

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
held at the Church Institute, London Road, Brandon on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllr S Skinner (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr B Brabbs, Cllr P Etherington, Cllr J Hughes, Cllr J Lloyd-Blackwell, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr D Moore, Cllr D Palmer, Cllr P Ridgwell, Cllr N Vant, Cllr P Wittam

Also Present: 7 members of the public.

- 1 **APOLOGIES** for absence and approval of reasons tendered.
Cllr L Atkins – apology accepted.
The Chair announced that Cllr Corciulo had resigned his position as Councillor to Brandon Town Council.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interest.
Cllr P Etherington – Non-pecuniary interest – item 12, Cllr D Palmer – Non-pecuniary interest – item 14, Cllr P Wittam – Non-pecuniary interest – item 15, Cllr N Vant - Non-pecuniary interest – item 14.
- 3 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SQN LDR GEARY - RAF LAKENHEATH**
Sqn Ldr Geary gave an update having been in post now for three months. Key highlights being the Squadron awarded best station in the whole of the U.S. Airforce and the success of the agile combat deployment to RAF Leeming and RAF Fairford. This involved ten aircraft and approximately fifty personnel. The F15C's will be leaving by the end of the year with the F35's arriving later. Sixty-seven medical personnel were deployed to USAF Ramstein to assist with the evacuation from Afghanistan. The Sqn Ldr confirmed he had been able to attend a memorial service on base marking the twentieth anniversary of 9/11. Sqn Ldr Geary also added a US Lieutenant Colonel on base had been one of the responders during 9/11 and had slept on a bench whilst assisting with the rescue mission. Cllr Lukaniuk requested an update on the construction work on base. Sqn Ldr Geary confirmed that the simulator building external had nearly been completed and there would be possibly another eighteen months of construction work to be undertaken.
Cllr Wittam asked the Chair if it would be appropriate for a minute's silence for those lost in conflicts and 9/11. Cllr Skinner agreed and the meeting halted for one minute's silence.
- 4 **TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES**
- Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 12th July 2021.
Cllr Lukaniuk asked for amendments to the text to be made, which the Clerk noted.
Proposer: Cllr P Etherington
Seconder: Cllr B Brabbs
Resolution Record No: **BTC/68/13/Sep/21**
CARRIED: By majority vote: 10 for, 2 unable to vote.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 12TH JULY 2021 BE APPROVED.

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- Of the Brandon Town Council Cemetery Meeting of Monday 9th August 2021.

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr S Annear

Resolution Record No: **BTC/69/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 10 for, 1 abstention, 1 unable to vote.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY MEETING OF MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2021 BE APPROVED.

5 MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the Full Council Meeting of 12th July 2021 and 9th August 2021.

Cllr Ridgwell stated he had a phone call from Suffolk Historic Buildings regarding options for the Brandon station building asking for possible uses for the building. He had suggested a bed and breakfast, tourist information, cycle hire, café or a taxi rank.

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

Cllr Wittam stated that Monkey Stile footpath is very overgrown and a large amount of litter was present on the footpath. Cllr Brabbs asked who is responsible for this public right of way. The Clerk stated, Suffolk County Council. Cllr Wittam remarked that it does not matter who is responsible, Brandon Town Council should maintain it in a safe state.

Cllr Ridgwell had recently visited a neighbouring property and stated that as they pay a higher rate of council tax, they should not have to endure the current state of the footpath.

7 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORT from the Town Clerk.

Report was received. Clarification was requested of the amount of the grant Brandon Town Council had received from West Suffolk. It was confirmed to Cllr Lukaniuk that Brandon Town Council had received £63,400, to be spent on a number of specified projects. Cllr Lukaniuk queried whether there would be funds available for the Bikers Bash and was advised by Cllr Etherington that he should make an application for funding to Brandon Town Council which will be duly considered.

8 PUBLIC FORUM monthly event limited to 3 minutes duration maximum per resident, this will include reports from County, District and Town Councillors also Community Group Representatives.

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Resolution Record No: **BTC/70/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: Unanimous

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

Cllr Lukaniuk speaking as a County Councillor stated that the aggregate facility did require planning permission for the second siding and an enforcement notice had been served on Network Rail. Cllr Lukaniuk stated he had been approached regarding the old community centre site which had recently been refused planning permission and residents enquired if this could be purchased for the use of an additional car park in Brandon.

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Cllr Lukaniuk stated that Suffolk County Council were currently two years into a four-year car park review period so nothing will happen for a further two years. Cllr Lukaniuk mentioned that the same charity that had contacted Cllr Ridgwell had contacted him regarding ideas for the station building. Cllr Wittam reported that there had been forty-three visits made in August by the Enforcement Officers with twenty-four tickets issued. It had been noted that the officers were also making early morning and early evening visits.

Cllr Palmer stated that his report was submitted in writing but was too long to read in the three-minute period allowed so he would read the salient points. He first pointed out that Suffolk County Council were currently clearing paths and roads in the Brandon area which the three District Councillors had been expediting for some time. He noted that in the West Ward four streetlights were currently out which had been reported to Suffolk County Council for action. Continuing with the street lighting theme he was meeting with senior officials of West Suffolk to discuss the issue of parity in Council Tax with St Edmundsbury who do not pay for their street lighting, which is paid by West Suffolk. Brandon and other parishes in the area all pay West Suffolk for street lighting. Cllr Palmer had a meeting with Jill Korwin from West Suffolk Council to discuss the matter, who will be looking into this and if she decides it is a historic issue, he will be writing to all ex-Forest Heath Councillors on this subject.

Cllr Ridgwell informed the meeting that St Benedict's and surrounding roads looked disgusting because of the weeds. He had noted that the road sweepers did not appear to be cleaning the roads properly. As a trustee at the Heritage Centre, he informed the meeting that the centre was now open Thursdays and Saturdays only and that they had had some UK visitors recently. Cllr Lukaniuk raised the issue of the wall outside the police building on Market Hill in Brandon which had been demolished by a lorry. He wanted to know what the progress with getting this wall rebuilt was. The Clerk confirmed he had enquired with Suffolk County Council and had had no news at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

- Patrick Baldwin – Letter re damage to wall and railings outside the Police Station – information was received.
- The Keeper's Daughter - 'The Time Machine Tour 2022' – information was received.

10 ACCOUNTS To approve the payments for July/August 2021.

Cllr Lukaniuk raised the issue of the invoice received from CDS Group which he felt did not represent good value for money for the services they have currently provided. Cllr Skinner explained that the expenditure had been already approved by Council and was currently still within budget and further points will be discussed at the next new cemetery meeting, which will take place shortly. Cllr Ridgwell queried a number of invoices to which Cllr Skinner and the Clerk provided answers.

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTC/71/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: Unanimous

