

## **BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting

Held on Monday 2 March 2015

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

**Present:** Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. K Butcher, Cllr. I Horner, Cllr. L Jacobs.

**Also present:** Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Mrs B Harding (Assistant to the Town Clerk), two police representatives, Cllr. Bill Bishop and twelve members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Prior to the opening of the meeting a minutes silence was held in memory of former councillor Mrs Christa Silvester.

### **PRESENTATION BY JAYNE COLE – BRANDON WEBSITE**

Due to illness the presentation was deferred until the next meeting.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. R Crowther, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. S Edwards, Cllr. Mrs L Challiss. Cllr. M Skinner did not attend.

#### **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 2 February 2015 and the Precept Meeting of Monday 26 January 2015.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/81/02/Mar/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. N Vant.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2015 AND THE PRECEPT MEETING OF MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2015 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.**

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING** for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council meeting of Monday 5 January 2015 and the Precept Meeting of Monday 26 January 2015.

Matters raised included the flint mural at the Brandon Community Centre; a letter in the Brandon Life from the Secretary of the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields regarding their accounts.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM** – Monthly event limited to 3 minutes duration maximum per resident.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/82/02/Mar/15**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. I Horner

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.**

Members of the public raised matters relating to the progress, if any, on the cycle path in George Street; the sale of the Old Ambulance Station and whether it was a private sale or auction; a request for a donation towards the printing costs of a booklet entitled 'Brandon at War' (RS to action); kerbing on Bury Road to stop HGVs mounting the grass verges; the BRPF's accounts (this matter is now closed; no further conversation will be permitted); a request for grit bins; dog fouling at the Playing Fields. Given that one member of the public is consistently offensive, Cllr. G Hughes requested, as a point of order, that after years of verbal abuse this person should be denied the privilege of speaking in the public forum. The Chairman felt this was one step too far but agreed to monitor the situation.

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

A verbal report was given by the police. There were 27 recorded crimes relevant to Brandon in February 2015 against 17 last year. Whilst there has been increase, it was noted that six of the offences were committed by the same offender during one protracted incident. With budget cuts the number of Brandon SNT police officers will be reduced from three to two. No time frame at this present time.

Squadron Leader J Neilds reported details of what is happening to the Mildenhall Base could be published at the end of the month. With no other matter to relate, questions were invited. Subjects included the cost of the clean-up operation after the Lincs plane crash (statutory split of 75% and 25%); the noise/vibration footprint from the new F35 planes on houses on the flight line; re-investigation into the closure of Lord's Walk (not until 2017).

**7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS** (if any) from County and /or District Councillors.

Issues raised in Cllr. B Bishop's report included the unkempt shrubbery on the Aldi side of The Lode; the dangerous cycle path at George Street; land for the new cemetery; the Relief Road; the alterations to the entrance to the Bury Road car park; the eight new houses planned at 'Evergreens'. Cllr. T Simmons reported tattoo parlours /skin piercing establishments are now required to be licensed. Questions to Cllr. R Silvester (SCC) said a previous request from the 201 bus driver for a mirror at the junction of Green Road/Thetford Road was not a legal requirement and cannot be actioned by SCC; a request for kerbing from the old library to Heath Road (not a legal requirement); a request for a cycle lane to Center Parcs; the cuts to the Care in the Community budget and the consequences of this proposal. Cllr. G Hughes said feedback regarding the 'Memorandum of Understanding between Forest Heath District Council and the Parishes and Towns

of Forest Heath relating to appropriate development of the District' is required by the

13 March 2015. Cllr. P Ridgwell asked whether the town council intended to hold events relating to the 200 years anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and the 70 years anniversary of VE day.

The meeting was reconvened.

**8. URGENT BUSINESS** – any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business.

There were no matters of urgent business.

## **9. ACCOUNTS**

9.1 Resolution Record No. **BTC/83/02/Mar/14**

Proposed by Cllr. N Vant and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

**THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF THE FEBRUARY 2015 ACCOUNTS.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Feb-15	54.00	J & D Green	54.00	
Feb-15	300.00	St John Ambulance	250.00	50.00
Feb-15	35.91	Finevale Service Station	29.92	5.99
Feb-15	8.34	Cooleraid Limited	6.95	1.39
Feb-15	48.00	Graham Smith & Sons	40.00	8.00
Feb-15	109.47	Tindalls The Stationers Ltd	91.23	18.24
Feb-15	260.00	Culford Waste Limited	216.67	43.33
Feb-15	21,628.00	Suffolk County Council	18,023.34	3,604.66
Feb-15	33.50	Travis Perkins	27.92	5.58
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>22,477.22</b>		<b>18,740.03</b>	<b>3,737.19</b>

9.2 Resolution Record No. **BTC/84/02/Mar/15**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. R Silvester.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

**THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES A S137 DONATION OF FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS TO THE BRANDON AND SANTON DOWNHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION.**

9.3 Resolution Record No. **BTC/85/02/Mar/15**

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

**CARRIED:** 6 for 1 against 1 abstention.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM MAGPAS FOR A S137 DONATION.

#### **10. BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Deferred until the next meeting.

#### **11. HANGING BASKETS**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/86/02/Mar/15**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. I Horner.

**CARRIED:** 7 for 2 against.

IF SURPLUS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN TEAM, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL WILL USE THE SELF WATERING HANGING BASKETS ON MARKET HILL.

#### **12. ADOPTION OF MEDIA POLICY**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/87/02/Mar/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS IN FULL THE MEDIA POLICY AS DEFINED BY NALC.

#### **13. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/88/02/Mar/15**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. N Vant.

**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.