

# NOTICE OF A MEETING OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BRANDON, WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS CAN ATTEND THE MEETING. THE MEETING CUSTOMARILY INCLUDES A 15-MINUTE OPEN FORUM, WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.

#### Tina Cunnell

#### Clerk

#### **Brandon Town Council**

#### **AGENDA**

| 25/113 | Apologies for Absence  |
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|        | To receive   |
| 25/114 | Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations To receive. If a member is not given a dispensation, they must withdraw from the meeting while the item is discussed. (Standing Orders Section 13) |
| 25/115 | To receive a report from Sqn Ldr Eaton – RAF Lakenheath To receive and note  |
| 25/116 | Minutes of Previous Meetings To agree and sign the minutes from the Full Council Meeting on 8th September 2025 and the Events Committee Meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025.                        |
| 25/117 | Chairmans Report   |
|        | To receive and note  |

| 25/118 |  |
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| 23/110 | Public Participation Time  The meeting will be adjourned for a period of 15 minutes to allow Members of the Public to speak. Note that only items on this Agenda are to be discussed – for any other item/ subject please contact the Clerk in writing for submission at a future meeting                          |
| 25/119 | Reports from County and District Councillors  To receive and note  |
| 25/120 | Reports from Town Councillors Reports of project activity or outside bodies attended on behalf of the Council  |
| 25/121 | Planning Applications to Consider To discuss and agree the Town Council decisions on each of the applications below to be submitted to West Suffolk Council Planning   |
|        | DC/25/1468/HH - 4 St Davids Close, Brandon - Consultation  https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online- applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=T2OWDKPD  MT100   |
|        | DC/25/1499/TPO – 17 Woodcock Rise, Brandon - Trees <a href="https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=T2ZUUDPDMXV00">https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=T2ZUUDPDMXV00</a> |
| 25/122 | Late Planning Applications Received after Agenda was Published To receive, if required. Decision required: To discuss and agree the Town Council decision on any planning applications received after the agenda was published.  |
| 25/123 | New Cemetery Report To report on any updates received  |
| 25/124 | Accounts Decision required: To approve and note payments made in September 2025  |
| 25/125 | Financial Update To receive and note:-  Income & Expenditure Statement against budget for August 2025  Bank Balances  EMR's  External Audit Report comments and recommendations  |
|        |  |

| 25/127 | TRO  To discuss and respond to Highways rejection of TRO Application  To receive comments and agree any actions   |
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| 25/128 | Christmas To note:-  • 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Christmas Fair – Volunteers needed to help  • Office closing times – 1pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025 to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 |
| 25/129 | Clerks Update To receive any information received since publication of agenda   |



# FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BRANDON

#### MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors: Wittam (Chair), Brocklehurst, Bland, Challiss, Gorringe, Hughes, Kostecki, Lukaniuk, Pinnell, Savage, Siebert, Skinner, Watts. Clerk: Cunnell,

Minute Taker: Prior

#### **MINUTES**

| 25/87 | Apologies for Absence None.  |
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| 25/88 | Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations None.  |
| 25/89 | To receive a report from Sqn Ldr Eaton – RAF Lakenheath Received and noted report from Victoria Quamina, Community Relations Adviser – RAF Lakenheath.   |
| 25/90 | Minutes of Previous Meetings Proposed by Cllr Siebert and seconded by Cllr Bland to agree and sign the minutes from the Full Council Meeting on 14th July 2025 and the Extraordinary General Meeting on 14th August 2025. RESOLVED |
| 25/91 | Chairmans Report The Chairman reported the change of date of the next Full Council meeting. This will now be on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7pm.   |
| 25/92 | Public Participation Time The meeting was adjourned.  A member of the public commented on how successful the Nine Stiles Walk expressed her thanks to Mrs Barnes, Senior Town Keeper for all her hard work.  Meeting re-opened.    |

#### 25/93 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Lukaniuk as County Councillor reported:-

- Had communication from Suffolk Highways, with more paperwork to complete for the Speed Indicator Devices.
- Have funds for the Speed Indicator Devices just needs releasing.
- Had communication from Highways regarding the TRO requested lorry ban from Brandon Town Council, which is currently sitting with Transport Strategy.
- Full Council Meeting at West Suffolk Council on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>
   September to vote for the Unitary preference.

#### 25/94 Reports from Town Councillors

Cllr Bland reported he had been invited by Creative Forum to view the mosaic they are working on and they are doing a really good job.

Cllr Siebert reported:-

- Thanks from the British Legion for the loan of gazebos for the VJ Day celebrations, a lot of money was raised for the charity.
- Successful breakfast clubs with Creative Forum crafting took place over the summer holidays, with over 400 children attending.

#### Cllr Pinnell reported:-

- Attended the Nine Stiles Walk, it was a great walk.
- Attended a meeting in Newmarket in June re Suffolk County Council re money available for buses then contacted Coach Services to look at extension of 86 bus service.
- Coach Services put a bid in three weeks after, but funding has already been spent so must wait for 2026/27 funding.
- With Coach Services contacted Parish Councils in Suffolk and Norfolk County Council re 86 service all behind the service.
- Government have released more money wait and see if can be used for this.
- Bus stops survey completed, and is currently being reviewed by Passenger Transport to see if funding can be given to improve them.

#### Cllr Brocklehurst reported:-

- Brandon in Bloom attended the regional awards ceremony and Brandon maintained gold for five years in a row. In Bloom Nationals take place in Brighton on 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- Anglia in Bloom Autumn seminar is being held in Brandon early November at the Harvest Centre.

Councillor Wittam reported there has been movement on the Queens Memorial Garden with it now being landscaped.

Cllr Challiss reported the passing of Fred who used to help with the grounds maintenance at the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields. A bench will be placed in the memorial garden in his memory.

| 25/95  | Late Planning Applications Received after Agenda was Published To receive, if required. Decision required: To discuss and agree the Town Council decision on any planning applications received after the agenda was published. None received.  |
|--------|---|
| 25/96  | New Cemetery Report  To review planning application ready for submission.   |
|        | The Town Clerk gave an overview of what was included to be submitted.   |
|        | <ul> <li>Councillors discussed the matter including the following:</li> <li>Archaeology survey from 2013 and 2017 are being submitted.</li> <li>From the Geophysical report, no water levels recorded from ground height to six foot – meaning no reason to raise ground levels, however it was argued, water levels need to be a certain amount below, which have been calculated, with the reason for raising of ground level.</li> <li>Possibly restrict burials on top of one another to single depth or side by side.</li> <li>Archaeology is down to the County Archaeological Office – so more maybe needed being a medieval site.</li> <li>Biodiversity report have used the rear quarter of site as offsite enhancement, to deliver net biodiversity gain.</li> <li>G3C national grassland habitat if used now has to stay for 30 years. Meaning we will only develop half in next thirty to forty years.</li> <li>New laws – Council could buy carbon credits.</li> <li>Inform planners tomorrow to go ahead with submitting the planning application and send to trustees solicitors.</li> </ul> |
| 25/97  | Accounts Clir Bland proposed and Clir Savage seconded to approve and note payments made in July & August 2025. RESOLVED   |
| 25/98  | Income & Expenditure Statement against budget for June & July 2025 Received and noted.  |
| 25/99  | New NJC Salary Award  Cllr Skinner proposed and Cllr Challiss seconded to approve 3.2% salary award.  RESOLVED  |
| 25/100 | <ul> <li>Tree Tenders</li> <li>To award contract following completion of tender process.</li> <li>The Town Clerk:- <ul> <li>Thanked the three Councillors that came in to read and score the tenders.</li> <li>Choice of tender was weighted, 45% cost, 55% quality score.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

