

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 5 October 2015

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. E Jacobs, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. V Lukaniuk, Cllr. D Palmer, Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. P Callaghan, Cllr. I Horner, Cllr. K Butcher.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding (Assistant to the Town Clerk) and four members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1. APOLOGIES

All present.

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

3. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES

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

Amendment to minutes: 'That subject to verification of the documentation required prior to the works being carried out' to be deleted from the resolution and the wording 'All legal documentation to be verified prior to the work being carried out' inserted after the named vote text.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/33/05/Oct/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. P Callaghan.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

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

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

A question was raised relating to the rectifications still required to the Brandon Town Council website (LCPAS to be contacted); the overgrown nettles at the Yew Drive play area (DB to speak to FHDC).

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Matters raised included the missing trees in Victoria Avenue; overgrown shrubbery along Green Road (already reported); as advised by the Forestry Commission, the London Plane tree would be an appropriate alternative to the Lime Tree when planting along a Highway (London Road); a suggestion to include reports from Town Councillors who sit on outside bodies as part of the agenda; security alarm annoyance (Police alarm not Brandon Town Council); BRPF audit; update on the two trees demolished by a car on London Road (an ongoing insurance claim).

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6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM RAF LAKENHEATH

Squadron Leader Neilds said flying had recommenced earlier than anticipated; road works on the A1065 were causing traffic problems. Gate 8 was opened last Saturday to ease the congestion. Councillors offered their condolences to the family of the airman killed recently in a road traffic accident.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. R Silvester reported the resurfacing of Bury Road was in the process of being completed; with reference to kerbing along Bury Road, this is not a legal requirement and will not be carried out by Highways; blocked drains on Bury Road to be reported; additional grit bins (ten already ordered by BTC); tree trunk roots in the vicinity of 35 Warren Avenue are breaking up the tarmacked path (RS to carry out a site visit); Cllr. D Palmer said the sign post on the BRPF from the river to the town was missing and asked whether this could be replaced; Cllr. P Ridgwell said following due diligence, Forest Heath District Council will not be pursuing the purchase of a solar farm; one hundred additional jobs are to be created by Omar Homes following the extension of their lease with the District Council.

Other matters raised: Due to Government cutbacks, the Priority Planning Meeting will no longer be meeting, the forthcoming Parish & Town Forum at Newmarket (all Councillors welcome to attend); nine residents attended the recently held Neighbourhood Watch meeting; could an information board be positioned at the site of the Saxon Village on the BRPF (previous board vandalised)

8. URGENT BUSINESS

None. The Chairman said rather than bring the matter up under urgent business, this will be an item on the next agenda.

9. ACCOUNTS

9.1 Resolution Record No. **BTC/34/05/Oct/15**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015.

| Date | Amount | Supplier | Chq No | Net | Vat |
|---------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Sept-15 | 51.23 | Bartrum Mowers | 104890 | 42.69 | 8.54 |
| Sept-15 | 232.74 | Broxap | 104890 | 193.95 | 38.79 |
| Sept-15 | 193.33 | Finevale Services | 104891 | 161.09 | 32.24 |
| Sept-15 | 14.00 | J & D Green | 104892 | 14.00 | |
| Sept-15 | 48.00 | Graham Smith | 104893 | 40.00 | 8.00 |
| Sept-15 | 125.48 | Stannah Lift | 104894 | 104.57 | 20.91 |
| Sept-15 | 15.34 | Travis Perkins | 104895 | 12.79 | 2.55 |

9.2 To consider a donation to the National Charity 'Make Lunch'.

It was proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes that Brandon Town Council approves a S137 donation of one hundred and fifty pounds to the National Charity 'Make Lunch'. Cllr. P Macloughlin motioned an amendment that Brandon Town Council increases the S137 donation to the National Charity 'Make Lunch' to two hundred pounds.

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Resolution Record No. **BTC/35/05/Oct/15**

Proposed by Cllr. P Macloughlin and seconded by Cllr. P Callaghan.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: 12 for 1 against 1 abstention.

10. RESOLUTION from Cllr. R Silvester No. 155

‘That Brandon Town Council brings back to the table for further discussion the resolution to fund the pollarding of a tree on private property in Victoria Avenue’.

Resolution No 155 from Cllr. R Silvester to call in ‘further discussion to fund the pollarding of a tree on private property in Victoria Avenue’ was challenged as a point of order and as proven to be wrongly worded will be bought back to the table at a future meeting.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/36/05/Oct/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. I Horner

CARRIED: 8 for 5 against.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES NOT TO DEBATE THIS MATTER FURTHER
BUT TO MOVE TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

11. WEBSITE

Cllr. E Jacobs, Cllr. P Callaghan and Cllr. T Simmons to progress the content of the Brandon Town Council website.

12. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Member’s comments on the Site Allocations Local Plan Consultation Document were noted and will be sent to Forest Heath District Council.

13. MAINTENANCE TO THE CEMETERY TREES

Following advice from the Tree Officer, the cemetery trees should only be pollarded every four to five years and not three years as is usually carried out. Minor tree work is all that is required i.e. small branches, suckers.

14. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/37/05/Oct/15**

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

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 9.25pm.

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