

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting

Held on Monday 13 April 2015

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

Present: Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. K Butcher, Cllr. I Horner, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. S Edwards, Cllr. Mrs L Challiss, Cllr. M Skinner, Cllr. R Crowther.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding (Assistant to the Town Clerk), a police representative, Cllr. Bill Bishop and eight members of the public.

PRESENTATION BY JAYNE COLE – BRANDON WEBSITE

An informative presentation was given by Jayne Cole to upgrade the Brandon Town Council website. Discussion in agenda item 10.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. N Vant.

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 2 March 2015.

Amendment to minutes: Under public forum the wording to read...the Old **Fire** Station...

Resolution Record No. **BTC/90/13/Apr/15**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 2 MARCH 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council meeting of Monday 2 March 2015.

Matters raised included the need for the Brandon section of Bury Road to be resurfaced; the drainage issue on Thetford Road; the deep channels created following the resurfacing of the Elvedon to Bury St Edmunds roadway; the damaged kerbing from the old library to Heath Road (RS to action); dog fouling at the BRPF; the possibility of an event commemorating the 200 years anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public raised matters relating to the sale of the Old Fire Station and why there were no signs erected advertising the sale; an error in the Brandon magazine relating to the daffodil planting by residents of Manor House Close (Brandon In Bloom have apologised for the error); the Brandon Town Council precept increase; the re-pollarding to the trees in Victoria Avenue; a statement from Brandon Life to say no political letters will be printed in the magazine until after

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the elections. When appropriate, Cllr. M Skinner requested the Town Council make more decisions in the public section of the meeting and less when the public and press are excluded.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE/ RAF LAKENHEATH

A verbal report was given by the police. Crime statistics were circulated at the meeting. There were 63 recorded crimes relevant to Brandon in March 2015 against 23 last year. Whilst there has been an increase, it was noted that this is mirrored across West Suffolk so Brandon is not in isolation. **Squadron Leader J Neilds** reported the Red Arrows will be flying at Feltwell Base during the 4 July celebrations. Night flying should now be over. No further update relating to the closure of RAF Mildenhall. With no other matters to relate, questions were invited.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS (if any) from County and /or District Councillors.

Issues raised in **Cllr. B Bishop's** report included the unkempt shrubbery on the Aldi side of The Lode (in hand); the alterations to the entrance to the Bury Road car park; Stores Street (agenda item); the bad state of repair of the road/footpath at the Playing Fields; the Old Fire Station; the decision of RAF Lakenheath to knock down a number of buildings due to asbestos; visit from Suffolk County Council to Brandon Railway Station. **Cllr. D Bimson** asked that the dip in the block paving on Market Hill be inspected following a resident's fall. Questions to **Cllr. R Silvester (SCC)** included the installation of a mobile home in the garden of a property in Santon Downham (consent has been given); the closure of the Elvedon Post Office following the duelling of the A11.

8. URGENT BUSINESS – any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business. There were no matters of urgent business.

9. ACCOUNTS

9.1 & 9.2 Resolution Record No. **BTC/91/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. S Edwards and seconded by Cllr. M Skinner.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF THE MARCH 2015 ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT OF THE APRIL ACCOUNTS PRIOR TO THE MAY MEETING EN BLOC.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Chq No	Net	Vat
Mar-15	28.00	J & D Green	104787	28.00	
Mar-15	22.39	Travis Perkins	104788	18.66	3.73
Mar-15	150.00	West Country Doors	Paid	125.00	25.00
Mar-15	48.00	Graham Smith	104789	40.00	8.00
Mar-15	40.00	Bunches & Bows	104790	40.00	
Mar-15	101.92	Finevale Services	104791	84.94	16.98
Mar-15	18.00	Multisigns	104792	15.00	3.00
Mar-15	237.60	Archant Regional	Paid	198.00	39.60
Mar-15	18.00	SALC	104793	15.00	3.00
Mat-15	17.28	Fengate Fasteners	104794	14.40	2.88
Mar-15	125.48	Stannah Lifts	104795	104.57	20.91
Mar-15	26.00	Brandon Life	104796	26.00	
Mar-15	313.20	Sage UK	104797	261.00	52.20

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Cllr. D Bimson declared an interest in this agenda item. The Declaration of Interests Book was duly signed.

9.3 Resolution Record No. **BTC/92/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. I Horner.

CARRIED: 10 for 1 abstention.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL DECLINES A REQUEST FOR A DONATION RECEIVED FROM SUFFOLK AREA CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE.

10. BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

It was proposed by Cllr. Ian Horner and seconded by Cllr. P Ridgwell that Brandon Town Council defers the decision to invite Jayne Cole, LCPAS, to update the Brandon website for the one off cost of one hundred pounds plus twenty five pounds per month to update the service.

Cllr. R Silvester motioned an amendment that Brandon Town Council accepts the offer forthwith from Jayne Cole, LCPAS , to carry out the update to the Brandon website.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/93/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: 7 for 6 against.

11. STORES STREET

A request was received from Cllr. D Bimson, signed by three councillors, to bring back to the table the discussion regarding new traffic arrangements for Stores Street.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/94/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. D Bimson and seconded by Cllr. I Horner.

CARRIED: 9 for 1 against 1 abstention.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL WRITES TO HIGHWAYS TO REQUEST ACCESS TO STORES STREET IS PERMITTED ONLY FROM LONDON ROAD. ADDITIONALLY, A NO ENTRY SIGN IS PLACED AT THE JUNCTION OF STORES STREET, SCHOOL LANE/MARKET HILL (OUTSIDE THE ITALIAN RESTAURANT).

12. GRIT BINS

Advice from Highways to be sought prior to the purchase of additional grit bins. Proposed locations: areas where the grit is normally deposited on the grass verge.

13. REPLACEMENT BENCH

Resolution Record No. **BTC/95/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. P Ridgwell and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

CARRIED: 10 for 1 against.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PURCHASE OF A BENCH TO REPLACE THE ONE STOLEN FROM THETFORD ROAD, BRANDON.

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14. LYNX TRUST

Resolution Record No. **BTC/96/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. R Silvester.

CARRIED: 9 for 2 against.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES NO FURTHER ACTION IS
REQUIRED.

15. CEMETERY UPDATE

Although an update from the developer was assured by April, to date this has not been provided.

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/97/13/Apr/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. S Edwards.

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 8.40pm.

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