

Gainsborough Town Council

Notes for the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting

Held 20th September 2005 at Gainsborough House



Present

The Mayor Cllr. S. Jupp, Cllrs. JS. Morley (Chairman), T. Davies, P. Banyard and EJ. Hadley.

In Attendance

The Clerk PR. Leeder & Assistant Clerk RC. Allbones
Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. S. South
Cllr. H. Clarke
Cllr. P. Smith

2. Declaration's of Interest

No Declarations of Interest

3. Approval of Minutes

Notes from the last meeting held Tuesday 2nd August 2005 were approved as minutes and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr P. Banyard, seconded by Cllr S. Jupp. Carried

4. Hickman Bacon Memorial Park and other Play Areas

The Clerk informed the Committee that he had written to Rilmac regarding the asbestos removal and is awaiting a start date.

Doyle Landscapes should be starting the Alfred Street / Bayard Street corner this coming week.

The Clerk handed out the RoSPA report for the play areas and informed them of general work that needs carrying out.

The Clerk recommended the committee visit all the parks and go through the RoSPA report.

Park visit arranged for Monday 3rd October 2005 at 5:00pm meeting at Mayflower Park.

The Clerk informed Committee members that we have had a good response from Dave Hill from West Lindsey regarding litter bins and rubbish on our parks.

5. Drainage Problems in Church Street and Surrounding Areas

Cllr. S. Jupp expressed her concern for residents of Church Street and surrounding areas regarding the heavy rain and potential flooding risk.

The Committee agreed for the Clerk to write to Severn Trent regarding the matter.

6. Street Cleaning

Cllr. S. Jupp wishes in the future to see Gainsborough Town Council take over the street cleaning from West Lindsey District Council. Other Councillors agreed with the idea.

The Committee agreed to put it on the January Policy and Resources agenda for a more in depth discussion.

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7. **Public Footpath**

Cllr. S. Jupp has had a request from a resident on Vanessa Drive to put in an official public footpath from Ropery Road through to Vanessa Drive as it is unsure if there will be a direct bus route to the new doctors and dentist.

The Committee agreed for the Clerk to write to Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department and request for a public footpath to be put in.

The Committee also agreed for the Clerk to write to Roadcar Bus Company and ask if there are plans to put a direct service to the new doctors on Vanessa Drive and request a meeting to discuss the possibility of a bus route from the depot into the town centre.

8. **Parish Plan**

Cllr. S. Jupp recommended that the council looks at producing a Parish Plan with the help of people of the town.

The Clerk informed the Committee that a Parish Plan does go a long way towards achieving Quality Status. Cllr. EJ. Hadley requested if we could be able to contact GALA and see if they would carry out a feasibility study for us and find out the cost.

The Committee formed a resolution to take to the next Full Council meeting in October.

“This Council is to form a Parish Plan and recommend to Full Council to form a Committee to carry out the work, with the power to co-opt outside persons”. Carried

9. **Budgets**

The Clerk requested the Committee to start thinking about the Policy and Resources budget for the next financial year starting in April 2006. The Clerk requested for the Committees input into the budget setting and what they would like to see improve in the town next year.

The Clerk proposed they call a special Policy and Resources meeting after the next Full Council meeting to discuss their requests. Special meeting called for Monday 10th October 2005 at 7pm at the Gainsborough House.

10. **Youth Awards**

Cllr. S. Jupp wishes to see youngsters of the town praised for their achievements and requested to the Committee that they thought about putting a merit award system in place.

The Committee agreed and decided the best way forward would be a press release and inform all schools.

The Committee agreed for the award to be called “Gainsborough Town Council Achievement Award”.

The Clerk advised for the matter to go on the next Full Council agenda for Council approval.

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 10th October 2005 at 7:00pm

Signed.....

Chairman 10/10/2005