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Invoice Date	Invoice No	Supplier	Expense Type	Nett	VAT	Gross	Payment
30/06/2021		Mr M Goodson	Reimbursement - Mileage	£56.25	£0.00	£56.25	BACS
08/07/2021	2021/004	Church Institute	Hire of Hall for Council Meet.	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	BACS
12/07/2021		Mrs P Etherington	Reimbursement - Land Reg.	£24.00	£0.00	£24.00	BACS
15/07/2021		Brandon Festival	Grant	£525.00	£0.00	£525.00	BACS
21/07/2021	IN-41371	Big Tyres Ltd	Two Tyres for Gator	£182.00	£36.40	£218.40	BACS
06/05/2021	1160052018	Trade UK	Notice Board Refurb.	£33.80	£6.76	£40.56	Direct Debit
11/06/2021	283943	Corona Corporate Sols.	Photocopier - Toner	£13.50	£2.70	£16.20	Direct Debit
16/06/2021	954782230	British Gas	Gas OSH	£55.15	£2.75	£57.90	Direct Debit
21/06/2021	M043 6P	BT	Phone OSH	£39.50	£7.90	£47.40	Direct Debit
22/06/2021	M019 RK	BT	Phone OSH	£20.16	£4.03	£24.19	Direct Debit
27/06/2021	H1A01C7CA7	E.ON	Electric Cemetery Yard	£11.10	£0.56	£11.66	Direct Debit
28/06/2021	H1A02FB094	E.ON	Electric Pillar 8 Market Hill	£9.63	£0.48	£10.11	Direct Debit
28/06/2021	H1A02ED8E0	E.ON	Electric Pillar 9 Market Hill	£3.13	£0.16	£3.29	Direct Debit
06/07/2021	H1A0A85A20	E.ON	Electric New Yard	£38.84	£1.94	£40.78	Direct Debit
01/07/2021	115894	Cranberry Comms.	Microsoft 365 Subscription	£159.80	£31.96	£191.76	Direct Debit
01/07/2021	9161653	Wave - Anglian Water	Water Cemetery Yard	£48.19	£0.00	£48.19	Direct Debit
07/07/2021	97343635	Quadiant UK Ltd	Postage	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	Direct Debit
18/07/2021	1061887	Everflow	Water OSH	£17.21	£0.00	£17.21	Direct Debit
28/07/2021	1143729	West Suffolk Council	Trade Waste	£69.60	£0.00	£69.60	Direct Debit
06/07/2021	SINV01801825	Ian Smith Group Ltd	Stationery - Paper	£23.50	£4.70	£28.20	BACS
06/07/2021	K28930	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Replacement Strimmer Head	£12.65	£2.53	£15.18	BACS
30/07/2021	K30623	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Blades for Mower	£83.13	£16.63	£99.76	BACS
09/07/2021	53239	Chase Timber Products	Churchyard Event	£44.30	£8.87	£53.17	BACS
12/07/2021	219118	Fengate Fasteners Ltd	PPE & Consumables	£279.82	£52.61	£332.43	BACS
26/07/2021	220143	Fengate Fasteners Ltd	Christmas Lighting	£983.49	£196.70	£1,180.19	BACS
12/07/2021	SI17036	Weeting Tyres Ltd	Puncture Repair - Gator	£28.00	£5.60	£33.60	BACS
13/07/2021	SM23771	Rialtas Business Sols.	Software Support	£260.00	£52.00	£312.00	BACS
21/07/2021	73030	The CDS Group	New Cemetery Design Fees	£875.00	£175.00	£1,050.00	BACS
23/07/2021	ETUK10997	EasTec UK Ltd	Staff Training - M Goodson	£355.50	£71.10	£426.60	BACS
23/07/2021	42	Brandon Electrical Sers.	Annual PAT Testing	£131.76	£26.35	£158.11	BACS
26/07/2021	107591	J & D Green	Window Cleaning OSH	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
31/07/2021	20210000716	Finevale Service Station	Fuel	£259.62	£51.92	£311.54	BACS
05/08/2021		HMRC	NICS	£1,585.54	£0.00	£1,585.54	BACS
02/08/2021	2021/007	Church Institute	Hire of Hall for Council Meet.	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	BACS
13/08/2021		Mangles P & D	Final Payment - P & D at OSH	£4,850.00	£0.00	£4,850.00	BACS
16/08/2021		Mr Ronald Coker	Relinquished Ashes Plot	£43.75	£0.00	£43.75	BACS
20/08/2021		Mr G Cock	Reim. - CCTV, MEWP Licence	£237.20	£0.24	£237.44	BACS
14/06/2021	1170451551	Trade UK	Compost for Planters	£58.00	£11.60	£69.60	Direct Debit
17/06/2021	1171507518	Trade UK	Notice Board Refurb.	£18.34	£3.66	£22.00	Direct Debit
17/06/2021	1171507526	Trade UK	Trailer Hitchlock	£41.26	£8.24	£49.50	Direct Debit
19/07/2021	H1A16DF413	E.ON	Electric OSH	£94.72	£4.74	£99.46	Direct Debit
27/07/2021	H1A1E395BC	E.ON	Electric Cemetery Yard	£10.47	£0.52	£10.99	Direct Debit
28/07/2021	H1A1FEAB00	E.ON	Electric Pillar 8 Market Hill	£14.68	£0.73	£15.41	Direct Debit
28/07/2021	H1A1FDE327	E.ON	Electric Pillar 9 Market Hill	£3.37	£0.17	£3.54	Direct Debit
06/08/2021	H1A27AED7F	E.ON	Electric New Yard	£57.46	£2.87	£60.33	Direct Debit
20/07/2021	962731554	British Gas	Gas OSH	£23.45	£1.17	£24.62	Direct Debit
21/07/2021	M044 AB	BT	Phone OSH	£39.50	£7.90	£47.40	Direct Debit
22/07/2021	M020 X2	BT	Phone OSH	£19.74	£3.95	£23.69	Direct Debit
05/08/2021	Q014 59	BT	Phone OSH	£162.77	£32.55	£195.32	Direct Debit
05/08/2021	97343636	Quadiant UK Ltd	Postage	£0.57	£0.00	£0.57	Direct Debit
04/08/2021	115981	Cranberry Comms.	Microsoft 365 Subscription	£70.96	£14.19	£85.15	Direct Debit

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07/08/2021		Siemens	Photocopier - Quarterly Rental	£512.00	£102.40	£614.40	Direct Debit
16/08/2021		Creative Pension Trust	Pensions - June	£459.52	£0.00	£459.52	Direct Debit
16/08/2021		Creative Pension Trust	Pensions - July	£424.38	£0.00	£424.38	Direct Debit
18/08/2021	1105079	Everflow	Water OSH	£16.83	£0.00	£16.83	Direct Debit
28/08/2021	1143729	West Suffolk Council	Trade Waste	£69.60	£0.00	£69.60	Direct Debit
14/06/2021	3754 AGQ475	Travis Perkins Ltd	Brandon Festival Entry	£71.70	£14.34	£86.04	BACS
06/07/2021	3754 AGS197	Travis Perkins Ltd	Water Softener - OSH	£27.08	£5.42	£32.50	BACS
29/07/2021	3754 AGT921	Travis Perkins Ltd	Door Furniture - OSH	£17.99	£3.60	£21.59	BACS
17/06/2021	104391	Thetford Garden Centre	Plant Food & Compost	£29.94	£5.99	£35.93	BACS
28/07/2021	104409	Thetford Garden Centre	Weedkiller	£33.32	£6.66	£39.98	BACS
02/08/2021	488872	Ben Burgess	Gator Service	£456.40	£91.28	£547.68	BACS
04/08/2021	K30934	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Repair to Mower	£332.26	£66.45	£398.71	BACS
06/08/2021	K31112	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Engine Oil	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	BACS
10/08/2021	K31309	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Repair to Strimmer	£128.27	£25.65	£153.92	BACS
09/08/2021	INV-0986	Buyer Direct Ltd	Four Gazebos	£1,790.00	£358.00	£2,148.00	BACS
09/08/2021	1085335489	Stannah Lift Services Ltd	Repair to Lift	£357.26	£71.45	£428.71	BACS
13/08/2021	SINV-2021-1	Wittam IT	Website Consultation	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	BACS
11/08/2021		Mrs A Barnes	Reimbursement - Storage Box	£33.29	£0.00	£33.29	BACS
21/08/2021	107687	Bearing Supplies Ltd	Bearings for Mower	£32.23	£6.45	£38.68	BACS
23/08/2021	107626	J & D Green	Window Cleaning OSH	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00	BACS
27/08/2021	2021050237	Quadiant UK Ltd	Hire of Franking Machine	£444.42	£88.88	£533.30	BACS
31/08/2021	20210000821	Finevale Service Station	Fuel	£124.44	£24.90	£149.34	BACS
05/09/2021		HMRC	NICS	£1,684.39	£0.00	£1,684.39	BACS

11 TO RECEIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AGAINST BUDGET FOR JUNE 2021

The Income and Expenditure Statement against Budget for June 2021 was received.

12 GRANT APPLICATION discussion to consider S137 grant from Pumpkin Events.

Cllr Etherington introduced the subject. Cllr Wittam suggested that given it was a good cause and we had the monies available we should give the whole amount. Cllr Annear asked what the grant money would actually be used for and Cllr Etherington being treasurer answered that it would be for entertainers at the festival. Cllr Wittam proposed payment of £1300 and a vote ensued.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr S Skinner

Resolution Record No: **BTC/72/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 11 for, 1 not voting due to a declared interest.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION FROM PUMPKIN EVENTS FOR £1300.

13 TO NOTE MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE of 6th September 2021.

Cllr Wittam asked Cllr Brabbs for a report on the applications received. Cllr Brabbs gave a brief outline of the applications and the decisions made. Cllr Ridgwell queried the details of the Small Fen Lane application. Cllr Brabbs and Cllr Skinner explained the nature and extent of the planned Roots and Boots forest school.

