

## **BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting

Held on Monday 3 November 2014

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

**Present:** Cllr. R Silvester, (Chairman), Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. K Butcher,  
Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. M Skinner, Cllr. P MacLoughlin,  
Cllr. R Crowther, Cllr. I Horner.

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

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Mrs L Challiss, Cllr. S Edwards.

### **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 6 October 2014.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/52/03/Nov/14**

Amendment to minutes: Agenda item 12 to read...to increase the cemetery fees by ten per cent. Agenda item 14 to read...Not carried: 8 against 3 for.

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. N Vant.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

**THAT THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.**

### **4. MATTERS ARISING** for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council meeting of Monday 3 November 2014.

Matters raised included the meaning of the wording '7 non recorded crimes' in the Police Report; request for additional grit bins.

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

Resolution Record No. **BTC/53/03/Nov/14**

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

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

Members of the public raised matters relating to the cost of the archaeological dig carried out on land at Manor Road; whether planning conditions could be met within the time frame; the accounts of the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields; lorries turning left from the old Milbank's site and driving up the High Street; are there any plans for the redevelopment of the land at the Community Centre?

#### **6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE POLICE**

A verbal report was given by Sgt. Tulley. There were 14 recorded crimes relevant to Brandon within the last month. The same time period last year saw 45 crimes recorded. An explanation was given relating to the wording 'non-recorded crimes' (attendance by police but no actual crime committed).

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

Issues raised in Cllr. B Bishop's report included the possibility of funding being available for the allotments; the Scoping Report; the BRPF accounts; the Halloween event on Market Hill; improved mobile phone system; visit to Brandon by the new Brandon Country Park Manager. Cllr. D Bimson reported that Mildenhall Lodge Care Home (part of CARE-UK) was discussed at a recent Health & Scrutiny Committee Meeting. A second inspection is to be undertaken within the next few months. Cllr. T Simmons informed the meeting, 53% of FHDC's blue bin waste was now being recycled.

Cllr. R Silvester said attempts to move local projects forward were being hampered by a dispute between Suffolk County Council and Kier Group. Further to Cllr. D Bimson's report on Mildenhall Lodge Care Home, Suffolk County Council has now solved any difficulties and is happy to reinstate CARE-UK.

A question was raised regarding a traffic figures survey prior and after the A11 dual carriageway opening.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

One matter of urgent business to be heard in the confidential section of the meeting.

#### **9. ACCOUNTS**

9.1 Resolution Record No. **BTC/54/03/Nov/14**

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

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF THE OCTOBER 2014 ACCOUNTS.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Net Total	VAT
Oct-14	95.98	Tindalls The Stationers Limited	79.99	15.99
Oct-14	9.59	Fengate Fasteners Limited	7.99	1.60
Oct-14	157.10	Finevale Service Station	130.93	26.17
Oct-14	48.00	Graham Smith & Sons	40.00	8.00
Oct-14	347.38	Ian Smith Office Supplies Limited	289.48	57.90
Oct-14	14.00	J & D Green	14.00	
Oct-14	983.02	IRS Limited	819.18	163.84
Oct-14	261.60	RBS Business Solutions	218.00	43.60
Oct-14	63.43	Travis Perkins	52.86	10.57
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,980.10</b>		<b>1,652.43</b>	<b>327.67</b>

## 9.2 Resolution Record No. **BTC/55/03/Nov/14**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson.

**CARRIED:** 9 for 1 against.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE QUOTATION FROM RAY LAKE ELECTRICAL OF THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY FOUR POUNDS FOR THE DECORATING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND OLD SCHOOL HOUSE.

## 10. ALLOTMENTS

No decision made until the legalities of installing cameras are verified. At this point,

Cllr. P MacLoughlin said the BRPF committee had received two reports of people being hurt by dogs not on leads. A notice 'Dogs at all times must be on a lead when on the Playing Fields' to be printed in Brandon Life.

## 11. STREET LIGHT COMMITTEES

Committee members to arrange site meetings.

## Resolution Record No. **BTC/56/03/Nov/14**

Proposed by Cllr. D Bimson and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE REPORT FROM  
RAF LAKENHEATH.

Squadron Leader Neilds reported night flying will be continuing; personnel deployed during the summer months have returned and normal training has recommenced; the Suffolk Resilience Forum Plan for Lakenheath and Eriswell. Questions were raised relating to the possibility of Lord's Walk reopening (no); rumours that personnel were being moved onto Base housing leaving empty homes in Brandon (no).

The meeting was reconvened.

## **12. SCOPING OPINION REPORT**

The contents of the Scoping Report were noted. No further comments.

## **13. STANDING ORDERS**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/57/03/Nov/14**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT STANDING ORDER 3 (L) 'PHOTOGRAPHING, RECORDING, BROADCASTING OR TRANSMITTING THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING BY ANY MEANS IS NOT PERMITTED WITHOUT THE COUNCIL'S PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT' IS DELETED.

## **14. CURRENT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR STORE STREET AND MARKET HILL**

No further action at this present time.

## **15. NEW CEMETERY**

It was agreed at the October Town Council meeting that residents should now be informed why there has been very little progress in securing the land for a new cemetery. Although a Compulsory Purchase Order on the land at Manor Road has been obtained and vested with Forest Heath District Council, negotiations between the Consortium (local land owners) and the Town Council have reached a stalemate. Their unrealistic assessment of its value is based on Housing Development Land and not Agricultural. We do have the option of taking this to a Land Tribunal but costs involved are extremely prohibitive (could be in excess of £250,000) and could not justifiably be met by Brandon tax payers. Our planning application, however, will be resubmitted next year

## **16. GRAVEL PIT**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/58/03/Nov/14**

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

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL STRONGLY REQUESTS ASHTONS KCJ TO WRITE TO THE LAND REGISTRY TO CONFIRM WHICH OF THE LISTED DOCUMENTS PROVIDED RELATE TO THE AREA OF LAND COMPRISING OF THE GRAVEL PIT. IN THE MEANTIME, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL WILL SOURCE AN ALTERNATIVE SOLICITOR SPECIALISING IN CONVEYANCING LAW.

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

Resolution Record No. **BTC/59/03/Nov/14**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson.

**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.*

**BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Confidential Minutes

Of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting

Held at 7.00pm on Monday 3 November 2014

In the Council Chamber, Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon.

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AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD

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

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 6 October 2014

Resolution Record No. **BTC/60/03/Nov/14**

**CARRIED:**

THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN MEETING OF MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2014 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

**19. MATTERS ARISING** from the confidential minutes of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 6 October 2014.

There were no matters arising.

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

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**20. NEW CEMETERY**

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With no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.