- High quality tenders received but a huge price variance, over £27,000.
- All Councillors marking tenders came to the same conclusion of best company.
- All done via Financial Regulations and legislation.
- Any questions asked were then sent to all companies, so everyone had the same information.
- Officers recommendation was company H Cost over three years £32.130.

Contract awarded to company H, on officers recommendation.

#### **RESOLVED**

#### 25/101

#### LGR: Assets and services for consideration

The following services were put forward to consideration.

Buildings and Venues

Services

Open spaces/land management including street furniture

The following points were discussed-

- Interest in management of Market Square and Brandon Country Park.
- Several Councillors and Town Clerk had a walk around Brandon to look at all open spaces in question.
- Market Square memorandum of understanding needed for what it can be used for.
- Need to put forward an expression of interest, to be considered.
- Focus on improving the industrial estate.
- Town Clerk has to inform both District and County Council as to what Brandon Town Council are expressing an interest in.
- Shadow Councils will be in place before Unitary Council.
- Interest in police building and the library for residents.
- · General overview of interests:-

Open spaces and venues

**Brandon Country Park** 

Police building

Market Hill

Playparks

Heritage Centre

Weed spraying/grass cutting

SSSI - Industrial Estate

Clerk to write an EOI for LGR asset distribution.

#### 25/102

#### Clerks Update

The Clerk gave the following update:-

- Thanked Cllr Watts for attending meeting regarding Remembrance.
- Poppy Painting Event Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the British Legion.
- Cemetery gates being painted before Remembrance.
- Need to work on Biodiversity Policy how manage open spaces.

- Heritage Trail meeting route is being worked on.
- Several organisations keen to do events next year at Heritage Open Days.
- Friends of Brandon Station need help to drive project forward. Greater Anglia funding maybe available.

The meeting closed at 8.00 PM

Chairman

Date



#### **EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

#### **OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BRANDON**

#### THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025 10.30 A.M.

Present: Councillors: Hughes (Chair), Challiss, Hughes, Savage, Siebert, Watts. Officers: Cunnell, Prior, Barnes.

#### **MINUTES**

| 25/103 | Apologies for Absence Apologies received from Cllr S Skinner.   |
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| 25/104 | Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations None.   |
| 25/105 | Minutes of Previous Meetings Proposed by Cllr Challiss and seconded by Cllr Watts to agree and sign the minutes from the Events Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2025. RESOLVED   |
| 25/106 | Public Participation Time  There were two members of the public present, no questions presented.  |
| 25/107 | <ul> <li>Updates on Events</li> <li>Summer Activities</li> <li>Mrs Prior gave an update about the summer activities and how they went:</li> <li>This was the second year of summer activities.</li> <li>All feedback received from attendees was positive.</li> <li>New activity Paddleboarding – Town Clerk received funding for this, well attended and will be repeated.</li> <li>All activities were free to participants.</li> <li>Good communications with public who were requesting information prior to events being published.</li> </ul> |
| 25/108 | Upcoming Events 2025  Discuss Events for remainder of 2025:- Remembrance Day:- Mrs Prior gave an update about Remembrance Day:-  • British Legion organise the march.  • Brandon Town Council have already organised the road closure.  • Check with RBL if they need the PA System.  • Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025.   |

- Poppy Painting Event 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at Royal British Legion.
- Each poppy will have a gold tag with the name and service number on of the 90 names on the war memorial.
- Brandon in Bloom have the poppy net to be put up again this year.
- Remembrance Flags to go up down High Street.
- Purchase official Remembrance flag.
- Leave flags up until after 13<sup>th</sup> November as Anglia in Bloom Autumn Seminar is taking place.
- Royal British Legion doing a poppy colouring competition for younger children and poppy poem competition for older children – to go on a wall for children to see.
- Press release required re poppies community project.
- After Remembrance Day move poppies to the rose garden for Anglia in Bloom Autumn Seminar visit.

#### Christmas Fair:-

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1pm to 5.30pm.
- Fair has been confirmed.
- Uptake of stall holders a bit slow, will expand invites.
- Santa confirmed.
- Christmas Tree is in front garden of Old School House leaving more room for stalls and events.
- Possibility of a projector to project Christmas images onto building.
- Santa due to arrive by river, following H&S site visit
- Creative Forum to do crafting while children wait for Santa.
- Agreement to purchase additional double gazebo, to support increased event success.
- Christmas market pitch fees to provide an outreach pre-Christmas meal/buffet at Royal British Legion for the elderly.

#### 25/109 Brandon Festival

To ask Brandon Town Council to formalise Brandon Festival as one their calendar events, that they support.

One of the organisers of Brandon Festival gave an overview of current status of festival and future requirements.

- Only four people currently organise the festival.
- Due to illness, lack of volunteers it cannot run safely another year.
- More people/new team needed on the board and to help on day.
- Brandon Town Council currently helps with marketing lending of resources such as gazebos and set up/take down on the day. Could this be formalised?
- Partnering with BTC would assist with the general secretariat and compliance for event management.
- Acknowledgment that compliance with Martyn's Law would be difficult without support from the Council.
- Discussion re charge from Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields.

Cllr Watts proposed and Cllr Challiss seconded that Brandon Town Council partner with Brandon Festival for future events.

#### **RESOLVED**

#### 25/110 **Review 2026**

Committee Discussed Events for 2026:-

|        | Heritage Open Days.  The Clerk reported that the first meeting with interested heritage parties happened and that she would sign up to Heritage open Days as an organiser. A heritage trail is being developed and organisations present were starting to consider what events could be held as part of that. There is a desire to hold market place events as a focal point of the event. |
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| 25/111 | Events Budget The current budget is £4,097.58.  • To spend approximately £300 on santa gifts.  • Awaiting cost of PA Hire and performers.  • Snow fluid to purchase.  • Characters for Christmas lights switch on awaiting costs.  |
| 25/112 | Officer update Next events committee meeting – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 10.30am.  |

The meeting closed at 12.07 PM

Chairman

Date



Parish Consultation

Brandon

Old School House

Market Hill

Brandon Suffolk IP27 OAA Please ask for: Charlotte Russell Direct Line: 01284 757629

Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Application no:

DC/25/1468/HH Consultation Expiry: 13 October 2025

Today's date:

22 September 2025

#### Consultation on application received by West Suffolk Council Local Planning Authority

Proposal Householder planning application - ramped access

4 St Davids Close Brandon Suffolk IP27 OUR Location

**Mr Steven Jackson** Applicant

The above application can be viewed by downloading it from the planning section of our website.

https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=T2OWDKPDMT1 00

The supporting documents will be available for viewing within 2 working days of the date of this letter.

