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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, 20th January, 2020 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

a. Meeting of Council held on 4 November 2019

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 4 November 2019. **(PAGES 5 - 34)**

b. Extraordinary Meeting of Council - 4 November 2019

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 4 November 2019. **(PAGES 35 - 36)**

- 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 (PAGES 37 - 39)

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- 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - i) Chairman of Council
 - ii) Leader of the Council
 - iii) Chief Executive
- 6. TO ADOPT THE SPRIDLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (PAGES 40 - 45)
- 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 8. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

9. MOTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

"Chairman

Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pet animals, farm livestock and wildlife). Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries – sometimes very serious ones – as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise. Debris produced by fireworks, if found on the ground, can also pose a hazard to animals as well as littering the countryside.

The RSPCA believes the law is failing as it does not prevent or sufficiently reduce the risk of fireworks causing distress, injury or anxiety to people, as well as death, injury or distress to animals. Although there has been research and is some evidence of distress being caused further research is needed to properly understand the impact of noise on animals and things that can be done to improve the situation for animals and people.

The RSPCA believes that a licensing system would help with better enforcement of the law by allowing enforcement bodies to know where licensed events are being held so they can focus on locations and incidents elsewhere.

I would ask Council to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people and to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.

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Councillor Anne Welburn"

10. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

a. Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20

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b. Mid Year Treasury Management Report 2019/20

(PAGES 53 - 74)

c. Council Tax Base

(PAGES 75 - 83)

d. Proposed Members' Allowance Scheme 2020 / 2021

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11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

- 12. EXEMPT REPORT (S)
 - a. Freedom of The District Position Update

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Ian Knowles Head of Paid Service The Guildhall Gainsborough

Friday, 10 January 2020

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