

## **BRANDON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting  
held at Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon on Monday 15th May 2023 at 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllr B Brabbs, Cllr G Brocklehurst, Cllr P Etherington, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr H Kostecki,  
Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr T Nolan, Cllr D Palmer, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr J Savage,  
Cllr N Siebert, Cllr C Watts, Cllr P Wittam

Local Government Electors of the Town of Brandon: 5 members of the public all eligible to speak and vote on proposals.

Cllr Lukaniuk and Cllr Savage arrived at 6.35pm.

The Clerk announced to the assembled persons that Sam Skinner had notified the office of his resignation with immediate effect. Therefore, he would not be in attendance to Chair the meeting. A Chair should be elected from those assembled. Cllr Brocklehurst was nominated by Cllr Wittam and seconded by Cllr Ridgwell. All were in favour. Cllr Brocklehurst took his seat as Chair of the Annual Town Meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reasons tendered.  
None.

**2. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022**

**Proposer:** Cllr P Wittam

**Seconder:** Cllr D Palmer

Resolution Record No: **BTC/221/15/May/23**

**CARRIED:** By majority vote: 5 for, 8 unable to vote.

**THE MEETING RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022.**

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE YEAR 2022/23**

There was no report from the Chairman due to his resignation. Cllr Brocklehurst thanked Sam Skinner for his service over the past year.

**4. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CHARITIES – THE BRANDON POOR'S ESTATE; THE EDMUND ATMERE CHARITY; THE LINGHEATH TRUST CHARITY; BRANDON REMEMBRANCE PLAYING FIELDS.**

Reports were received from the Brandon Poor's Estate, the Edmund Atmere Charity, the Lingheath Trust Charity and Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields.

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**5. TO DISCUSS MATTERS AFFECTING THE TOWN OF BRANDON**

Cllr Ridgwell commented that the speed bumps at the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields were too harsh and asked if they could be reduced in height. He also raised the issue of the junction of Bury Road and George Street which is causing congestion and is a hazard and asked if this could be brought to the attention of Suffolk County Council.

Cllr Lukaniuk enquired about the situation with the town clock. The Clerk explained that the company had reinstalled the mechanism but for some unknown reason the mechanism had stopped and we were awaiting a return visit to investigate the issue.

A member of the public stated that there were a number of problems in the West Ward which required the attention of Cllr Lukaniuk. These being: a sofa had been dumped at Church End and had remained on the grass area for a number of weeks and needed to be removed; They had noted a large number of potholes which having been marked by Suffolk County Council had not been repaired, due to the time delay the marking paint was now wearing off; They enquired about the Yew tree in the churchyard which they had asked to be attended to; They also informed Cllr Lukaniuk of the continuing drugs problem in and around the Manor Road area.

Cllr Kostecki, Cllr Watts and Cllr Brabbs arrived at 6.45pm.

They also stated that the west side of Brandon was neglected and asked if he would be clearing the leaves in the autumn. They asked if Cllr Lukaniuk could provide a weekly update of what has been achieved. Lastly, they asked Cllr Lukaniuk if he would be in contact with Samphire Homes regarding continuing problems that are occurring. They stated that Cllr Palmer had always supported the community there, extremely well, with any problems that had arisen. They also requested a litter bin at Church End. Cllr Lukaniuk responded by stating that he would expedite the issue of the furniture which had been fly tipped. Cllr Lukaniuk confirmed that he would be in contact with Suffolk Highways to ensure appropriate priority is given to the roadways. The Yew tree had previously been discussed at Council and had been deferred at the time, but he would ensure that this matter was raised again in due course. With regard to the drugs problems, he suggested that this is flagged up with the police so they can respond accordingly.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm

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