

Brandon Town Council
Annual Cemetery Meeting
Monday 10th August 2020

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Brandon Town Council Cemetery Meeting
held on Monday 10th August 2020 at Brandon Cemetery,
Church Road, Brandon at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr P Wittam (Chair), Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr D Palmer, Cllr P Ridgwell,
Cllr S Skinner

Chairman Cllr Wittam welcomed those present and stated the relevant Covid 19 distancing rules that would apply to the meeting. He also stated that questions from the public relating directly to the subject matter would be taken via the Chair.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE and approval of reason tendered.
Cllr S Corciulo

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

That Cllr S Skinner be elected as new Vice Chairman.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr D Palmer

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS CLLR S SKINNER AS THE NEW VICE CHAIRMAN. CLLR S SKINNER IS TO VISIT THE OFFICE AND SIGN THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST and additions to Members Register of Interests.
Cllr P Ridgwell – has exclusive rights.
Cllr S Skinner - Funeral Director.

4 ISSUES RAISED DURING THE TOUR OF THE BRANDON CEMETERY

Councillors inspected the hedging on the southern side of the cemetery where a hole had previously been evident. This has now been repaired and ground staff are to monitor the situation. It was noted that the opening in the box bush had been made and any evidence of rough sleepers had disappeared. Cllr Lukaniuk stated that the presentation of the cemetery was immaculate. He further stated that the ivy be removed from the enclosing walls as soon as possible. Councillors then inspected the retaining wall on the western boundary and noted the condition of the wall and the invasive planting. Ground staff are to further tidy this area with the aid of some Councillors. A discussion took place regarding the trees adjoining Church Road which will be cut back during the autumn/winter months. Councillors attention was drawn to the footpath from Church Road to Church End which has been subject to previous comment. It was generally agreed that whilst there were a couple of places that required minor attention by the ground staff, major resurfacing of the footpath will not take place until it can be fully budgeted for.

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5 VISIT AND DISCUSS BRANDON REMEMBRANCE PLAY AREA

Councillors attention was drawn to the recent safety reports. A discussion took place regarding the individual elements and the proposed actions that have been agreed following a meeting by the Clerk and the inspector from West Suffolk Council. Councillors were invited to survey the new yard at BRPF. Councillors asked a number of questions which were answered by the chargehand and Clerk. Comments were made by members of the public present.

6 ISSUES RAISED DURING THE TOUR OF THE ORCHARD

Deferred due to failing light.

7 ASSESSMENT AND COMMENTS ON VICTORIA AVENUE

Deferred due to failing light.

8 DISCUSSION regarding Public Space Protection Order renewal.

It was agreed that this matter was to be left in the hands of West Suffolk to deal with.

9 URGENT BUSINESS any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business.

The Clerk commented that he is in conversation with West Suffolk regarding the locking and unlocking of the access bollard to Market Hill and also the power outlet pillars.

10 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

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr S Skinner

Resolution Record No: **BTC/13/10/Aug/20**

CARRIED: Unanimous

The meeting closed at 8.50pm