacement chain link fencing sections.
RESOLUTION: That the quote from Blacksmith Cameron Huggins is approved up to the value of £100.
ACTION: Town Clerk
RESOLUTION: That Cllr Fox contacts Carl Beacock about signage on North Lincolnshire Council ziplines.
ACTION: Cllr Fox
RESOLUTION: That the pest control contractors for the cemetery are asked for costings to include the removal of dead animals.
ACTION: Town Clerk
RESOLUTION: That the current delegated authority for health and safety emergencies is adequate at this time.

- GP2309/08 Grove Street Cemetery
 The Committee considered the maintenance works required at the Cemetery. The Clerk noted the works required to seed the rear section of the cemetery and removal of a fallen tree branch. The Clerk noted the purchase of replacement frost covers for the taps due to the damage caused to the ones in use last year. Clarification was sought on the watering of tree saplings in hot weather.
RESOLUTION: That the quotation from Lawn N Order at £3.40 per m2 is approved for the grass seeding.
ACTION: Town Clerk

Signed:

Dated:

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RESOLUTION: *That the quotation from Lawn N Order of £60.00 for the removal of the fallen branch is approved. Clerk to request chippings to be taken to allotment site. ACTION: Town Clerk*

GP2309/09

Outside Gym Equipment

The Committee received updates regarding the outside gym equipment funding from North Lincolnshire Council. The Clerk reported a conversation with the planning department confirming the refund of the planning application fee due to the mismanagement of the application and that they are to have a conversation with Sport England about the objection they have submitted. The Assistant Clerk is currently developing the required information for a potential response including quotations for ball strike consultations and plans to show the positioning of playing pitches on the field. The planning officer is due to get back with further information in due course.

GP2309/10

Agenda for next and future meetings

No items requested.

GP2309/11

Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the planned date and time of the next General Purposes Committee meeting as Monday 9th October 2023 at 7:30pm, with Agenda items requested prior to Friday 29th September.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Dated: