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**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor McGilligan-Fell (in the Chair)  
Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brookes, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

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| <b>OFFICERS:</b> | Rob Walsh    | Chief Executive                               |
|                  | Sharon Wroot | Director of Finance, Resources and Operations |
|                  | Simon Jones  | Acting Monitoring Officer                     |
|                  | Paul Windley | Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager          |
|                  | Paul Wisken  | Civic and Mayoral Officer                     |

There were 9 members of the public and 1 member of the press in attendance.

Prior to the meeting commencing, Members stood to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the previous day's terror attack in Westminster.

NEL.158 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor took the opportunity to update Council on her recent engagements which included the visit of HMS Iron Duke, a number of visits to local schools and the reception that was held last week for the Clifton family.

The Mayor reported on upcoming events in support of her mayoral charities. This included a coffee morning on the following day, which would be preceded by the opening of the window commemorating the Battle of the Somme. The Mayor's Charity Challenge was scheduled to place over the last weekend of April and the Mayor welcomed support from Elected Members.

NEL.159 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Chase and Parkinson.

NEL.160 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 and 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 and the special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 were approved as correct records.

NEL.161 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Darby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any items relating to her role as an employee of Navigo and as a Director of Navigo Extra.

Councillor Goodwin declared a personal interest in any items relating to her role as a governor of Best Futures school.

Councillor Dickerson declared a personal interest in any items relating to her role as a member on the Council of Governors of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Hospitals Trust.

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in any items relating to his position as the Vice Chair of Centre4.

Councillor James declared a personal interest in any items relating to her role as a non-executive Director of Navigo Extra.

Councillor Brown declared a personal interest in any items relating to his position as a trustee of the Cleethorpes Education Trust.

Councillor Cracknell declared a personal interest in any items relating to her role as a member of the Care Plus Council of Governors.

Councillor Shreeve declared a personal interest in NEL.176 on a question being asked on that set of minutes, as a non-executive director of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Walker declared a personal interest in NEL.184 on a question being asked on that set of minutes, as a Director of Lincs Inspire Ltd.

NEL.162 **THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council.

The Leader reported that, along with the Deputy Leader, the Chief Executive and the Director of Economy and Growth, he had been in Westminster the previous day, having attended what was a successful event promoting the economic opportunity and ambition of the Borough, when the terror incident occurred. Having reflected on the terrible events, he had decided not to provide his usual update to Council, noting that the Council's thoughts were with the victims and their loved ones. The Leader noted that public service and active citizenship sit at the heart of our democratic fabric and he paid tribute to our courageous emergency and security services who protect our democracy day in, day out as was so tragically and publicly evidenced yesterday by the death of PC Keith Palmer.

While the progress being made by this Council was exemplified by the event that he attended in Westminster yesterday, the Leader urged Members not to forget why they were here and to commit to each other to conduct the business of this meeting in that manner, unified in the belief that the freedom to represent our residents and our Borough is a great responsibility, a huge honour and a duty that we should never take for granted.

NEL.163

### **QUESTION TIME**

Mr B Fisher attended the meeting to ask a question of the Deputy Leader of the Council, the question having been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures. Mr Fisher asked the Mayor to put the question, as set out below:

*"Why have so many decisions made by Councillor Watson at his meetings as Portfolio Holder been subject to a failure to implement by the Council for the last three years?"*

Councillor Watson, the Deputy Leader of the Council responded that he did not believe that there had been a failure to implement any decisions he had made in his Portfolio Holder role and that all decisions made were subject to a prescribed process of detailed design and consultation prior to implementation.

The Mayor thanked Mr Fisher for his attendance at this meeting.

NEL.164

### **UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT MEMBER UPDATE**

The Council received an update from Salema Khatun, North East Lincolnshire Member of the UK Youth Parliament on current issues affecting children and young people.

Salema reported that this would be her last update to Council as her term of office was due to come to a close. She summarised the work she had been involved in over the last two years. This included speaking in the House of Commons as part of the Youth Parliament live debate, the resulting Curriculum for Life campaign and her involvement in developing the Curriculum for Life resource hub. She also

attended regional convention including one focused on mental health which had been hosted in North East Lincolnshire. Salema had developed relationships with NHS England on this issue and it had been a priority topic for the local Youth Action Group. The annual consultation with young people asking for their priority areas for action had increased the number of votes cast year on year. Positive relationships had been built with Elected Members and senior officers of the Council. Through working with Stagecoach to introduce the holiday rider, savings totalling £310k had been made for young people in North East Lincolnshire since 2013. Salema turned to this year's UK Youth Parliament elections and was pleased to report that over 3,500 young people had voted in this area, an increase of 24% on the last election. She offered her congratulations to Zachary, the newly elected North East Lincolnshire Member of the UK Youth Parliament and Max, his deputy. They had attended induction training and were keen to make a difference for young people. Salema concluded by thanking the Council for its continued support.

The Mayor thanked Salema for her excellent work on behalf of children and young people in North East Lincolnshire and wished her a successful future. The Mayor congratulated Zachary on his successful election to be the new Member of the UK Youth Parliament and looked forward to receiving future updates from him.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

NEL.165

#### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor invited Councillor Shreeve to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*“The Conservative Group share the concerns of stall holders regarding the large number of vacant stalls on Grimsby Market. Could the portfolio holder confirm current vacancy levels in number and percentage of total. How does this compare with levels of two years ago.”*

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion, responded that 82 out of the 90 units were occupied two years ago and the current figure was 69 units.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Shreeve asked what measures would be taken to rectify this sad situation.

Councillor Patrick responded that this wasn't a unique situation and noted that Freshney Place had similar vacancy levels. Incentives were being looked at and he was happy to work with Councillor Shreeve if he had ideas that could improve the situation.

The Mayor invited Councillor Jackson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*“At its meeting last September, the Council approved a resolution welcoming Government proposals to lift the ban on the creation of new grammar schools and recognising that such a school would benefit North East Lincolnshire and its students. In view of the recent Budget announcement of additional funding for free schools that could include a selective element designed to enhance the opportunities for children from all backgrounds, what action is the Council taking to register an interest in this additional cash to contribute to the provision of a local grammar school?”*

Councillor James, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, responded that the Government had yet to lift its ban on new grammar schools. She added that the Council had no formal role in relation to the additional funding for free schools. An application for a free school would require permission from the Department for Education and the Council would be consulted. She added that there appeared to be a lack of appetite from local headteachers for the grammar school proposals but any new application would be considered on its own merits.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson enquired whether the Portfolio Holder had a view on the recent announcement by Toll Bar that it intended to introduce grammar streams.

Councillor James responded that she was aware but she had been told that this was not with the intention of attracting pupils rather than converting. She reminded Members that education should meet the needs of all children.

The Mayor invited Councillor Jackson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council’s Standing Orders.

*“In this month’s Budget, it was announced that, for one year from 1 April 2017, there will be a £1000 business rate discount for pubs with a rateable value up to £100,000. Does the Portfolio Holder think this will help to bring back into use the former O’Neill’s pub in Cleethorpes that the Council has owned for nearly a year and which has been empty for the whole of that time?”*

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion, confirmed that this was the case and applied to the premises mentioned. Expressions of interest in the site had already been received so he saw no reason why it should make much difference.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson enquired whether this was yet another example of the administration failing to maximise income.

Councillor Patrick responded that it wasn’t as work had been undertaken but after a period of robust due diligence, the Council was unable to agree terms with the selected party that were in the best interests of the Council and therefore other applications were now being looked at.

The Mayor invited Councillor Jackson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"East Lindsey District Council has recently announced a major review of car parking charges across the district with the aim of stimulating activity and helping business and enterprise. When is North East Lincolnshire going to get its long-awaited new car parking strategy?"*

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, responded that the Council had instructed an independent review of its car parking strategy and this had resulted in a draft refreshed strategy which he believed addressed the Council's concerns. A report was due to be submitted to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity and this would include a recommendation for consultation which would include scrutiny.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson enquired whether the excessive time taken to carry out the review was yet another example of the administration failing to maximise income.

Councillor Watson did not feel that it was, as it was important to base decisions on evidence.