If you have any observations regarding this proposal please respond by 13 October 2025 using our consultee access via our website. All responses will be posted on our website and made available for viewing by the public. If I do not hear from you, it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations.

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Charlotte Russell

Charlotte Russell Planning Officer



Parish Consultation Pleas
Brandon Direct
Old School House Emai

Market Hill Brandon Suffolk IP27 0AA Please ask for: Debbie Cooper Direct Line: 01638 719437

Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Application no: DC/25/1499/TPO Consultation Expiry: 15 October 2025

Today's date: 24 September 2025

### Consultation on application received by West Suffolk Council Local Planning Authority

Proposal TPO 01 (1999) tree preservation order - one Japanese

cherry (marked green on plan, within area A1 on order) fell

Location 17 Woodcock Rise Brandon Suffolk IP27 0BN

Applicant Ms Amy Ellis

The above application can be viewed by downloading it from the planning section of our website.

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Debbie Cooper

Debbie Cooper Planning Assistant

#### **Accounts for Payment September 2025**

| Inv. Date  | Invoice No.  | Supplier              | Expense Type               | Nett      | VAT     | Gross     | <b>Payment</b> |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| 02/09/2025 |              | Suffolk County        | Road Closure for           | £150.00   | £0.00   | £150.00   | BACS           |
| ,,         |              | Council               | Christmas Fair             |           |         |           |                |
| 03/09/2025 |              | Mrs J Prior           | Reim. Toilet Rolls, Air    | £12.77    | £2.55   | £15.32    | BACS           |
|            |              |                       | Freshener                  |           |         |           |                |
| 05/09/2025 | SB20251436   | PKF Littlejohn        | External Audit             | £1,050.00 | £210.00 | £1,260.00 | BACS           |
|            |              | LLP                   |                            |           |         |           |                |
| 08/09/2025 | INV-D-08965  | Cloudy Group          | New Dell Computer/Set      | £752.50   | £150.50 | £903.00   | BACS           |
|            |              | Ltd                   | Up                         |           |         |           |                |
| 09/09/2025 |              | Mrs A Barnes          | Reim. Poppy Event          | £115.98   | £7.22   | £123.20   | BACS           |
|            |              |                       | Items/Mileage              |           |         |           |                |
| 17/09/2025 | BTC 250931   | Link Global           | 2 x sets Christmas Lights  | £77.00    | £15.40  | £92.40    | BACS           |
|            |              | Services Ltd          |                            |           |         |           |                |
| 11/09/2025 | 32851        | London Hearts         | 2 x Defibrillator/Cabinets | £1,916.00 | £383.20 | £2,299.20 | BACS           |
| 16/08/2025 | INV-17391    | Hugofox Limited       | Website Subscription       | £29.99    | £6.00   | £35.99    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 21/08/2025 | M094 ZT      | ВТ                    | Phone OSH                  | £194.00   | £38.80  | £232.80   | Direct         |
| , ·        |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 22/08/2025 | M069 F5      | ВТ                    | Phone OSH                  | £43.09    | £8.62   | £51.71    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 29/08/2025 | 11779        | Evolve Business       | Photocopier - Copies       | £160.88   | £32.18  | £193.06   | Direct         |
|            |              | Sols Ltd              |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 01/09/2025 | 2969002      | YU Energy             | Electric OSH               | £129.13   | £6.46   | £135.59   | Direct         |
|            |              | J.                    |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 01/09/2025 | 2969003      | YU Energy             | Electric BRPF Yard         | £91.39    | £4.57   | £95.96    | Direct         |
|            |              | J.                    |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 04/09/2025 | 2954048      | YU Energy             | Electric Pillar 8 Market   | £18.52    | £0.93   | £19.45    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       | Hill                       |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 04/09/2025 | 2957606      | YU Energy             | Electric Pillar 9 Market   | £25.77    | £1.29   | £27.06    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       | Hill                       |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 04/09/2025 | 2950831      | YU Energy             | Electric Cemetery Yard     | £16.39    | £0.82   | £17.21    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 04/09/2025 | 2957765      | YU Energy             | Electric Christmas Tree    | £18.24    | £0.91   | £19.15    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       | Pillar                     |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 12/09/2025 | 3038618      | YU Energy             | Gas OSH                    | £9.22     | £0.46   | £9.68     | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 15/09/2025 |              | Public Works          | OSH Loan                   | 6779.46   | 0.00    | 6779.46   | Direct         |
|            |              | Loan                  |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 18/09/2025 | 4714812      | <b>Everflow Water</b> | Water OSH                  | £11.55    | £0.00   | £11.55    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 20/09/2025 | V02389660608 | EE                    | 2 x Mobile Phones          | £48.60    | £9.72   | £58.32    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 22/09/2025 |              | Creative Pension      | Pensions - September       | £982.12   | £0.00   | £982.12   | Direct         |
|            |              | Trust                 |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 28/09/2025 | 1291393      | West Suffolk          | Trade Waste                | £79.40    | £0.00   | £79.40    | Direct         |
|            |              | Council               |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 30/09/2025 |              | Unity Trust Bank      | Service Charge             | £12.90    | £0.00   | £12.90    | Direct         |
|            |              |                       |                            |           |         |           | Debit          |
| 18/08/2025 | INV612559    | DC Handrails &        | 100 x Metal Poppies -      | £129.95   | £25.99  | £155.94   | CARD           |
|            |              | Ironwork              | Event                      |           |         |           |                |
| 27/08/2025 |              | Tesco                 | Tea/Coffee/Coffee Mate     | £19.65    | £0.00   | £19.65    | CARD           |
| 28/08/2025 |              | Ebay                  | Rosettes - OLB             | £12.79    | £2.55   | £15.34    | CARD           |

#### **Accounts for Payment September 2025**

| 02/09/2025 |              | Ebay                          | Rosettes - OLB                           | £85.90    | £0.83   | £86.73    | CARD |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|-----------|------|
| 09/09/2025 |              | Unity<br>Trust/Lloyds<br>Bank | Card Payment Fee                         | £3.00     | £0.00   | £3.00     | CARD |
| 01/09/2025 | 1028348219   | Travis Perkins<br>Ltd         | Cement - Christmas Tree<br>Base          | £5.20     | £1.04   | £6.24     | BACS |
| 29/09/2025 | 1030178055   | Travis Perkins<br>Ltd         | Basin Plug/Trap - OSH                    | £18.38    | £3.67   | £22.05    | BACS |
| 30/09/2025 | 1030271565   | Travis Perkins<br>Ltd         | Basin Flip Plug - OSH                    | £12.87    | £2.57   | £15.44    | BACS |
| 02/09/2025 | 1334132      | West Suffolk<br>Council       | Premises Licence<br>2025/26              | £180.00   | £0.00   | £180.00   | BACS |
| 02/09/2025 | 77850        | Blademaster Ltd               | Services Mower Blades - 2 sets           | £36.00    | £7.20   | £43.20    | BACS |
| 11/09/2025 | ZOXHI        | Amazon                        | Clear Gloss - Poppy Event                | £19.02    | £3.80   | £22.82    | BACS |
| 14/09/2025 | PAEUI        | Amazon                        | Red/Black Paint - Poppy<br>Event         | £50.28    | £10.08  | £60.36    | BACS |
| 14/09/2025 | GAEUI        | Amazon                        | Gold Wax - Poppy Event                   | £21.90    | £4.38   | £26.28    | BACS |
| 12/09/2025 | 86PPI        | Amazon                        | Gift bag items - Santas<br>Grotto        | £34.38    | £6.93   | £41.31    | BACS |
| 12/09/2025 | LCCHI        | Amazon                        | Gift bag items - Santas<br>Grotto        | £96.85    | £19.37  | £116.22   | BACS |
| 12/09/2025 | RCQ3I        | Amazon                        | Gift bag items - Santas<br>Grotto        | £55.37    | £11.07  | £66.44    | BACS |
| 16/09/2025 | SINV01997880 | lan Smith Group<br>Ltd        | Stationery                               | £57.90    | £11.58  | £69.48    | BACS |
| 16/09/2025 | K17529       | Ernest Doe &<br>Sons Ltd      | Steering Cable - Mower                   | £18.73    | £3.75   | £22.48    | BACS |
| 17/09/2025 | K17586       | Ernest Doe &<br>Sons Ltd      | Strimmer Cord Cutters                    | £17.52    | £3.50   | £21.02    | BACS |
| 29/09/2025 | 5448         | Didlington<br>Nurseries Ltd   | Plants - War Mem<br>Rem. Day             | £148.30   | £29.66  | £177.96   | BACS |
| 30/09/2025 | 30462        | S.A.L.C.                      | Payroll Service - 6<br>Months            | £252.00   | £50.40  | £302.40   | BACS |
| 30/09/2025 | 4790         | Evolution Town<br>Plan.       | New Cemetery Work -<br>30/8 - 29/9       | £533.70   | £106.74 | £640.44   | BACS |
| 30/09/2025 | 536888       | Richard Jackson<br>Ltd        | New Cem. Fees - re<br>Amended Layout     | £2,005.00 | £401.00 | £2,406.00 | BACS |
| 30/09/2025 | 308936       | Fengate<br>Fasteners Ltd      | Paint/Brushes -<br>Remembrance/Christmas | £134.96   | £26.99  | £161.95   | BACS |
| 30/09/2025 | 20250000936  | Finevale Service<br>Station   | Fuel                                     | £83.93    | £16.79  | £100.72   | BACS |
| 05/09/2025 |              | HMRC                          | NICS                                     | £4,332.62 | £0.00   | £4,332.62 | BACS |

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#### Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/08/2025

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#### **Cost Centre Report**

|            |  | Actual Year | Current    | Variance     | Committed   | Funds     | % Spent | Transfer    |
|------------|--|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|            |  | To Date     | Annual Bud | Annual Total | Expenditure | Available |         | to/from EMR |
| <u>101</u> | Administration                         |             |            |              |             |           |         |             |
| 1176       | Precept                                | 405,011     | 405,011    | 0            |             |           | 100.0%  |             |
| 1180       | Room Hire                              | 590         | 1,000      | 410          |             |           | 59.0%   |             |
| 1190       | Interest on Investments                | 2,042       | 0          | (2,042)      |             |           | 0.0%    |             |
|            | Administration :- Income               | 407,643     | 406,011    | (1,632)      |             |           | 100.4%  |             |
| 1101       | Insurances                             | 12,658      | 11,948     | (710)        |             | (710)     | 105.9%  |             |
| 1102       | Vehicle Insurance                      | 1,046       | 1,133      | 87           |             | 87        | 92.3%   |             |
| 1110       | Audit Fees (External)                  | 0           | 1,030      | 1,030        |             | 1,030     | 0.0%    |             |
| 1111       | Audit Fees (Internal)                  | 641         | 1,700      | 1,059        |             | 1,059     | 37.7%   |             |
| 1120       | Legal Fees                             | 0           | 2,500      | 2,500        |             | 2,500     | 0.0%    |             |
| 1125       | Website Upkeep                         | 120         | 412        | 292          |             | 292       | 29.1%   |             |
| 1130       | Office Equipment/Furniture             | 27          | 515        | 488          |             | 488       | 5.3%    |             |
| 1131       | Computer Equipment                     | 0           | 1,030      | 1,030        |             | 1,030     | 0.0%    |             |
| 1132       | Stationery                             | 200         | 464        | 264          |             | 264       | 43.0%   |             |
| 1133       | Payroll                                | 0           | 567        | 567          |             | 567       | 0.0%    |             |
| 1140       | Staff Training                         | 1,136       | 1,030      | (106)        |             | (106)     | 110.3%  |             |
| 1141       | Councillor Training                    | 0           | 515        | 515          |             | 515       | 0.0%    |             |
| 1143       | SW/HW Support                          | 765         | 2,500      | 1,735        |             | 1,735     | 30.6%   |             |
| 1144       | SALC/NALC                              | 1,446       | 1,494      | 48           |             | 48        | 96.8%   |             |
| 1145       | Subscriptions                          | 1,873       | 1,803      | (70)         |             | (70)      | 103.9%  |             |
| 1146       | Information/Books/Software etc         | 4           | 206        | 202          |             | 202       | 1.9%    |             |
| 1148       | Lift servicing                         | 230         | 1,030      | 800          |             | 800       | 22.3%   |             |
| 1150       | Advertising                            | 0           | 103        | 103          |             | 103       | 0.0%    |             |
| 1156       | Postage                                | 44          | 258        | 214          |             | 214       | 17.2%   |             |
| 1160       | Mileage                                | 27          | 258        | 231          |             | 231       | 10.5%   |             |
| 1165       | Photocopier Rental                     | 538         | 1,100      | 562          |             | 562       | 48.9%   |             |
| 1166       | Photocopier Charges                    | 269         | 1,000      | 731          |             | 731       | 26.9%   |             |
| 1167       | Election Costs                         | 0           | 4,120      | 4,120        |             | 4,120     | 0.0%    |             |
| 1170       | Telephone, Fax, Internet               | 1,248       | 2,850      | 1,602        |             | 1,602     | 43.8%   |             |
| 4113       | Bank Charges                           | 110         | 165        | 55           |             | 55        | 66.9%   |             |
|            | Administration :- Indirect Expenditure | 22,382      | 39,731     | 17,349       | 0           | 17,349    | 56.3%   |             |
|            | Net Income over Expenditure            | 385,261     | 366,280    | (18,981)     |             |           |         |             |
| 102        | Staff                                  |             |            |              |             |           |         |             |
| 1201       |  | 56,637      | 167,843    | 111,206      |             | 111,206   | 33.7%   |             |
|            | LGA Superannuation                     | 3,881       | 8,100      | 4,219        |             | 4,219     | 47.9%   |             |
|            | NI Contributions                       | 12,939      | 20,141     | 7,202        |             | 7,202     | 64.2%   |             |
|            | Staff :- Indirect Expenditure          | 73,457      | 196,084    | 122,627      |             | 122,627   | 37.5%   | 0           |
|            | Net Expenditure                        | (73,457)    | (196,084)  | (122,627)    |             |           |         |             |
|            | Net Experientale                       | (13,451)    | (180,004)  | (122,021)    |             |           |         |             |
|            |  |             |            |              |             |           |         |             |