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14 TO DISCUSS, formulate and comment on Planning Application DC/21/0761/FUL – Breckland Bingo and Social Club, London Road, Brandon.

Cllr Palmer stated that as he was a member of West Suffolk Committee which would be dealing with this application, he would be noting the debate but not taking part in any voting.

Cllr Skinner handed the debate over to Cllr Brabbs who outlined the possible problems with the development. Cllr Lukaniuk stated he supported the development and the possible benefits that maybe achieved.

Cllr Vant declared a non-pecuniary interest and expressed concern at the discrepancy between the block plan as submitted by the developer and the title deeds of the land. Cllr Wittam requested that the issues are brought before West Suffolk Planning Committee to be dealt with.

Cllr Annear commented that she could see problems with vehicles accessing the property from Coulson Lane as the path was not wide enough and considerable money had been spent on the new pathway. Cllr Lukaniuk stated that if there were any discrepancies, we should let West Suffolk Council deal with them.

Cllr Etherington informed the meeting that Brandon Town Council should not totally support the planning application whilst there are remaining issues. She expressed concern of the waste truck parking on London Road whilst bins were collected and emptied which would be extremely dangerous.

Cllr Lukaniuk and Cllr Wittam stated that it was an opportunity to get the flint wall repaired if the development was approved. Cllr Annear stated that the wall in question is outside of the development area and did not belong to the developers. Cllr Ridgwell made similar comments to those that Cllr Annear had made earlier about the cost of the new pathway.

A member of the public added their comments regarding the rights of access along the rear footpath. It was agreed that the Brandon Town Council will approve the planning application in principal but cannot support the application until the following issues have clarified:- 1, discrepancy between the land registry title deeds and the outline plans submitted by the developer are resolved 2, use of the bridleway at the rear of the development as a means of main vehicular access to the rear properties, 3, a comprehensive investigation into the possible presence of World War II munitions, 4, an investigation is made to the use of the bingo hall car park as a soakaway for surface water from London Road.

A vote ensued on supporting the application.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTC/73/13/Sep/21**

FAILED: 6 against, 4 for, 1 abstention, 1 not voting due to a declared interest.

A further vote ensued on supporting the application on principle but objecting until the list of issues have been rectified.

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr P Etherington

Resolution Record No: **BTC/74/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 9 for, 1 against, 1 not voting due to a declared interest.

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15 RESOLUTION from Cllr P Etherington No. 392

Brandon Town Council resolves to instruct HugoFox to do a complete website build and set up including the purchase of the domain address for BTC website at a cost of £399 + VAT plus £29.99 + VAT per month and so provide a website to be managed by office staff.

Cllr Etherington put the resolution to Council and a vote ensued.

Seconder: Cllr S Annear

Resolution Record No: **BTC/75/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 8 for, 3 abstentions, 1 not voting due to a declared interest.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES TO INSTRUCT HUGOFOX TO DO A COMPLETE WEBSITE BUILD AND SET UP INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF THE DOMAIN ADDRESS FOR BTC WEBSITE AT A COST OF £399 + VAT PLUS £29.99 + VAT PER MONTH AND SO PROVIDE A WEBSITE TO BE MANAGED BY OFFICE STAFF.

16 DISCUSSION for Brandon Town Council to undertake to treat the growth of weeds in Brandon High Street, three times per year and to be trialled for three years.

Cllr Skinner stated that he had been in talks with Cllr Lukaniuk, who would like Brandon Town Council to treat the growth of the weeds in the High Street. Cllr Skinner stated he was not against the idea but there were issues that needed clarifying before a vote takes place. Cllr Skinner queried if we would actually be covered by our insurance spraying weeds as some of the land is private property and he also wondered if the shop owners would be in agreement with the spraying of the weeds. Cllr Etherington again stated she was not disagreeing to the weeds being sprayed but there were other areas in Brandon that were in more need of weed spraying than the High Street and thought that it needed looking at on a much larger scale as our job is to look after all the people of Brandon not just those on the High Street. Cllr Etherington suggested that Brandon Town Council staff could spray all the weeds in Brandon, but monies would need to be reimbursed from West Suffolk Council and this would mean taking on more staff. Cllr Lukaniuk stated it was Brandon Town Council's civic responsibility to ensure the pathways are kept clean and tidy and requested monies from the High Street Christmas lighting budget be used to spray the weeds. Cllr Annear and Cllr Brabbs commented it was Suffolk County Council's responsibility. Cllr Lukaniuk stated he would be putting the item on as a resolution next month. Cllr Skinner asked the Clerk to obtain information about insurance.

