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## **AGENDA**

Prayers will be conducted prior to the start of the meeting.  
Members are welcome to attend.

**Notice** is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, on **Monday, 1st July, 2019 at 7.00 pm**, and your attendance at such meeting is hereby requested to transact the following business.

**To: Members of West Lindsey District Council**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Full Council held on 20 May 2019.  
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3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
Members may make any declarations of interest at this point and may also make them at any point during the meeting.
4. MATTERS ARISING  
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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - i) Chairman of Council
  - ii) Leader of the Council
  - iii) Head of Paid Service

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6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

8. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10  
"COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR EMPTY ALMSHOUSES.

What are Alms-houses?

Alms-houses are run by local charities. They provide self contained low cost housing. Mostly for older people who have a low income. Often elderly people with no living relatives and homeless with no income or personal wealth.

Where?

Specifically I am referring to the Bell's Alms-houses at Kingerby, which has served the parishes of Osgodby, Kingerby and Claxby since 1675 as their own social housing for those in 'need, suffering hardship or distress'. This Registered Charity (229226) has a group of trustees made up of two parish councils, the local vicar and three volunteer co-opted members.

History.

The six original Alms-houses fell into disrepair in the 1970's and 1980's. They have since been converted into 3 modern forms of accommodation. The work was fully carried out by local volunteers and as you see in the photograph a beautiful row of cottages in a tranquil setting has been established. The exceptional thing here is local volunteers have provided three one bedroom modern homes with no support or funding from West Lindsey. 3 social houses free to the district.

Now fully let under licence not a tenancy to very needy local people. Due to the fact the residents are on licence and not tenants, the trustees do not charge a rent in its legal definition. Currently the licence fee is approximately half a commercial fair rent.

The charitable scheme and the latest set of accounts are available for the council to see.

Mr. Chairman,

Based upon the brief information I have presented tonight, the history and particularly the resurrection of these modest yet prestigious housing assets in West Lindsey.

I am asking for council's approval to take this matter forward to our Corporate Policy and Resources committee for consideration of approving the exemption of council tax for Unoccupied and Unfurnished Alms-houses.

I so move.

Councillor Jeff Summers”

9. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

a. Making the Willoughton Neighbourhood Plan

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b. Treasury Management Annual Report 2018/2019

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c. Membership of the Licensing Committee / Regulatory Committee -  
Appointment of Additional Members

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Friday, 21 June 2019