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|            |  | Actual Year<br>To Date | Current<br>Annual Bud | Variance<br>Annual Total | Committed<br>Expenditure | Funds<br>Available | % Spent | Transfer<br>to/from EMR |
|------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 400        | DIA!! D                                  |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | PWLB                                     | 0                      | 12 600                | 12 600                   |                          | 42.000             | 0.007   |                         |
| 1301       | Public Works Loan board                  | 0                      | 13,600                | 13,600                   |                          | 13,600             | 0.0%    |                         |
|            | PWLB :- Indirect Expenditure             | 0                      | 13,600                | 13,600                   | 0                        | 13,600             | 0.0%    | 0                       |
|            | Net Expenditure                          | 0                      | (13,600)              | (13,600)                 |                          |                    |         |                         |
| <u>104</u> | <u>Grants</u>                            |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | Grants                                   | 36,000                 | 36,000                | 0                        |                          | 0                  | 100.0%  |                         |
|            | S137                                     | 1,500                  | 10,000                | 8,500                    |                          | 8,500              | 15.0%   |                         |
|            |  |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | Grants :- Indirect Expenditure           | 37,500                 | 46,000                | 8,500                    | 0                        | 8,500              | 81.5%   | 0                       |
|            | Net Expenditure                          | (37,500)               | (46,000)              | (8,500)                  |                          |                    |         |                         |
| <u>201</u> | Cemetery/Town                            |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
| 2177       | Burial Fees                              | 4,800                  | 11,500                | 6,700                    |                          |                    | 41.7%   |                         |
| 2178       | Ashes Interment Fees                     | 2,640                  | 6,500                 | 3,860                    |                          |                    | 40.6%   |                         |
| 2179       | Memorial Fees                            | 1,840                  | 3,000                 | 1,160                    |                          |                    | 61.3%   |                         |
|            | Cemetery/Town :- Income                  | 9,280                  | 21,000                | 11,720                   |                          |                    | 44.2%   |                         |
| 2101       | Cemetery/Town Costs                      | 5,693                  | 10,300                | 4,607                    |                          | 4,607              | 55.3%   |                         |
| 2107       | New Cemetery Works                       | 1,114                  | 20,000                | 18,886                   |                          | 18,886             | 5.6%    |                         |
| 2110       | Water Charges Cemetery                   | 102                    | 300                   | 198                      |                          | 198                | 33.9%   |                         |
| 2111       | Electricity                              | 1,169                  | 4,000                 | 2,831                    |                          | 2,831              | 29.2%   |                         |
| 2116       | Rent for BRPF Yard                       | 564                    | 600                   | 36                       |                          | 36                 | 94.0%   |                         |
| 2117       | HR Fees                                  | 0                      | 2,500                 | 2,500                    |                          | 2,500              | 0.0%    |                         |
| 2131       | New Equipment                            | 0                      | 1,545                 | 1,545                    |                          | 1,545              | 0.0%    |                         |
| 2132       | Trade Waste                              | 670                    | 1,545                 | 875                      |                          | 875                | 43.4%   |                         |
| 2133       | Bus Shelter Cleaning                     | 130                    | 400                   | 270                      |                          | 270                | 32.5%   |                         |
|            | Cemetery/Town :- Indirect Expenditure    | 9,442                  | 41,190                | 31,748                   | 0                        | 31,748             | 22.9%   | 0                       |
|            | Net Income over Expenditure              | (162)                  | (20,190)              | (20,028)                 |                          |                    |         |                         |
| <u>301</u> | Old School House                         |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
| 3110       | Gas Supply                               | 279                    | 4,000                 | 3,721                    |                          | 3,721              | 7.0%    |                         |
| 3111       | Gas Force Contract                       | 0                      | 103                   | 103                      |                          | 103                | 0.0%    |                         |
| 3113       | PAT Testing                              | 0                      | 155                   | 155                      |                          | 155                | 0.0%    |                         |
| 3114       | Electricity (Old School House)           | 698                    | 3,000                 | 2,302                    |                          | 2,302              | 23.3%   |                         |
| 3117       | Water charges OSH                        | 101                    | 412                   | 311                      |                          | 311                | 24.5%   |                         |
| 3120       | Window Cleaning                          | 50                     | 150                   | 100                      |                          | 100                | 33.3%   |                         |
| 3125       | Fire Extinguisher Servicing              | 0                      | 412                   | 412                      |                          | 412                | 0.0%    |                         |
| 3178       | Old School House Maintenance             | 1,881                  | 3,000                 | 1,119                    |                          | 1,119              | 62.7%   |                         |
|            | Old School House :- Indirect Expenditure | 3,009                  | 11,232                | 8,223                    | 0                        | 8,223              | 26.8%   | 0                       |
|            | Net Expenditure                          | (3,009)                | (11,232)              | (8,223)                  |                          |                    |         |                         |
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#### Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/08/2025