The Mayor invited Councillor Hasthorpe to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities, Public Protection and the Visitor Economy, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"In North East Lincolnshire during 2016, the Council issued only one Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for dog fouling, none for littering and only three FPNs were issued and three prosecutions achieved for fly-tipping. This lack of enforcement is sending out the wrong message and North East Lincolnshire's streets and open spaces are becoming increasingly dirty and contaminated as a result. What is this Labour administration going to do to address this "anything goes" culture with which they seem to be complicit?"*

In the absence of the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Watson responded that a wide range of enforcement activity took place in Neighbourhood Services. Enforcement in areas such as Food Safety, Trading Standards, Environmental Pollution and Health and Safety was undertaken as well as addressing anti-social behaviour and environmental crime such as fly tipping, noise complaints, dog fouling and littering. Prosecutions in Trading Standards have been particularly successful recently with the seizure of counterfeit goods and eight court convictions for illicit or fake cigarettes sellers. Recent successes in the environmental crime area have focussed on fly tipping and resulted in three successful prosecutions in the last year. 85 Environmental Protection Act (EPA) notices had been served on individuals for the removal of waste on land. However it is not always possible to take action as there was a legal threshold test and the circumstances of the offender and the public interest test must also be taken into account. At a time of

reducing resources, the team were focussing on areas where they can make the biggest difference. In addition to the community engagement and education work undertaken around responsible dog ownership there was also the need to increase our work on dog fouling patrols. The Council had also recently adopted a new enforcement tool, the Community Protection Notice to provide a more flexible approach to address unacceptable behaviour. This would be combined with the building of better intelligence and information about where and when environmental crime was committed. A new approach to Fixed Penalty notices would be trialled in the late Spring which would be evaluated in terms of success so that any new arrangements put in place meet expectations of our community. Councillor Watson concluded by assuring the Council that this administration took the issue of enforcement very seriously and a revised Statement of Enforcement Policy would be presented to Cabinet in April to support the Smarter Neighbourhood Services review and other enforcement activity across the Council.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Hasthorpe welcomed the greater powers and enquired whether multi-disciplinary enforcement officers would be introduced.

Councillor Watson advised that this would form part of the Smarter Neighbourhood Services review.

The Mayor invited Councillor Rogers to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"The Conservatives promised in their 2015 manifesto a real-terms increase in the schools budget during this Parliament. Their manifesto also said, "Under a future Conservative government, the amount of money following your child into school will be protected" and that, "As the number of pupils increases, so will the amount of money in our schools." Can the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services tell this council if the new National Fairer Funding policy being proposed will in fact meet those promises for the children in North East Lincolnshire's schools?"*

Councillor James, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, responded that, in her view, the proposed policy most definitely would not meet those promises. North East Lincolnshire was due to lose £1m of funding next year and a further £900k in 2019/20. 82% of our schools were scheduled to lose funding and this was likely to bring teacher redundancies and a reduced curriculum. Together with the increased costs of unfunded pay rises and pension increases, the financial destabilisation would undoubtedly have an impact on attainment. Councillor James noted that North East Lincolnshire was the only region in our area to face cuts despite its levels of deprivation. It would appear that the least deprived areas would see the highest gains in funding and meanwhile the Government was putting money aside for free schools.

At CB.103 (Council Tax Base), Councillor Jackson enquired when the proposed consultation on the Council Tax Support Scheme was due to take place and in what form.

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion responded that the aim was to start the consultation this month with those in receipt of support.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.167 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CABINET MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Special Cabinet meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.168 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.169 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

At CB.134 (Public Conveniences), Councillor Dickerson requested an update on the procurement exercise.

Councillor Patrick confirmed that he would provide an update in writing to Councillor Dickerson.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED –

(1) That a written response providing an update on the procurement exercise for the Council's public conveniences portfolio be sent to Councillor Dickerson.

(2) That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.



NEL.170 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER MEETING – ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

At PH.EE.42 (Facounberg Avenue, Ferriby Lane and Pelham Avenue, Grimsby Traffic Regulation Order), Councillor Lindley enquired about the consultation arrangements for this proposal.

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, confirmed that this was a lengthy process but any unresolved objections would be reported back to him.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder meeting (Energy and Environment) held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.171 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER MEETING – ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Oxby.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder meeting (Energy and Environment) held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.172 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER MEETING – FINANCE, RESOURCES AND INCLUSION HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder meeting (Finance, Resources and Inclusion) held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.173 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE) MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

At SPCYP.44 (Feedback from the Autistic Spectrum Disorder Event), Councillor Sutton noted that the working group had not been notified of a related event held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and enquired what action would be taken to make sure that members were notified of future events.

