

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 4 January 2016

In the Council Chamber, The Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. V Lukaniuk, Cllr. D Palmer, Cllr. P Callaghan, Cllr. I Horner.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding (Assistant to the Town Clerk), Tim Passmore, Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner and three members of the public.

PRESENTATION FROM TIM PASSMORE, SUFFOLK POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Tim Passmore emphasized the importance of his role and that of the Chief Constable within Suffolk. Through his Police and Crime Plan, the directions and the budget for policing are set. This involves working with partners to prevent and tackle crime and re-offending; setting the strategic direction and accountability for policing; representing the voice of the public, the vulnerable and victims; contributing to the resourcing of policing to address regional and national threats; ensuring value for money. He further stated if any member of the public is unhappy with the police attitude or lack of response, he would fully investigate their complaint. Contact details for Tim Passmore: tim.passmore@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or alternatively telephone 01473 613614.

The meeting commenced at 7.45 pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and approval of reasons tendered.
Cllr. K Butcher, Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. E Jacobs.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and additions to Members Register of Interests.
None.

Agenda item 6 was now heard

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM RAF LAKENHEATH

Works on the A1065 have finished and Gate 1 was reopened on the 18th December 2015. There were two days of flying activity between Christmas and the New Year. No other issues to report.

3. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 December 2015.

Resolution Record No. **BTC58/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
7 DECEMBER 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

Signed.....

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 December 2015.

Questions included the repairs to the town clock (the pendulum regulator has been ordered); grit now delivered other than St Dominic's Drive (an oversight by SCC but will be rectified shortly); an update on the two trees demolished by a car on London Road (with the Small Claims Court); update on the Anglo Saxon information board at the BRPF (DB still to action); faulty streetlights on Bury Road (logged with SCC).

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Issues raised included a query on land left to the people of Brandon and now under the ownership of the Poor's Estate (DB to investigate); the makeup of the land at Hall Meadow, mainly sand and gravel, and its suitability for burials; replacement of the two trees that were knocked down on London Road; the mud on the Bridleway at Chalk Road (presently being looked at by the Rights of Way Officer); road surface on Green Road (RS to action).

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The town monitor reported the five jobs he had asked to be carried out have been completed. Other works required: branches to Tree 44 (opposite the Bingo Hall) to be made more compact; the lower growth to the trees in The Avenue needs to be taken out (Cllr. V Lukaniuk). Cllr. R Silvester reported Footpath 7 was to be close for three months for essential farm bridge repairs. With reference to the two trees demolished on London Road, Cllr. R Silvester requested this to be an agenda item at the next meeting. For information only, Cllr. P Ridgwell said Brandon Railway Station has just had new electric lighting installed. Cllr. G Hughes had attended the SALC Area meeting in December. Two free defibrillators are on offer. Further information to be obtained. Cllr. G Hughes has been elected as the SALC representative on the Breaking New Ground Board.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no matters of urgent business.

9. ACCOUNTS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/59/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENTS FOR
DECEMBER 2015.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Chq No	Net	Vat
Dec-15	14.00	J & D Green	104931	14.00	
Dec-15	163.46	Finevale Services	104932	136.23	27.23
Dec-15	115.14	Travis Perkins	104933	95.95	19.19
Dec-15	1089.00	Elvedon Farms	104934	907.50	181.50
Dec-15	4213.44	Ray Lake	BACS	3511.20	702.24
Dec-15	70.11	Chase Timber	104936	58.42	11.69
Dec-15	254.17	Stannah Lifts	104937	211.81	42.36
Dec-15	114.24	St John Ambulance	104938	95.20	19.04
Dec-15	48.00	Graham Smith	104939	40.00	8.00

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10. PRECEPT

Date agreed as Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

11. SUGGESTIONS FOR TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

The working party met on Monday 14 December and a number of possible initiatives were brought forward for future debate. The Town Council offices, Market Hill area and parking in the town were the principal subjects for discussion. Other matters may be considered at further working party meetings. A copy of the report will be kept on file.

12. RESOLUTION from Cllr. R Silvester No 164

Resolution record No. **BTC/60/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT DUE TO UNRESOLVED ISSUES WITH THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF THE CURRENT WEBSITE, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO ENGAGE A NEW WEB DESIGNER.

13. QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Resolution Record No. **BTC/61/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: 8 for 2 against.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO MARK THE EVENT OF THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY. FURTHERMORE, VARIOUS OPTIONS TO BE EXPLORED I.E MUGS, STREET PARTY, CERTIFICATES, FLAGS FOR THE HIGH STREET, LIGHTS ON THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, TREE PLANTING.

14. CHRISTMAS TREE/OLD SCHOOL HOUSE LIGHTS

Resolution record No. **BTC/62/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. P MacLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO SOURCE QUOTATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE AND RETAIN THEM ON A PERMANENT BASIS. ADDITIONALLY, HEALTH & SAFETY OBLIGATIONS NEED TO BE CHECKED AND VERIFIED.

15. RESOLUTION from Cllr. P MacLoughlin No. 165

It was proposed by Cllr. P MacLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson that Brandon Town Council reports by District Councillors and Suffolk County Councillor are included in the agenda pack. Cllr. P Callaghan motioned an amendment that Brandon Town Council reports by District Councillors, Suffolk County Councillor, Town Monitors and all Council representatives on outside bodies be included in the agenda pack.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/63/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. P Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. N Vant.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: Unanimous.

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16. RESOLUTION from Cllr. V Lukaniuk No. 166

Proposed by Cllr. V Lukaniuk and seconded by Cllr. R Silvester that Brandon Town Council resolves to transfer the spoil heap, comprising of gravel, sand and topsoil from the south east corner of The Orchard (adjacent to Coulson Lane) to a rough area west side of The Orchard and spread out evenly. Cllr. R Silvester motioned an amendment that Brandon Town Council resolves to remove the spoil heap, comprising of gravel, sand and topsoil from the south east corner of The Orchard (adjacent to Coulson Lane).

Resolution Record No. **BTC/64/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: Unanimous.

17. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/65/04/Jan/16**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

That pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting temporarily due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning QUOTES: LAND: STAFF: CONTRACT.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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