

Minutes of a meeting of the **SPALDING TOWN FORUM** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Wednesday, 6 March 2019 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors:

	G R Aley (Vice-Chairman)	
D Ashby	G K Dark	R Gambba-Jones
C J Lawton	A M Newton	

Community Representatives: Roger Perkins (Castle Sports Complex Bowles Club), David Jones (Spalding Civic Society) and George Scott (Spalding Transport Forum)

In Attendance: Councillor Whitbourn, Democratic Services Officer, Strategic Finance and Compliance Manager and Strategic Business Partner (Finance)

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors G A Porter, G J Taylor, J D McLean and H Drury.

29. **MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Spalding Town Forum held on 22 January 2019

AGREED:

That the minutes be signed as a correct record.

30. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

There were none.

31. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES.**

There were none.

32. **SPALDING SPECIAL EXPENSES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Finance which presented a breakdown of the Spalding Special Expenses budget.

The Strategic Finance and Compliance Manager and the Strategic Business Partner introduced the update.

The Strategic Finance and Compliance Manager stated that the position presented in the update represented figures until the end of January 2019

There was a forecasted spend over the budget due to the Haley Stewart works, water leaks in Monkshouse and increases in maintenance costs.

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There had been a query about the removal of bus stops. Officers had undertaken an investigation over who exactly owned the stations, and officers were awaiting the result. Bus stops could not be removed or otherwise adjusted until this information became available.

Members asked what was meant by 'building' relating to Haley Stewart field. The Strategic Business Partner responded that 'building' referred to the stands, not the social club.

33. SPEEDING AND OBSTRUCTIONS ON WINDSOVER ROAD, PENNYGATE AND ADJACENT STREETS

The Chairman had provided a paper to sum up his thoughts on the topic. This read as follows;

“Councillor Jack McLean:

As you may be aware, I have recently set up a public meeting to discuss the speeding and obstruction problems on Winsover Road and Pennygate in Spalding. There have been two meetings so far. Discussions so far mainly centre on introducing a speeding camera, for the time being.

If anyone would like to attend the meeting, it is taking place at 17:30 on 28 March 2019 at St Norbert's School on Tollgate

I am also continuing to investigate the opportunity of the forum managing Spalding's Community Speed Watch (CSW) in light of the fact that there is no alternative authority for this to fall to. This is not something I have a conclusion on yet, but I am keen to bring an option to the table for a future meeting.”

“From Ian Swallow, Enforcement Delivery Manager, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership:

We completed a traffic survey on Winsover Road on 22 September last year for a 7 day period

Of the 7333 Vehicles travelling daily on the road there was an average of 1993 exceeding the 30mph speed limit. But as the Police make use of national guidelines for enforcement there are 510 vehicles travelling at speed where a speed awareness course would be considered and 160 vehicles per day travelling at excess of 40mph.

The local inspector is requesting enforcement that is above and extra to the local policing team enforcement. I have tasked the safer roads team to attend the area and enforce the speed limit and all 4 fatal offences.

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The results of which will be fed back to the neighbourhood policing team. In addition, the roads policing team have also been tasked by their inspector to attend.”

George Scott of the Transport Forum stated that the transport forum had identified that speeding increased during night time hours.

Councillor Whitbourn, as a representative from the CSW stated that the CSW had identified that speeding was an issue across South Holland, not just in Spalding. She stated that CSW needed to be introduced in Spalding, but that the Council's lack of Public Liability Insurance for Spalding Town matters was presenting a barrier to the Speed Watch organising in Spalding. She also encouraged members and the public to join the CSW, as it was producing significant amounts of warning letters to speeders.

Roger Perkins of the Castle Sports Complex Bowls Club asked how many speed guns would be available in the district. Councillor Whitbourn responded that this would depend on how much money would be made available for purchasing the equipment. The guns costed roughly £250 each.

34. TRAFFIC CONGESTION UPDATE

George Scott had produced a handout, it read as follows;

“I have just been to a meeting in Peterborough with Network Rail and the contractors who are building the new rail underpass at Werrington.

I am now convinced that the impact on our rail line, crossings etc is going to be greater than first thought, with the line railway crossings due to be going down longer than anticipated.

This, of course, will not only be for freight traffic, but passenger traffic also, and sometimes for East Coast Mainline traffic when closed.

The pollution from Diesel trains will be the norm and the increase of around the estimated 30% rise will affect houses near the line during the day and night.

This will mean not only around Spalding, but both ways the line runs. I believe these facts are ignored and not published because of the impact pf selling and buying houses.”

George Scott of the Transport Forum stated that changes to rail traffic presented a risk of major road traffic issues by 2021.

Councillor Newton provided an update to Traffic Congestion in Spalding. Road improvement scheme was to close Winsover Road in the week following this meeting.

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35. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

36. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Spalding Town Forum was due to be held after the Local Elections, on 22 June 2019 at 18:30 in Meeting Room 1.

(The meeting ended at 7.37 pm)

(End of minutes)