

**BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Brandon Town Council  
Held on Monday 6th December 2004  
At the (New) Forest Primary School, Bury Road, Brandon

**Present:** The Chairman Cllr. Ms J S Bourton, The Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs E Milner, Cllr. Mrs J A Ahern, Cllr. P S Baldwin, Cllr. S Edwards, Cllr. Mrs S Jureko, Cllr. P T MacLoughlin, Cllr. S A Newbon, Cllr. P R Ridgwell, Cllr. A P Saxby, Cllr. Mrs C M Silvester, Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. N A Vant.

**Also present:** RAF Lakenheath Squadron Leader Jo Daniels, The Temporary Clerk Mrs C Mason, 1 member of the press, 3 members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. V E Ashley

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND ADDITIONS TO REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS (PCC of C 2001/LGA 2000)**

None

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

Of the Brandon Town Council Full Meeting on Monday 8th November 2004 (Public Items) (LGA 1972 Sch.12)

Resolution No. BTC/165/06/Dec/04

Proposed by Cllr. A Saxby and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E Milner

CARRIED : 10 for 1 abstention 0 against

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 8TH NOVEMBER 2004 BE ACCEPTED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

From the Brandon Town Council Full Meeting of Monday 8th November 2004

None

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Resolution No. BTC/166/06/Dec/04

Proposed by the Chairman Ms J S Bourton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs S Jureko

CARRIED : Unanimous

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM AND REPORTS

Mr Flagg, of Suffolk Court, Brandon said he had recently sustained a fall near his home and due to the appalling lack of signage at the end of Coulson Lane leading into Suffolk Court a necessary ambulance was considerably delayed. The District Council to be contacted regarding this matter.

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

Key issues covered in Squadron Leader Jo Daniels report:

a) A number of US personnel are to be deployed in January. This will impact on flying operations in the area.

b) Cycle path between Brandon and RAF Lakenheath : As stated in a previous report such an initiative outside the Base is a matter for Suffolk County Council and the Local Planning

Authority. Nevertheless, RAF Lakenheath would be very receptive to such a scheme.

c) Gate 8 on the B1065 : Progress is continuing. No new information is available.

Questions to Squadron Leader Jo Daniels

Cllr. A Saxby enquired whether any decision has been made on the ongoing closure of Lord's Walk? In reply Squadron Leader Jo Daniels said this issue is still outstanding but the Town Council will be immediately informed of any new developments.

## **7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS** (if any) from Councillors and / or District Councillors None

Resolution Record No. **BTC/167/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by the Chairman Cllr Ms J S Bourton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E Milner

**CARRIED** : Unanimous

THAT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL RECONVENES

## **8. URGENT BUSINESS** – any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business (pursuant to Section 100B (4) LGA 1972)

a) Contrary to a report given previously by PC Grant that all CCTV cameras in the town are fully functional the meeting was advised the camera pointing towards the Flintknappers Public house is in fact inoperative. Cllr N Vant expressed concern that with the Christmas tree currently sited in the Market Hill the camera needed to be urgently repaired.

b) Cllr. P MacLoughlin reported the Town Clock does not strike 10pm. It is anticipated this will be rectified in the New Year.

c) Christmas Lights Switching On Ceremony – it was unanimously agreed the evening was extremely successful. The Chairman requested a vote of thanks be given to Cllr. A Saxby and Linda Merick for their invaluable help on the day.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** Notifications circulated : plans at Meeting

Resolution Record No. **BTC/168/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by Cllr. A Saxby and seconded by Cllr. Mrs J Ahern

**NOT CARRIED:** 6 for 3 against 0 abstentions

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION F/2004/1000/CAT, FELLING OF 1 SWEET CHESTNUT, 2 CHERRY TREES AND 4 CONIFERS AND REPOLLARDING OF 3 LIMES HELLESDON HOUSE, BRANDON

Resolution Record No. **BTC/169/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by Cllr. A Saxby and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E Milner

**CARRIED:** 8 for 3 against 2 abstentions

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES NO OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION F2004/0954/COU, 56 HIGH STREET, BRANDON.

### **9.1 Resolution Record No. BTC/170/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs S Jureko and seconded by Cllr. Mrs E Milner.

**CARRIED:** Unanimous

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES NO OBJECTION TO THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS HEREUNDER DESCRIBED

F/2004/0948/FUL: Submission of details under outline permission F/2004/0352/OUT for the erection of one dwelling with integral garage. Land adjacent no.100 Bury Road, Brandon.  
NO OBJECTION

F/2004/0947/FUL: Resubmission: Erection of two storey dwelling with integrated garage. Erection of single storey garage and new vehicular access. 86-88 London Road, Brandon.

NO OBJECTION

F/2004/0970/FUL: Resubmission: erection of detached garage 45 Seymour Avenue, Brandon.

