

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 6 July 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. P Callaghan; Cllr. I Horner.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding (Assistant to the Town Clerk), a police representative 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 1 June 2015.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/17/06/7/15**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF
MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 1 June 2015.

A question was raised relating to the low blue cycle signage in George Street (RS to action); the overgrown nettles at the Yew Drive play area (DB photographs taken and submitted to FHDC); replacement bench at Thetford Road (ordered awaiting delivery); drain cover on Rattlers Road (now replaced).

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Matters included the delegation to the Brandon District Councillors of the three projects Bill Bishop was working on prior to his retirement i.e. the widening of the entrance to the Bury Road car park; the replacement of Lime Trees in London Road, assistance to ensure the continuation of the Fledglings play group; the clearing up of the nettles on the Yew Drive's play area; full list of traffic lights and their respective numbers; the Brandon Community Union meeting on Friday 10th July at the Leisure Centre; overhanging branches in Victoria Avenue (quotation received but deferred until the next precept meeting); crimes reported to Mildenhall when the Brandon office is closed are credited to the town in which they occur.

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

The Brandon crime figures were circulated at the meeting. For the month of June 2015 there were 30 crimes recorded. This compares to 49 crimes for June 2014. Questions were invited. Members were informed Sgt. Tulley has left Brandon for a placement in Bury St Edmunds. PC Vicky McNamara will be Acting Sergeant until a replacement is recruited.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. R Silvester's (SCC) reported the works to the road surface between Wordwell and the Elveden crossroads still requires the wearing course to be applied. With extra traffic on the Bury Road, this side of Elveden, Cllr. I Horner asked whether this section of road will be repaired/resurfaced in the foreseeable future.

Cllr. P Ridgwell informed the meeting that planning permission for 64 homes had been granted on the Old Caulders Site, Weeting.

In respect of the project to make the River Ouse between Thetford and Brandon navigable, Cllr. G Hughes said the consortium involved was merely looking for a letter of support from Brandon Town Council and not any financial involvement.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

An Extraordinary Full Brandon Town Council Meeting to discuss and comment on the Cross Boundary Planning Application – Land West of Brandon submitted by Talavera Estates Limited was agreed for Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.00pm.

9. ACCOUNTS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/18/06/Jul/15**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES 9.1 AND 9.2 EN BLOC.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Chq No	Net	Vat
Jun-15	183.93	Finevale Services	104847	153.28	30.65
Jun-15	1004.40	Smiths of Derby	BACS	837.00	167.40
Jun-15	48.00	Graham Smith	104848	40.00	8.00
Jun-15	54.00	J & D Green	104849	54.00	
Jun-15	23.98	Tindalls	104850	19.99	3.99
Jun-15	162.42	Interserve	104851	135.35	27.07
Jun-15	125.48	Stannah	104852	104.57	20.91
Jun-15	12.30	Fengate Fasteners	104853	10.25	2.05
Jun-15	357.73	Brunning Electrical	104854	298.11	59.62

Resolution Record No. **BTC/19/06/Jul/15**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. P Ridgwell.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES A \$137 DONATION OF ONE HUNDRED POUNDS TO THE VOLUNTARY NETWORK.

10. DATE FOR THE NINE STILES WALK

Date agreed as Friday 7th August 2015 at 7.00pm. Meet at the first stile Coulson Lane, Brandon.

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11. CEMETERY INSPECTION

Date agreed as Thursday 13th August 2015 at 7.00pm. Meet at the Cemetery.

12. EMERGENCY PLANNING PANEL AND THE EVENTS WORKING GROUP

Cllr. I Horner was appointed to the Events Working Group and the Emergency Planning Panel. Cllr. P Callaghan to the Events Working Group. With regards to the Emergency Panel, it was suggested members of the public should be invited to apply. Information to be advertised in the forthcoming Brandon Magazine.

13. DIGITISATION OF CEMETERY RECORDS

Other quotations to be sourced prior to a decision being made.

14. Resolution Record No. BTC/20/06/Jul/15

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. P Ridgwell.

CARRIED: 10 for 3 against 1 abstention.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS CLLR. V LUKANIUK AND
CLLR. P RIDGWELL AS TOWN MONITORS TO REPORT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE
TO THE CLERK, ANY ISSUES RELATING TO THE GENERAL UPKEEP AND
APPEARANCE OF THE TOWN.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/21/06/Jul/15**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. L Jacobs.

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 8.45pm.

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