Councillor Lindley, Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel, noted that there had been some confusion over the nature of the event as it turned out to be more formal than anticipated. However, he was aware of the issue and would make sure that working group members were invited to such future events.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Sutton asked whether the Chair of the panel agreed that the working group should produce an interim statement on the adequacy of the pathway.

Councillor Lindley noted that the working group's investigations would be a lengthy piece of work that would carry over into the next Municipal Year but he was happy to look at producing an interim statement and he provided an assurance that the working group would consult as widely as possible in reaching its findings.

At SPCYP.45 (Standards in Schools), Councillor Jackson referred to the formation of a local education standards board with responsibility for holding academies to account and enquired whether this would be a good arrangement for North East Lincolnshire to have.

Councillor James, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, welcomed further information from Councillor Jackson on this matter and agreed to then respond.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Children and Young People) held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.174

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE)  
MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Children and Young People) held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.175

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE)  
MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

At SPCYP.55 (Declarations of Interest), Councillor Dickerson raised a point of accuracy in that she was not a member of the Council of Governors of Care Plus as stated.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Children and Young People) held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted, subject to the amendment of minute SPCYP.55 to remove reference to Councillor Dickerson being a member of the Council of Governors of Care Plus.

NEL.176

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (HEALTH) MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

At SPH.45 (Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust Care Quality Commission Inspection Update), Councillor P Wheatley referred to the recent findings of missed patient appointments and enquired how many patients were affected in North East Lincolnshire.

Councillor Dickerson, Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel, responded that it was her understanding that the matter had been called in by the North Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Panel as most of the missed appointments had been at the Scunthorpe hospital. She added that she had enquired whether there was anything that this panel could be doing.

In a supplementary question, Councillor P Wheatley felt that this amounted to a serious breach of care and enquired why it had not been called in by this panel.

Councillor Dickerson responded that the panel needed to know the extent of the problem in North East Lincolnshire before deciding whether to call the matter in. She gave an assurance that if it was established that action was required then she would act straightaway.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Brookes.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Health) held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.177

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (HEALTH) MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

At SPH.55 (Adult Social Care Local Account), Councillor Mickleburgh noted the reference to Hadleigh House as a new entrant to the provider market and clarified that it had in fact re-opened under a different name.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Brookes.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Health) held on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted

NEL.178

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (HEALTH) MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

At SPH.59 (Minutes), Councillor Dickerson noted that the requested update on the review of the Dial-a-Ride service had not been provided.

Councillor Hyldon-King, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, responded that she would make sure that the update was provided.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson and seconded by Councillor Brookes.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Health) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.179

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING) MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

At SPREH.51 (Saltmarsh), Councillor Brookes asked the Chair of the panel whether he was aware that as a result of dredging in and around the Humber, vessels were releasing material that was ending up within the saltmarsh in Cleethorpes.

Councillor Jackson, Chair of the Regeneration, Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel, noted that the saltmarsh remained an area of concern and was on the panel's work programme for next year. He requested that Councillor Brookes forward on details of this particular problem and he would make sure that it formed part of the panel's discussions.

On the same minute, Councillor Fenty noted that he had previously raised concerns that people were getting stuck in the clay deposits from the saltmarsh and he asked for an update on this issue.

Councillor Jackson agreed to make sure that this was fully covered during the panel's discussions.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Environment and Housing) held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.180

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING) MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

At SPREH.62 (Questions from the Public), Councillor Dickerson asked if the panel Chair remained concerned about the tarmac repairs made to the pedestrianised area of Victoria Street, Grimsby.

Councillor Jackson responded that he was concerned and the matter had been further discussed at the panel's meeting earlier that week. Officers had been tasked with looking into the matter and it was being monitored by the panel. He agreed to make sure that the panel continued to press for answers and ensure that a robust system was put in place for dealing with future instances.

On the same minute, Councillor P Wheatley sought confirmation that any replacement work would be done at the expense of the contractor and, therefore, at no cost to the Council.

