

## **BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting

Held on Monday 8th May 2017 in the Council Chamber, The Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon at 8.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr. P Callaghan, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. V Lukaniuk, Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. D Palmer, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. I Horner, Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. R Brabbs, Cllr. S Smith.

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

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm.

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE.**

Nominations were invited for the post of Chairman of Brandon Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ian Horner and seconded by Cllr. Hughes that Cllr. P Callaghan be elected.

A second nomination was received.

It was proposed by Cllr. S Smith that Cllr. R Silvester be elected. Cllr. R Silvester declined the nomination.

Cllr. P Callaghan was elected Chairman.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/01/08/May/17**

**CARRIED:** By majority vote.

THAT COUNCILLOR PETER CALLAGHAN BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2017/18.

Cllr. P Callaghan thanked members for their support.

### **2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for the post of Vice-Chairman of Brandon Town Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. P Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. N Vant that Cllr. I Horner be elected. There being no other nominations, Cllr. I Horner was elected

Resolution Record No. **BTC/02/08/May/17**

**CARRIED:** By majority vote.

THAT CLLR IAN HORNER BE ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2017/18

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**10. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM RAF LAKENHEATH**

Squadron Leader Neilds reported a surge in flying and a small increase in night sorties. The F35s had flown in from Utah, and had now returned to the USA. That blip aside, he was expecting flying activities to quieten down for a while. Cllr. Lukaniuk re-iterated his request that the Wangford Triangle be opened up for parking, for safety reasons. This has been countered by the area being a SSSI. The Chairman expressed his gratitude and that of Cllrs. Hughes and Palmer for the hospitality they had recently received at the base.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** and approval of reasons tendered.  
Cllr. P Etherington.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.  
None.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS 2017/18**

Brandon Heritage Centre	Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. R Silvester
Brandon Neighbourhood Watch	Cllr. P Ridgewell
Brandon Remembrance Playing Field	Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. D Palmer
Community Association Representative	Cllr. G Hughes
Public Transport Liaison Officer	Cllr. P Ridgewell
FHDC Health Forum	Cllr. S Smith
SALC	Cllr. G Hughes
Brandon Country Park	Cllr. G Hughes
Brandon Voluntary Forum	Cllr. G Hughes
Brandon Allotments	Cllr. T Simmons
Safer Neighbourhood Team	Cllr. G Hughes
Little Ouse Group	Cllr. G Hughes

**REPRESENTATIVES FOR BTC COMMITTEES 2017/18**

East Ward Lighting Working Party	Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. P Ridgewell
West Ward Lighting Working Party	Cllr. V Lukaniuk, Cllr. D Palmer
BTC Cemetery Committee	The Full Council
Planning Panel	Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. V Lukaniuk
Emergency Panel	Cllr. S Smith, Cllr. V Lukaniuk, Cllr. B Brabbs
Events Working Group	Vacant
New Cemetery Working Group	Dissolved

Signed.....

**6. CLERK'S REPORT**

Cllr Lukaniuk requested a resolution concerning the Lode for the June meeting.

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

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Tuesday 11th April 2017.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/03/08/May/17**

**CARRIED:**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING OF TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2017 BE APPROVED.**

**8. MATTERS ARISING** Information exchange only regarding the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Tuesday 11th April 2017.

Cllr. Lukaniuk requested that the most recent information on Gravel Hill be provided. The Clerk replied that the plans were with Ashton's Legal. Cllr. Brabbs provided the current Land Registry information showing that the land had been divided between two neighbouring landowners in 2007 and 2009.

**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Skinner suggested that BTC put in a counter-claim for Gravel Hill to the Land Registry. He also wished to thank all those who came to the Heritage Centre public meeting and urged all to come to the AGM and to look at their new web site. Mr Skinner also requested that BTC's account balances were provided every month. Members of the public raised serious speeding issues on the Bury Road and Church Road. Mr Bishop wished to thank Cllr. Palmer for his efforts to save the Day Care Centre.

