



ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL held at Alexander House, High Street, Askern, Doncaster DN6 0AB on Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 6.30pm.

In attendance: Mayor Cllr C Bennett, Cllr F Jackson, Cllr L Hudson, Cllr G Gracey, Cllr K Wood and Cllr D Collins.

Network Construction Engineer Charles Walker and D Potts, Borough Councillor I Beech and L Waude (Town Clerk)

Mayor Cllr C Bennett welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting. There were no items to which the public and press were excluded.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Noon and Cllr M Faulkner and their reasons for absence were approved.
The resignation of Cllr M Woodrow was received and noted, the Monitoring Officer has been informed.
2. No declarations of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct or Members Register of Interests were received.
3. The minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on 28th September 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record.
4. No matters arose from the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on 28th September 2021.
5. Network Construction Engineer Charles Walker and D Potts were welcomed to the meeting and discussed the diversion of 11KV overhead line, Station Road, Askern, Doncaster (BAPA WB50860/WS) and it was brought to light that permission may be required from DMBC first if one cable is situated on DMBC land, further enquiries will be made, and Askern Town Council will be informed of any progress.
6. 21/0331/FUL planning application considered and no comments regarding material considerations were made.
7. No police report received.
8. Borough Councillor I Beech welcomed questions – Cllr G Gracey queried why workmen were parking cars on Westfield Crescent and Highfield Road, Cllr I beech explained this was a ground for objection but was overruled. Cllr D Collins asked whether there are any plans to resurface any roads in Askern and Cllr I Beech explained that a list of intended works will be circulated in spring.

9. No matters requested by members of public.
10. Cllr F Jackson reported that he attended NALC's AGM and he gave the Council an overview of the business which took place.
Cllr L Hudson gave an update on the Communication and Engagement Committee - there are now individual email addresses for councillors with a council email address.
The website is under construction and is in the process of being developed. Cllr D Collins will share a book with councillors regarding the history of Askern. The logo for the website was approved as the current logo isn't a high enough resolution – approved.
11. The following correspondence was received:
11.1. Councils Christmas Illuminations – ATC awaits a Structural Report from DMBC which will determine whether the concrete columns can be used to display the Christmas lights.
11.2. Correspondence was received from a resident who raised various concerns regarding Sutton Road – ATC will raise the matters with DMBC, Ward Councillors, the police and DMBC Enforcement Officer Claire Bignell.
- 12. Matters of business**
12.1. It was decided that the circular bed around Askern Lake will be treated with topsoil and grass seed.
12.2. The request for a memorial bench to be installed on Moss Road and a decision as to whether Askern Town Council could accept responsibility for it was considered and it was decided that ATC would first ask DMBC for a copy of the licence agreement. The item will be relisted on the agenda for the next council meeting. ATC will also contact Street Scene at DMBC and request for the area around the bench to be cleaned and the hedge to be cut back as it obstructs the bench.
12.3. To approve the costs of a new office chair – postponed.
12.4. It was decided that the boat hire charge is £5 per half an hour per boat.
12.5. It was agreed that the consideration of broadcasting council meetings would be referred to the Communication and Engagement Committee for consideration.
12.6. To review and approve Askern Town Council's 5 Year Business Plan – deferred.
12.7. To discuss the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan and focus points – Cllr L Hudson, Cllr F Jackson and Cllr T Noon are meeting a representative from DMBC next week to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 13. Financial matters**
13.1. Statement of accounts: payments from 14/09/2021 - 13/10/2021 – approved.
13.2. Statement of accounts: receipts from to 27/09/2021 - 12/10/2021 – approved.
13.3. Statement of accounts: petty cash 14/10/2021 – approved.
13.4. To approve the following payments to be made by BACS:
Phoenix Security Shutters - £825 - for repairs to the roller shutter door – approved.
- 14. Matters requested by councillors**
14.1. Cllr T Noon - to consider initiating a new project to renovate or purchase new equipment for Alfred Road Play Park – deferred.
14.2.1. Cllr G Gracey raised concerns regarding parking on Station Road – people appear to be parking outside the shops all day without using the shops which is preventing people from parking who wish to access the shops. The car park near the lake is also often

full. The council sympathise but have no power to help but will raise the concerns with DMBC.

14.2.2. Cllr G Gracey requested more high-vis tape along Moss Road to help anyone partially sighted as there is very little further up towards Station Road – ATC will ask DMBC for an update and request more if appropriate.

14.2.3. Cllr G Gracey - raised concerns about vermin around Askern Lake which has been addressed.

14.2.4. Cllr G Gracey - boat hire – discussed above.

14.3. Cllr L Hudson - to discuss the Events Meetings. Cllr L Hudson can't resign from the Events Meeting but can't attend Events Meetings as they clash with her role as a school governor, Lindsay's input into other committees was praised and it was agreed that the reason for absence from events meetings was valid and would be accepted at meetings. It was agreed that fencing for the fireworks event could be purchased for £60.

Mayor Cllr C Bennett thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.30pm.

Members of the Council

**Cllr Cheri Bennett, Cllr Derek Collins, Cllr Mark Faulkner,
Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Lindsay Hudson,
Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Thomas Noon,
Cllr Kevin Wood and Cllr Malcolm Woodrow**