Councillor Jackson responded that this ought to be the case but there was a need to make sure that proper safeguards were in place.

On the same minute, Councillor Fenty asked whether the Portfolio Holder would request that the tarmac repair be taken up and replenished. Councillor Watson agreed to look into this.

On the same minute, Councillor Patrick asked the Portfolio Holder whether, given the difficulties with replacing the paving blocks, the previous administration would have been better not choosing to install them in the first place. Councillor Watson agreed.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Environment and Housing) held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.181

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING) MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Environment and Housing) held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.182

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES) MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Safer and Stronger Communities) held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.183

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES) MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

At SSC.55 (Partnership Performance Report), Councillor Jackson noted the problems associated with begging on the streets and enquired whether there would be increased enforcement activity.

Councillor Shreeve welcomed the recent introduction of community protection notices which he hoped would deal with the minority who did not comply with warnings given.

On the same minute, Councillor Oxby asked whether the Chair of the panel had noticed an increase in the level of enforcement,

Councillor Shreeve confirmed that, very recently, enforcement activity was starting to take place.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Safer and Stronger Communities) held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.184

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE) MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

At SPTLC.44 (Lincs Inspire Performance Update), Councillor Stinson enquired whether the requested usage figures for libraries had been provided.

Councillor Hasthorpe responded that they hadn't but he would request that they come back to the panel for consideration.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Shepherd.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Tourism, Leisure and Culture) held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.185

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING AND TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE) MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Environment and Housing and Tourism, Leisure and Culture) held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.186

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING AND TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE) MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Environment and Housing and Tourism, Leisure and Culture) held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.187

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Sutton.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.188

**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

At HWBB.30, North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group Operation Plan Narrative, Councillor Jackson asked whether it was satisfactory that the Board had simply noted this strategic matter, along with all the other items on the agenda for this meeting.

Councillor Hyldon-King, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, confirmed that the Board did receive and discuss the documents but she agreed to raise this point and she was stated that changes were expected.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hyldon-King and seconded by Councillor Patrick.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Well Being Board meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.189

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.190

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.191 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.192 **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB COIMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.193 **MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS REFERRALS PANEL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Bramley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Referrals Panel held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.194 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.195 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 be approved and adopted.



NEL.196

**MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby and seconded by Councillor P Wheatley.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and adopted.

NEL.197

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive and Returning Officer seeking to make an order for the temporary appointment of Members to Healing Parish Council and proposing a revised procedure for future requests of this nature.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Councillors De Freitas and Pettigrew be appointed, under Section 91 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, to Healing Parish Council in order to make it quorate, unless or until either sufficient vacancies on Healing Parish Council have been filled by way of co-option or election such that Healing Parish Council is able to act lawfully, or the Order made under Section 91 (1) is revoked.
- (2) That, in the event of North East Lincolnshire Council receiving any further requests from town or parish councils which have become inquorate, the Returning Officer be authorised to make appointments to those town or parish councils in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix 2 to the report now submitted, and then report any such appointments to the next available meeting of Council.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Solicitor to the Council to make an Order under Section 91 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to give effect to resolutions (1) and (2) above, as and when appropriate.

NEL.198

**AMENDMENTS TO PLACES ON COMMITTEES/PANELS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council considered a report advising of proposed changes to places on Committees and Panels of the Council since the Annual Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

That Mayor moved the recommendations in the report with an additional recommendation that, following his recent decision to join the Conservative Group, Councillor Stinson retain his seats on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the Audit and Governance Committee but as a Conservative member. This was seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Councillor Pettigrew retain his seat on the Tourism, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Panel but as a Conservative Group member.
- (2) That Councillor Pettigrew be appointed to replace Councillor Cairns on the Health Scrutiny Panel but as a Conservative Group member.
- (3) That Councillor Cairns be appointed to replace Councillor Pettigrew on the Licensing and Community Protection Committee as the UKIP Group member and that Councillor Stockton be appointed as a substitute member of this Committee.
- (4) That Councillor Stockton be appointed to replace Councillor Pettigrew as a UKIP Group substitute member of the Planning Committee and the Standards and Adjudication Committee.
- (5) That Councillor Stinson retain his seats on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the Audit and Governance Committee but as a Conservative Group member.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.31 p.m.