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

Cllr. Lukaniuk thanked the public for voting him onto Suffolk County Council and outlined his vision for Brandon. Councillor Silvester asked for comments on the proposed merger between St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath District Councils.

**12. URGENT BUSINESS** None.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr. Vant asked why so little Council correspondence was circulated to members. It was decided that the Chairman, together with the Clerk, would sift the correspondence (including emails) and distribute all relevant material.

Cllr. Lukaniuk requested clarification of the Bullard report.

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**14. ACCOUNTS**

14.1 Resolution Record No. **BTC/04/08/May/17**

**CARRIED:**

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENTS FOR  
APRIL 2017.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Apr-17	5118.11	WPS Insurance	5118.11	0.00
Apr-17	145.20	Barcham	121.00	24.20
Apr-17	420.00	Thompson Solicitors	350.00	70.00
Apr-17	1053.60	Leader	878.00	175.60
Apr-17	840.00	BBS	700.00	140.00
Apr-17	60.00	Terry Hawkins	60.00	0.00
Apr-17	48.00	Graham Smith	40.00	8.00
Apr-17	303.60	Southern Tank Services	253.00	50.60
Apr-17	10.20	Bearing Supplies	8.50	1.70
Apr-17	16.50	J & D Green	16.50	0.00
Apr-17	522.00	EasTec Ltd	435.00	87.00
Apr-17	1422.00	EasTec Ltd	1185.00	237.00
Apr-17	65.99	Brandon PAT Testing	54.99	11.00
Apr-17	9.60	Thetford Garden Centre	8.00	1.60
Apr-17	53.94	Cooleraid	44.95	8.99
Apr-17	37.16	Finevale Services	30.98	6.18
Apr-17	47.88	Land Registry	39.90	7.98
Apr-17	59.90	Amazon	49.92	9.98
Apr-17	8.76	RAC Shop	7.30	1.46
Apr-17	16.62	EVAQ8	13.85	2.77
Apr-17	15.07	Amazon	12.56	2.51
Apr-17	177.43	Travis Perkins	147.86	29.57
Apr-17	54.47	Fengate Fasteners	45.39	9.08
Apr-17	4.64	Chase Timber	3.87	0.77
Apr-17	135.28	Amazon	112.73	22.55

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**14.2 RESOLUTION** from Cllr. Lukaniuk.  
Resolution Record No. **BTC/05/08/ May/17**  
**CARRIED:**

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO TERMINATE VERMIN CONTROL AT THE LODGE.

**14.3** Request for S137 donation to the Voluntary Network refused.

**15. RESOLUTION** from Cllr. B Brabbs No.197  
Resolution Record No. **BTC/06/08/May/17**  
**CARRIED:**

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF PLUM PUDDING PIECE.

**16. BRANDON POORS ESTATE**

Cllr. R Silvester, as trustee to the Poors Estate, arranged to meet Cllr. B Brabbs to investigate road obstruction.

**17. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Clerk stated that another report had been received. She reported that satisfactory progress was being made on resolving the remaining issues.

**18. RESOLUTION** from Cllr. T Simmons No.198.

That Brandon Town Council resolves to recover taxpayers' monies from Councillors responsible for additional expenditure incurred in relation to staffing matters.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/07/08/May/17**  
**WITHDRAWN.**

**19. RESOLUTION** from Cllr. P Callaghan  
Resolution Record No. **BTC/08/08/May/17**  
**CARRIED:**

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO SEEK INTERNAL MEDIATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, RATHER THAN INSTIGATING A STANDARDS COMMITTEE COMPLAINT.

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

Resolution Record No. **BTC/09/08/May/17**  
**CARRIED:**

*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.*

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**21. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**  
of the Brandon Town Council meeting of Tuesday 11th April 2017.  
Resolution Record No. **BTC/10/08/May/17**

**CARRIED:**

THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN  
COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017 BE APPROVED.

**22. STAFFING MATTERS**

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