Month No: 5

**Cost Centre Report** 

|            |                                       | Actual Year<br>To Date | Current<br>Annual Bud | Variance<br>Annual Total | Committed<br>Expenditure | Funds<br>Available | % Spent | Transfer<br>to/from EMR |
|------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| <u>401</u> | General                               |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
| 4188       | Other Income                          | 1,700                  | 0                     | (1,700)                  |                          |                    | 0.0%    |                         |
|            | General :- Income                     | 1,700                  |                       | (1,700)                  |                          |                    |         | 0                       |
| 2121       | Machinery Servicing                   | 346                    | 3,090                 | 2,744                    |                          | 2,744              | 11.2%   |                         |
| 2122       | Fuel & Oil                            | 407                    | 2,266                 | 1,859                    |                          | 1,859              | 18.0%   |                         |
| 2139       | Protective Clothing                   | 259                    | 1,000                 | 741                      |                          | 741                | 25.9%   |                         |
| 4101       | Horticultural                         | 375                    | 515                   | 140                      |                          | 140                | 72.8%   |                         |
| 4102       | Christmas Lighting                    | 90                     | 2,060                 | 1,970                    |                          | 1,970              | 4.4%    |                         |
| 4105       | Town Clock Repairs                    | 0                      | 515                   | 515                      |                          | 515                | 0.0%    |                         |
| 4112       | Events                                | 2,578                  | 6,680                 | 4,102                    |                          | 4,102              | 38.6%   |                         |
| 4114       | Project Fund                          | 0                      | 10,000                | 10,000                   |                          | 10,000             | 0.0%    |                         |
|            | General :- Indirect Expenditure       | 4,055                  | 26,126                | 22,071                   | 0                        | 22,071             | 15.5%   | 0                       |
|            | Net Income over Expenditure           | (2,355)                | (26,126)              | (23,771)                 |                          |                    |         |                         |
| 402        | Recreation                            |                        | 5                     |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | Sponsorship Income                    | 600                    | 0                     | (600)                    |                          |                    | 0.0%    |                         |
| 4270       | Sponsorship moone                     | 000                    | -                     | (000)                    |                          |                    | 0.0%    |                         |
|            | Recreation :- Income                  | 600                    | 0                     | (600)                    |                          |                    |         | 0                       |
| 4202       | The Orchard, Coulson Lane             | 0                      | 258                   | 258                      |                          | 258                | 0.0%    |                         |
| 4204       | Thetford Rd Play Area                 | 138                    | 1,030                 | 892                      |                          | 892                | 13.4%   |                         |
| 4205       | Playing Fields                        | 175                    | 2,060                 | 1,885                    |                          | 1,885              | 8.5%    |                         |
| 4206       | Horticultural/Tree Work/Survey        | 3,733                  | 8,000                 | 4,268                    |                          | 4,268              | 46.7%   |                         |
| 4208       | Cemetery - Trees                      | 0                      | 9,000                 | 9,000                    |                          | 9,000              | 0.0%    |                         |
|            | Recreation :- Indirect Expenditure    | 4,045                  | 20,348                | 16,303                   | 0                        | 16,303             | 19.9%   | 0                       |
|            | Net Income over Expenditure           | (3,445)                | (20,348)              | (16,903)                 |                          |                    |         |                         |
| 403        | Street Lights                         |                        |                       |                          |                          |                    |         |                         |
| 4302       | Street Lighting Energy                | 0                      | 24,700                | 24,700                   |                          | 24,700             | 0.0%    |                         |
|            | Street Lights Repairs                 | 1,125                  | 8,000                 | 6,875                    |                          | 6,875              | 14.1%   |                         |
|            | Street Lights :- Indirect Expenditure | 1,125                  | 32,700                | 31,575                   | 0                        | 31,575             | 3.4%    | 0                       |
|            | Net Expenditure                       | (1,125)                | (32,700)              | (31,575)                 |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | Grand Totals:- Income                 | 419,223                | 427,011               | 7,788                    |                          |                    | 98.2%   |                         |
|            | Expenditure                           | 155,014                | 427,011               | 271,997                  | 0                        | 271,997            | 36.3%   |                         |
|            | Net Income over Expenditure           | 264,208                |                       | (264,208)                |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve        | 264,208                |                       | (264,208)                |                          |                    |         |                         |
|            | , ,                                   | 1                      |                       | , ,                      |                          |                    |         |                         |

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#### Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/08/2025 for Cashbook 3 - Unity - Current Acct

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| Bank Statement Account Name (s) | Statement Date | Page No             | Balances   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| Unity Current Acct              | 31/08/2025     |                     | 328,692.62 |
|                                 |                | :                   | 328,692.62 |
| Unpresented Payments (Minus)    |                | Amount              |            |
|                                 |                | 0.00                |            |
|                                 |                |                     | 0.00       |
|                                 |                |                     | 328,692.62 |
| Unpresented Receipts (Plus)     |                |                     |            |
|                                 |                | 0.00                |            |
|                                 |                | _                   | 0.00       |
|                                 |                |                     | 328,692.62 |
|                                 | Balance        | per Cash Book is :- | 328,692.62 |
|                                 |                | Difference is :-    | 0.00       |
| Signatory 1:                    |                |                     |            |
| Name                            | Signed         | Date                |            |
| Signatory 2:                    |                |                     |            |
|                                 |                |                     |            |

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## Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/08/2025 for Cashbook 4 - Unity - Sav A/C 20507732

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| Bank Statement Account Name (s) | Statement Date | Page No               | Balances   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Unity - Sav A/C 20507732        | 31/08/2025     |                       | 423,422.32 |
|                                 |                | <del>-</del>          | 423,422.32 |
| Unpresented Payments (Minus)    |                | Amount                |            |
|                                 |                | 0.00                  |            |
|                                 |                | _                     | 0.00       |
|                                 |                |                       | 423,422.32 |
| Unpresented Receipts (Plus)     |                |                       |            |
|                                 |                | 0.00                  |            |
|                                 |                |                       | 0.00       |
|                                 |                |                       | 423,422.32 |
|                                 | Balanc         | e per Cash Book is :- | 423,422.32 |
|                                 |                | Difference is :-      | 0.00       |
| Signatory 1:                    |                |                       |            |
| Name                            | Signed         | Date                  |            |
| Signatory 2:                    |                |                       |            |
| Name                            | Signed         | Date                  |            |

| EAR MARKED RESERVES                         | 30/06/2025  | 30/07/2025  |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| GENERAL RESERVE                             | £227,114.15 | £233,922.32 |
| EMR 1-321 New Cemetery                      | £120,000.00 | £120,000.00 |
| EMR 2 -322 New vehicle                      | £10,000.00  | £10,000.00  |
| EMR 3 - 323 Mowers/Equipment                | £10,000.00  | £10,000.00  |
| EMR 4 - 324 Elections                       | £5,000.00   | £5,000.00   |
| EMR 5 - 325 Playground Equipment            | £30,000.00  | £30,000.00  |
| EMR 6 - 326 IT Equipment                    | £4,500.00   | £4,500.00   |
| EMR 7 - 327 Projects (+ £10,000 in precept) | £10,000.00  | £10,000.00  |
| TOTAL EAR MARKED RESERVES                   | £189,500.00 | £189,500.00 |
| TOTAL IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT                    | £416,614.15 | £423,422.32 |

#### INTEREST & VAT ADDED TO GENERAL RESERVE

Jun-25 £2,041.87 INTEREST
Jul-25 £6,808.17 VAT
Sep-25
Oct-25
Dec-25
Jan-25

Mar-26

#### External Audit Report for the period ending 31st March 2025 – Recommendations

#### Fixed Assets/Asset Register

The Councillors added items to the asset register but we could not tell the auditor when they were purchased/taken on as we have had them a very long time, as they are pieces of land we own, that had not previously been included. These were the following:-

Current Cemetery (burial ground) Victoria Avenue New Cemetery land

#### Section 1 – Assertion 3

Within the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, it is good practice to include the savings account figure in the bank reconciliations. This is now being done quarterly.