NO OBJECTION

F/2004/0958/OUT: Outline application: Erection of one house with integral garage. Land adjacent to 182 London Road, Brandon.

NO OBJECTION

F/2004/0982/FUL: Erection of single storey rear extension and new vehicular access 208 Park View, Brandon.

NO OBJECTION

## **9.2 DECISIONS and other information from FHDC since 8th November 2004.**

### **9.2.1 Planning Applications GRANTED**

F/2004/0830/TPO Felling of one Oak Tree 23 Bracken Rise, Brandon

APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS

Item F/2004/0993/OUT Outline application: erection of two single storey dwellings and one detached garage and alterations to vehicular access (demolition of existing bungalow) 26 Mile End, Brandon – Application withdrawn.

## **10. ACCOUNTS**

To receive and approve November 2004 payments

### **10.1 Public Items – discussion permitted**

Questions were raised by:

Cllr. P MacLoughin in respect of the October /November payments to Unicom for tel/fax/internet costs.

Cllr. P Ridgwell in respect of the November payment to Finevale Service Station for fuel costs.

Clarification on these queries to be given by the Chairman Ms J Bourton at the next Town Council meeting.

Cllr. Mrs J Ahern enquired whether quotations for alternative electricity suppliers have been obtained.

In reply Cllr. A Saxby said he had not yet had the opportunity to contact relevant companies.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/171/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E Milner and seconded by Mrs S Jureko

**NOT CARRIED:** 5 for 8 against 0 abstentions

**THAT THE PAYMENTS ON THE LIST SUBMITTED FOR NOVEMBER 2004 (PUBLIC ITEMS) AND PRODUCED HEREUNDER ARE APPROVED**

### **10.2 Confidential Items (Staff Salaries/Loc Gov. Pension)**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/172/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs E Milner and seconded by the Cllr. S Newbon

**CARRIED :** Unanimous

**THAT PAYMENT ON THE LIST SUBMITTED FOR NOVEMBER 2004 (CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS – STAFF SALARIES) AS CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS IS APPROVED.**

## **11. TO BE ADVISED OF EXISTING CEMETRY WORKS**

The Chairman Cllr. Ms J S Bourton informed the meeting that the new ashes plot has now been opened up.

A structural engineer has yet to be consulted regarding the disrepair of the cemetery wall.

## **12. JUSTICES LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

12.1 Elveden Stores and Post Office, Elveden

12.2 CRS Ltd Office Licence - Brandon

Resolution Record No. **BTC/173/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Milner and seconded by Cllr. S Newbon

**CARRIED** : 10 in favour 0 against 1 abstention

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE CURRENT JUSTICES LICENCE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS APPERTAINING TO THE PREMISES KNOWN AS ELVEDEN STORES AND POST OFFICE, ELVEDEN, CRS LTD. OFFICE LICENCE - BRANDON

## **13. REPORTS FROM WEST AND EAST WARD LIGHTING COMMITTEES**

**REFERENCE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING -**

Deferred until the January meeting

## **14. BRANDON REMEMBRANCE PLAYING FIELDS**

Prior to discussing this item Cllr. P MacLoughlin asked it to be minuted he has now resigned as Chairman of the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields Committee.

14.1 Request for funding

Resolution Record No. **BTC/174/06/Dec/04**

Proposed by the Chairman Cllr. Ms J S Bourton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs J Ahern

**CARRIED**: 8 for 2 against 0 abstention

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL PAY A SEPARATE GRANT OF £1400 WITHOUT THE PROVISION OF ANY MINUTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Chairman Cllr. Ms J S Bourton advised the meeting she had received a letter from the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields Committee regarding Resolution BTC/157/08/Nov/04, stating they were not prepared to send additional minutes direct to the Town Council. In light of this, the Chairman said that as the Council had voted on the issue of the minutes last month, the Council could not legally reverse the decision for six months. Any payment from precepted funds for this ring-fenced money would therefore be illegal.

*During the discussion Cllr. R Silvester proposed a resolution of no confidence in the Chair. Cllr P McLoughlin later said he had seconded this motion although other members of the council and the clerk could not confirm this.*

With continued obstruction of the meeting by Cllr. P MacLoughlin and Cllr. Mr R Silvester the Chairman Cllr. Ms J S Bourton stated for the minutes "I name Cllr. P MacLoughlin for wilfully obstructing the business of the Council and persistently disregarding the ruling of the Chairman." Cllr. Mr R Silvester retorted, "Then you will have to name me." The Chairman Cllr. Ms J S Bourton then stated for the minutes "I also name you Cllr. Mr R Silvester for wilfully obstructing the business of the Council and persistently disregarding the ruling of the Chairman."

A resolution to move to next business was proposed but was continually barracked by Cllr. P MacLoughlin & Cllr. Mr R Silvester with Cllr. Mr R Silvester commenting "I will not move on."

The Chairman, Cllr. Ms J S Bourton then considered it necessary to declare the meeting closed.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm