

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 1 February 2016

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. 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), five members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and approval of reasons tendered.

A letter of resignation has been sent to the Chairman from Cllr. K Butcher, effective immediately. Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. E Jacobs, Cllr. D Bimson.

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 1 February 2016.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/69/01/Feb/16**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
1 FEBRUARY 2016 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 4 January 2016 included: the faulty street light behind the Flintkappers on Bury Road and the three streetlights in George Street (logged again with SCC); grit not delivered to St Dominic's Drive (waiting for next delivery); Queen's 90th birthday celebrations (options are still being considered, an agenda item for the next meeting); Cllr. V Lukaniuk's name to be inserted within the town monitors report (agenda item 7).

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Issues raised included an update on the eight-acre piece of land left to the people of Brandon and now under the ownership of the Poor's Estate (the committee secretary is in discussions with an Estate Agent to put matters right); as the public are using the footpaths as bridleways, a small map to be provided to the stables showing the location of the bridleways; the organisers of Brandon Carnival appealed for help in promoting and helping at this year's event; (Sunday 5th June); update on the two trees demolished on London Road (an agenda item); concern that Central Government is to sell off the land at RAF Mildenhall for houses without the requisite infrastructure and jobs. A South East London Airport was suggested as an improved option for the region as a whole; as

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vehicles are using the footpath between Coulson Lane and the Church Institute as a cut through, it was suggested signage could be placed either end of the footpath saying 'No unauthorised access'.

Alternatively, collapsible bollards could be installed (doubt was thrown on the legalities of this course of action); update on the Brandon website (in the confidential section of the agenda); the maintenance of the lime trees in the cemetery and Victoria Avenue and whether the Town Keepers could be trained to carry out the works (advice to be sought); excessive height of Leylandi trees opposite Towlers Court preventing the street light from being effective (Tree Officer to be contacted).

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM RAF LAKENHEATH

Squadron Leader Neilds asked for feedback on how Gate 1 on the A1065 was now operating. Cllr. I Horner felt if the A1065 was not functioning well, vehicles would be more inclined to use the All and not come through Brandon; night flying has increased since January but will be tapering off during next week; complaints are being made across East Anglia regarding flying exercises overland (being monitored). A question was asked relating to the closure of RAF Mildenhall and the possibility of the land being used for a major airport; plane spotters parking on the clearway; for information only- the level crossing at Lakenheath will be closed from 11.50pm this evening until 6.30am on Wednesday; at the request of Lord Iveagh, speed cameras are to be installed on the Elveden Road.

7. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS from County, District Councillors, Town Monitors, Town Council Representatives who sit on outside bodies.

Contents noted. The town monitor (VL) expressed his concern that the missing bollard at the entrance to Victoria Avenue has still not been replaced (RS is presently talking to SCC); tree 44 outside the Bingo Hall is still in need of attention (long reach loppers to be purchased); work has been completed removing the spoil heap adjacent to The Orchard entrance; the litter bin at Victoria Avenue has still not be repositioned (DP to investigate).

Cllr. Silvester said the budget was discussed at Suffolk County Council. The only item of concern for this area was the cuts to the Fire Service. Proposals will be put forward at the next SCC Full Council Meeting.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no matters of urgent business.

9. ACCOUNTS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/70/01/Feb/16**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2016.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Chq No	Net	Vat
Jan-16	32.97	Finevale Services	104941	27.48	5.49
Jan-16	119.20	ICCM	104942	105.00	14.20
Jan-16	31.68	Lyreco	104943	26.40	5.28
Jan-16	48.00	Graham Smith	104944	40.00	8.00
Jan-16	40.80	Travis Perkins	104945	34.00	6.80
Jan-16	16.50	J & D Green	104946	16.50	

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Jan-16	367.06	Alan Cross	BACS	305.88	61.18
Jan-16	20600.26	SCC	104948	17166.88	3433.38
Jan-16	18.00	Cooleraid	104949	15.00	3.00
Jan-16	1421.38	Sutcliffe Play	104950	1184.48	236.90
Jan-16	322.32	Stannah Lifts	104952	268.60	53.72
Jan-16	119.97	Tindalls	104953	99.98	19.99
Jan-16	20.32	Fengate Fasteners	104954	16.93	3.39

10. MEETING DATE

A request from the Clerk to defer the March Brandon Town Council meeting for one week.
No further action.

11. RESOLUTION from Cllr. R Silvester No. 167.

Resolution from Cllr. R Silvester that Brandon Town Council resolves to agree a way forward for the replacement of the two lime trees demolished on London Road. Cllr. N Vant argued this was not a substantive resolution and motioned an amendment that Brandon Town Council resolves **to replace** the two lime trees demolished on London Road.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/71/01/Feb/16**

Proposed by Cllr. N Vant and seconded by Cllr. I Horner.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: Unanimous.

11a) As part of the resolution, Cllr. Silvester proposed that Brandon Town Council resolves to proceed with the recovery of the replacement costs of the two lime trees demolished on London Road. Seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

12. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Discussion deferred until the next meeting. A written report to be included in the next agenda pack.

13. RESOLUTION from Cllr. P Callaghan No. 168.

That Brandon Town Council takes steps to install a free Wi-Fi system on Market Hill, to be available between 6am and 8pm each day.

Noted. Precise costs to be sourced and consultation with local businesses carried out prior to any further discussion.

14. RESOLUTION from Cllr. P Callaghan No 169.

Resolution from Cllr. P Callaghan that Brandon Town Council sponsors table top sales to be held on Market Hill on the third Sunday of every month between April and September. Cllr. G Hughes motioned an amendment that Brandon Town Council **allows** table top sales to be held on Market Hill on the third Sunday of every month between April and September.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/72/01/Feb/16**

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED: Unanimous.

15. RESOLUTION from Cllr. V Lukaniuk No. 170.

That Brandon Town Council resolves the town keepers remove all new growth up to three metres in height from ground level from the lime trees in Victoria Avenue and the Cemetery.

Cllr. V Lukaniuk motioned an amendment 'that the town keepers remove all new growth up to three metres in height from ground level from the lime trees in Victoria Avenue and the Cemetery **on an annual basis.**

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Resolution Record No. **BTC/73/01/Feb/16**

Proposed by Cllr. V Lukaniuk and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

AMENDMENT CARRIED: Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned for a five-minute comfort break.

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/74/01/Feb/16**

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

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 9.00pm.

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