#### Section 1 - Assertion 7

We did not evidence that we gave consideration to the Internal Audit Report - We have updated our processes and completed this for the current year.

#### aseSection 3 - External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2024/25

In respect of

**Brandon Town Council - SF0058** 

#### 1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <a href="https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/">https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/</a>

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- · confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

#### 2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2024/25

Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review:

 The smaller authority has not restated the prior year figure in Section 2, Box 9 when adding assets purchased prior to 1 April 2024 to the fixed asset register assets.

Section 1, Assertion 3 has been incorrectly completed, as information has come to our attention form the internal auditor that the smaller authority has not complied with the requirements of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.

Section 1, Assertion 7 has been incorrectly completed, as information has come to our attention form the internal auditor that the smaller authority did not evidence it gave consideration to the Internal Audit Report.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The smaller authority has confirmed that it has not complied with the governance Assertions in Section 1, Boxes 2 and 5, but it has provided the appointed auditor with an adequate explanation for non-compliance and details of the actions necessary to address weaknesses identified. The response to Assertion 5 is consistent with the Internal Auditor's response to Internal Control Objective C.

#### 3 External auditor certificate 2024/25

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

| External Auditor Name      |                    |      |            |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------|------------|
|                            | PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP |      |            |
| External Auditor Signature | Pet with och Let   | Date | 04/09/2025 |

#### **Budget 2026/27 - Explanation**

We have increased most cost codes by 4% with the rate of inflation currently being about 3.8%.

Utilities have been increased by 5% due to rising costs.

#### 101 Administration

- 1120 Legal Fees (H & S) We have a contract until March 2029, so the cost has remained the same.
- 1140 Staff Training This has been increased to £1,500 as there was not enough in the budget.
- 1170 Telephone/Internet/Mobiles This has been increased in line with our current costs, having to have a replacement phone system, due to the last one not functioning correctly.
- 4113 Bank Costs This has been increased to cover monthly service charges and card costs.

#### 102 Staff

- 1201 Salaries We have taken the current salary figure and increased it by 5% due to increases.
- 1202 Pensions These have also been increased due to being over budget last year and an extra 5% has been added due to increases.
- 1203 NI Contributions These have been increased significantly due to the change in NI by the government and an extra 5% has been added due to increases.

#### 201 Cemetery/Town

2117 - HR Fees - We have a contract until March 2029, so the cost has remained the same.

#### **301 Old School House**

3116 - Trade Waste OSH – We now have a recycle bin at OSH.

#### 401 General

- 2130 -Truck Replacement There is £10,000 in EMR's. This will have to be reviewed next year.
- 4114 Project Fund We have reduced the project fund by £5,000 for this years precept, as there is an underspend in the current year. We also have £10,000 in EMR's for projects.

#### **402 Recreation**

- 4206 Horticultural Work/Tree Survey We have reduced this by £3,000 as a tree survey is not required next year.
- 4208 Cemetery/Ave Trees This has been increased in line with our new three year contract.

#### **403 Street Lights**

4302 - Street Lighting Energy — Last year our costs fell dramatically, due to all the streetlights being changed to LED. Our costs were only £6,250 to which we have added 5%.

| 2026-27 | £417,648.55  | £1,000.00  | £12,426.00 4%                         | £1,178.00 4%                                   | £1,768.00 4%         | £2,500.00 Contract ends March 2029 | £428.00 4%           | £536.00 4%                      | £1,071.00 4%            | £483.00 4%      | £590.00 4%   | £1,500.00 Increased as not enough in budget | £536.00 4%               | £2,600.00 4%       | £1,554.00 4%   | £1,875.00 4%       | £214.00 4%                      | £1,071.00 4%        | £107.00 4%       | £268.00 4%   | £268.00 4%   | £1,144.00 4%            | £1,040.00 4%             | £4,285.00 4%        | £3,565.00 Replacement phone system + 4% | £250.00 Service Charge/Card Costs + 4% |
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| 2025-26 | £405,011.35  | £1,000.00  | £11,948.00                            | £1,133.00<br>£1,030.00                         | £1,700.00            | £2,500.00                          | £412.00              | £515.00                         | £1,030.00               | £464.00         | £267.00      | £1,030.00                                   | £515.00                  | £2,500.00          | £1,494.00      | £1,803.00          | £206.00                         | £1,030.00           | £103.00          | £258.00      | £258.00      | £1,100.00               | £1,000.00                | £4,120.00           | £2,850.00                               | £165.00                                |
|         | 1176 Precept | <b>101 Administration Income</b><br>1180 Room Hire | 101 Administration<br>1101 Insurances | 1102 Vehicle Insurance<br>1110 Audit Fee (Ext) | 1111 Audit Fee (Int) | 1120 Legal Fees (H & S)            | 1125 Web Site Upkeep | 1130 Office Equipment/Furniture | 1131 Computer Equipment | 1132 Stationary | 1133 Payroll | 1140 Staff Training                         | 1141 Councillor Training | 1143 SW/HW Support | 1144 Salc/Nalc | 1145 Subscriptions | 1146 Information/Books/Software | 1148 Lift Servicing | 1150 Advertising | 1156 Postage | 1160 Mileage | 1165 Photocopier Rental | 1166 Photocopier Charges | 1167 Election Costs | 1170 Telephone/Internet/Mobiles         | 4113 Bank Costs                        |

| £107.00 4%            | £161.00 4%       | £3,150.00 5%     | £55.00 Recycle bin OSH + 4% | £433.00 5%         | £156.00 4%           | £428,00 4%                       | £3,120.00 4%                      | £11,810.00  | F3.214.00.4%             | £2.357.00 4%    | £0.00 2027/28 this will peed to be consistent. | £1.040.00 4%             | £536.00 4%        | £2.142.00 4%            | £536.00 4%              | £6.680.00   | £5,000,00         | £21,505,00 |                | %                | £1 071 00 4%               | E1,0/1.00 4%        | £5,142.00 4%                        | L2,000.00 reduced due to next survey required 2028 | tlu,/lu.00 New Contract over 3 years - starting 2025 | £19,191.00        | £6.563.00 £62501.4CT VEAB 4E% | £8,320,00 4%                 | £14,883.00 |
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| £103.00               | £155.00          | £3,000.00        | £0.00                       | £412.00            | £150.00              | £412.00                          | £3,000.00                         | £11,232.00  | £3,090.00                | £2,266.00       | £0.00  | £1,000.00                | £515.00           | £2,060.00               | £515.00                 | £6,680.00   | £10,000.00        | £26,126.00 |                | £258 00          | £1 030 00                  | £2,050,00           | £8,000,00                           | 60.000(5±  | 13,000.00  | £20,348.00        | £24,700.00                    | £8,000.00                    | £32,700.00 |
| 3111 Gas Maintainance | 3113 Pat Testing | 3114 Electricity | 311b Irade waste            | S11/ Water Charges | 3120 Window Cleaning | 3125 Fire Extinguisher Servicing | 31/8 Old School House Maintenance | 401 General | 2121 Machinery Servicing | 2122 Fuel & Oil | 2130 Truck Replacement                         | 2139 Protective Clothing | 4101 Horticulture | 4102 Christmas Lighting | 4105 Town Clock Repairs | 4112 Events | 4114 Project Fund |            | 402 Recreation | 4202 The Orchard | 4204 Thetford Rd Play Park | 4205 BRPF Play Park | 4206 Horticultural Work/Tree Survey | 4208 Cemetery/Ave Trees                            |  | 403 Street Lights | 4302 Street Lighting Energy   | 4303 Street Lighting Repairs |            |

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Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:32 PM

To: Tina Cunnell < tina.cunnell@brandon-tc.gov.uk >

Subject: SCC HIGHWAYS -LONDON ROAD, BRANDON reported under reference number 529050

#### Good Afternoon.

Thank you for contacting us regarding LONDON ROAD, BRANDON reported under reference number 529050. Please quote this reference number in any future correspondence that relates to this issue.

We can now provide you with the following update:

#### Dear Tina,

Thank you for you communication regarding London Road Brandon CR 529050. I have put through our transport Strategy Team, and I have highlighted their review below Firstly, we need to obtain more information from the public consultation, Brandon Town Council conducted. The 'TRO Survey' information which is included in Insight clearly doesn't state what are the issues resulting from the Brandon Town Council formally requesting HGVs having to be restricted/banned in Brandon Town Centre. This information and further explanation would help us to understand the request.

As you may be aware, our recent revision to Suffolk's Local Transport Plan does include an Area Transport Plan for Brandon which currently has indicative funding for walking/cycling improvements in the town. Any forth coming schemes in Brandon would be subject to consultation and co-ordination with locally elected Councillors including ones from Brandon Town Council. This may give us the opportunity to explore infrastructure improvements to the town which mitigate concerns raised by HGVs in the town.

Previous studies including an ANPR survey in Brandon during February 2024 were conducted and results shared with Cllr Lukaniuk, which he accepted the results of. They demonstrated the lack of 'rat-running' by HGV classed vehicles travelling through Brandon, specifically the A1065 which showed being the busiest route for all vehicles and HGV movements in the town. This survey along with another in 2017 clearly showed a need by HGVs to visit the town including these vehicles supporting local businesses to the north of the Norwich to Ely Railway Line.

As it stands, we don't support any ban/restriction to HGVs in Brandon as per the points I have already raised. Also, Suffolk's Recommended Lorry Route Map already highlights the need to use the A11 and A134 compared to the A1065 if HGVs are needed to navigate across the county between Norfolk and Suffolk.

Any further information from Brandon Town Council as requested above, we will be happy to review and follow-up.

Kind regards,
Andrew Moore
Community Liaison Engineer
Customer Experience and Community Works



#### **Brandon ANPR Traffic Surveys – February 2023**

#### 1. Background

1.1 Prior to 2017, issues relating to HGVs travelling along the A1065 through Brandon continued to come under scrutiny by local officials. A previous study in 2017 established 1 in 5 HGVs had travelled through Brandon within the 12Hr period of the survey. As part of the Suffolk Lorry Route review completed in August 2022, the councillor for Brandon, Cllr Lukaniuk, gave feedback to the review identifying concerns relating to pollution, damage to the highway and congestion. Cllr Lukaniuk also shared data from a local traffic count carried out in July 2019, and suggested options to divert traffic away from the town via the A134/A11. No changes were made to the Recommended Lorry Route Map through Brandon and the A1065 remains part of the strategic lorry route for HGVs travelling between Norfolk and local areas in Suffolk, including Brandon.

#### 2. New Survey and agreed objectives

- 2.1 After further engagement between Cllr Lukaniuk, Cllr Smith (Cabinet member for Transport Strategy) and council officers within Growth, Highways and Infrastructure (GHI) it was determined that officers should commission new traffic surveys with the following objectives
  - Determine current vehicle traffic movements in and around Brandon via its main road network A1065, B1106 and B1107.
  - Determine the volume of HGVs that travel through Brandon without needing to deliver services or goods in and around the town.
  - Data for all vehicle traffic entering and exiting Brandon via the ANPR camera locations to be captured to establish trip duration, especially during peak periods of the day.
  - Additional survey data to be captured north of Brandon Station Level Crossing along the A1065 due to the reported high volume of HGVs using premises along this route.
- 2.2 Additional requirements for the proposed traffic surveys included:
  - All vehicle classification emphasis on HGVs over 3.5Tonne, 7.5Tonne and 18Tonne.
  - Observation period Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays and preplanned school holiday periods.
  - 07:00 to 19:00 daily.
  - Times recorded for every vehicle detected by cameras.

2.3 Below is an overview map including the location of cameras to identify vehicles entering and exiting Brandon via the A1065, B1106 and B1107 –



#### 3. Summary of results

- 3.1 The following points address the original objectives set out from the engagement
  - 46,428 vehicles were identified over the five-day period between 07:00 and 19:00 entering Brandon from the five inbound camera locations (Site 1, 5, 7, 9 & 11).
  - There were 96,334 vehicle trips undertaken by the 46,428 vehicles identified over the five-day period.
  - There was a total of 2051 vehicles identified at 7.5Tonne or over 4% of total vehicles.
  - In total, there were 1,758 HGVs identified entering Brandon via Site 5 and Site 11 along the A1065 to the north and south of the town.
  - Approximately 130 and 160 HGVs travelled southbound and northbound respectively within 15 minutes.

- Of the HGV trips being identified at (Site 3), 462 HGVs travelled southbound and 11 HGVs northbound.
- Total vehicles captured travelling to the aggregate facility/entrance (Site 3) from the two inbound locations (Site 5 & 11) along the A1065 was 13,449.
   HGVs accounted for 8% (429 travelling northbound and 592 travelling southbound).

#### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 As per the previous study in 2017, HGV volume in the town remains low compared to the overall vehicle volume using the road network in and around Brandon.
- 4.2 As per the previous study in 2017, most HGV volume travelling into and out of Brandon is along the A1065.
- 4.3 16% of identified HGVs entering/exiting Brandon from the A1065, travelled through the town within 15 minutes.
- 4.4 During the 5-day period of the survey (Feb 2023), the AM peak for all vehicles identified was between 07:00 and 08:00 and PM peak between 16:00 and 17:00. This differs for HGV classes AM peak 09:00 to 10:00 and PM peak 12:00 and 13:00.

#### Contact

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