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Metheringham Parish Council
(06/03/2025)

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held in the Parish Office 31a High Street Metheringham LN4 3DZ
26th February 2025

There was a public forum at 6.15pm prior to the meeting where members of the public, County and District Councilor's together with any other members of public bodies present may make short statements to the committee.

Public forum: No comments.

County Councillor's report:

Cllr Rob Kendrick reported regarding the Lincoln County Council; the proposed council tax rate is lower than most other authorities. as the unitary authorities that are being talked about by CG are not yet decided in Lincolnshire.

Police panel:

Cllr June Gwilym reported about her role with the police

Members of Council:

The Chair Councillor Keith Parker (KP); the Vice Chair Councillor Roy Grummitt (RG); Councillor June Gwilym (JG); Councillor Asia O'Sullivan (AO); Councillor Shirley Peak (SP; Counsellor Fran Pembury (FP); Councillor Catherine Redpath (CR); Councillor Rob Castle (RC); Councillor Dave Parry (DP); Councillor Malcolm Wallace MWa); Councillor Mike Westerman (MWe); Councillor Mark Worthington (MWo). Proper Officer of Council John F Money (JFM) Antony Shaw Responsible Financial Officer

Attendance:

In Attendance: Chair Cllr K Parker; Cllr J Gwilym; Cllr S Peak; Cllr F Pembury; Cllr R Castle; Cllr D Parry*; Cllr J Simpson; Cllr M Wallace; Cllr M Westerman; Cllr M Worthington and J F Money Temporary Clerk.

The meeting was moved into formal session.

1. The Chair opened the meeting with the usual housekeeping announcements.

2. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Catherine Redpath (family) proposed by SP and seconded by RC; Cllr Roy Grummitt (family) proposed by FP on seconded by MWe; Cllr Asia O'Sullivan (please this meeting) proposed JG and seconded by MWa; Cllr Parry * (arrived later).

3. Declaration of interest:

- a) Members Declaration of Interests None declared;
- b) Dispensations: None requested;
- c) Members DOI update reminder: Noted.

4. To ratify the draft minutes of the following meetings:

all were approved and resolved the Chair sign them as a true and accurate record of those meetings.

5. Action from previous meetings Non-recorded.

Action JFM

7. The Springwell Solar Farm: **Action JFM**

8. Reports from local clubs and organisations: None received

9. Financial Information: The payments listed that have been made were approved and the instruction to the Acting RFO to pay all outstanding accounts was also resolved. **Action Acting RFO**

10. The meeting to be moved into closed session as per:

The Public Bodies (admissions to meetings Act 1960 exclusion of the press and public: to resolve that in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the public bodies (admissions to meetings) act 1960 and as reinforced by Section 12a of the Local Government 1972 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business the press and public be excluded.

Proposed by and seconded by it was unanimously resolved to move the meeting into closed session

11. The Chair stated the internal review was complete. Members made some comments.

12. JFM informed Members regarding FOIA requests

13. HMRC VAT returns: JFM informed the meeting that he was in the process of reconciling all of the VAT.

14. To receive a report from the Finance and Staffing Committee Chair

a) Finance & Staffing Chair (MWe) updated the Members on the 2024/25 costs to date.

b) MWe went on to inform members of what had been agreed regarding future staffing proposals

c) The appointment of either a Temporary or Locum RFO: it was agreed to engage the services of a Temporary RFO: **Action Chair; JFM**

d) Existing Staffing arrangements:

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:38pm