Cllr Skinner proposed that the meeting continued beyond the two-hour limit. A vote ensued.

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr N Vant

Resolution Record No: **BTC/76/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 11 for, 1 against.

17 A vote of no confidence in Councillor Wittam, as Town and District representative, for bringing Brandon Town Council into disrepute by displaying conduct out of line with the Nolan Principles for Councillors in public office, by expressing a desire to 'smash the Rev Dennis' teeth out.'

Cllr Skinner proposed that a vote take place. Cllr Wittam stated that a vote cannot take place without giving him an opportunity to speak. He stated that this agenda item is liable and he has sought advice from his solicitor on the matter and on the advice given is very much of a mind to take legal action against Brandon Town Council. He therefore suggested that the agenda item is withdrawn and both the Chair and Vice Chair apologise.

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Cllr Wittam further stated that if the agenda item went ahead and a vote of no confidence is passed by the majority of Brandon Town Council, that it will not cause him to resign as a Councillor. Cllr Lukaniuk asked who's motion it was. Cllr Etherington stated that it was her motion and as a Council everyone suffered from both Cllr Lukaniuk's and Cllr Wittam's behaviour and that neither of them abide by the Nolan Principles and this would allow Councillors to distance themselves from both Cllr Lukaniuk and Cllr Wittam and their behaviour. Cllr Etherington also stated that she had had numerous complaints from the public about their behaviour. A heated discussion between Councillors continued. Cllr Lukaniuk asked the motion to be dropped. Cllr Skinner proposed a vote take place but was willing to remove both item 17 and 18 from the agenda if Cllr Wittam apologised to the Rev Dennis for what he had said and Cllr Lukaniuk to apologise to the new Councillors for what he had written about them in the Brandon Life. Cllr Wittam and Cllr Lukaniuk were excused for a couple of minutes. Cllr Wittam returned and spoke to the Rev Dennis. Cllr Lukaniuk then apologised to the people of Brandon for offending them and to the new Councillors for what he had written. Cllr Skinner accepted both Cllr Lukaniuk's and Cllr Wittam's apologies and asked for a promise that it will not happen again. The Councillors reluctantly accepted the apologies.

- 18** A vote of no confidence in Councillor Lukaniuk, as Town, District and County representative, for bringing Brandon Town Council into disrepute by displaying conduct out of line with the Nolan Principles for Councillors in public office. Increasing numbers of people have complained of Cllr Lukaniuk's Brandon Life column, in which he accuses new members of the Council of 'being devoid of any new ideas, refusing to change and sticking to the same old dogma, unwilling to help, head in the sand mentality and blaming others.'

This item was discussed under item 17.

19 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 S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTC/77/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: Unanimous

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Confidential Minutes
of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
held at the Church Institute, London Road, Brandon on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7pm

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ONLY THE RESOLUTIONS MAYBE DISPLAYED
AS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD

20 TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

- Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 12th July 2021.

Proposer: Cllr S Skinner

Seconder: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Resolution Record No: **BTC/78/13/Sep/21**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 10 for, 2 unable to vote.

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVES THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 12TH JULY 2021 BE APPROVED.

21 QUOTES

To consider quotations to re-pollard approximately 360 lime trees and remove brushwood, cord and debris over a four-year cycle.

Councillors considered the costs brought before Council for pollarding the trees based on a four-year cycle. A general debate took place regarding the provision of a four-year contract and the involvement of the tree officer in determining the quantity of trees to be pollarded each year. It was generally accepted that more information was required from the two contractors that had quoted.

This was to be based on a per tree rate and not the total quantity of trees. The Clerk is to obtain this information.

22 MATTERS ARISING

A letter from a resident had been received regarding an eviction notice by Suffolk County Council. Some Councillors were aware of the circumstances and current situation of the gentleman. Other Councillors had already acted in regard of this issue. Further negotiation with Suffolk County Council would be taken by individual Councillors.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

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