

# **BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting

Held on Monday 5 December 2016

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

**Present:** Cllr. P Callaghan, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. V Lukaniuk, Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. R Burrows, Cllr. D Palmer, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. P Etherington, Cllr. R Silvester.

**Also present:** Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding and seven members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

Prior to the meeting, a minute's silence was held in memory of former Town Councillor Mr David Pocock.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reasons tendered.

Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. E Jacobs, Cllr. I Horner.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.

None.

**3. CLERK'S REPORT**

Questions raised included the deferral in planting the new trees on London Road (cables, found whilst digging have to be investigated by SCC Highways); the dreadful condition of the Wood Close and Yew Drive play areas has still not been addressed; clock face light not working (Smiths of Derby to be contacted); steering group formed to assist the new provider of the Brandon Day Care Centre.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM**

Matters raised included a thank you to all who had been involved in saving the Brandon Day Care Centre; the new cemetery (still commercially sensitive); the lime trees in London Road (planting delayed until the cables under the verge have been scanned by SCC); an email from Rights of Way office saying they had not received any complaints from the town council relating to Small Fen Lane (the Clerk to investigate); HGV's creating significant air pollution in the town (a letter has been sent to Peter Grimm SCC); proposals for The Lode; the submission to Planning for eight houses on the site of the old Bingo Hall (could have a detrimental effect on the Church Institute); a question was asked whether permission had been given to cut down the self-set hawthorn in the High Street and under whose insurance the work was covered by and whether Health & Safety legislation had been complied with (BTC not involved).

**5. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES**

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 November 2016.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/58/05/Dec/16**

**CARRIED:**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF  
MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016 BE APPROVED.

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**6. MATTERS ARISING** information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 7 November 2016.

Three points were raised: replacement of the tarmac path around 'Evergreens' (RS to action); traffic flow figures (PC to send details to Brandon Life); the possibility of utilising the crane to put up permanent lights on the Old School House (too late for this year as SCC needs to be involved); the ownership of the private road at The Lode was questioned (RS reiterated this was not owned by SCC).

**7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS** from County and District Councillors, Community Group Representatives.

Only one report was received from Cllr. P Etherington in which ideas for the weekend celebration and commemoration of Armistice Day were detailed.

**8. ACCOUNTS**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/59/05/Dec/16**

**CARRIED:**

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2016.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Vat</b>
Nov-16	99.97	Travis Perkins	105117	83.06	16.91
Nov-16	116.12	Fengate Fasteners	105119	96.76	19.36
Nov-16	229.94	Thetford Gd Centre	105120	191.62	38.32
Nov-16	8.34	Cooleraid	105121	6.95	1.39
Nov-16	72.00	TWR	105122	60.00	12.00
Nov-16	48.00	Graham Smith	105123	40.00	8.00
Nov-16	47.88	Lyreco	105124	39.90	7.98
Nov-16	145.62	Finevale Services	105125	121.35	24.27
Nov-16	61.31	Arco	105126	51.09	10.22
Nov-16	4.03	Chase Timber	105127	3.36	0.67
Nov-16	67.93	Tindalls	105128	56.61	11.32
Nov-16	336.00	Environment Agency	105129	336.00	
Nov-16	16.50	J & D Green	105130	16.50	

**9. PRECEPT DATE**

Date agreed as Monday 23 January 2017 at 7.00pm.

**10. MEETING DATES**

Agreed and noted.

**11. DESIGNATED PLACE ORDERS**

No concerns were raised. A collective comment to be submitted to West Suffolk.

**12. STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A letter from the Standards Committee relating to a complaint was read out by the Chairman. 'In respect of Cllr. Vant, the finding is that after careful consideration of the allegations against him, his conduct does not breach the Suffolk Code of Conduct. In respect of Cllr. V Lukaniuk the finding is, he is in breach of the Suffolk Code of Conduct Para 1 'You must treat others with

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respect'. It is recommended that Cllr. Lukaniuk is removed from the role of Town Monitor as his style of monitoring comes across as overbearing'.

**13. RESOLUTION** from Cllr. V Lukaniuk No.182.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/59/05/Dec/16**

**CARRIED:**

THAT SUBJECT TO LEGAL PERSMISSIONS BEING RECEIVED, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE LOCATION OF THE POLISH MEMORIAL IN BRANDON CEMETERY.

**14. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

*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.*

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

**15. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/60/05/Dec/16**

**CARRIED:**

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL CONFIDENTIAL MEETING OF MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016 BE APPROVED.

**16. NEW CEMETERY**

Confidential.

**17. STAFFING MATTER**

Confidential.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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