

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 2 December 2013

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

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

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Cllr. B Bishop and eight members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Julian Flood, SCC who will be standing in for Cllr. R Silvester.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. Mrs L Challiss, Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. M Skinner, Squadron Leader J Neids.

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 4 November 2013.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/59/02/Dec/13**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2013 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 4 November 2013.

The issue of compensation for shopkeepers following the problems at the level crossing is not a matter for FHDC but has been referred to Highways, Suffolk County Council.

Cllr. G Hughes said he had not yet received a response regarding election to the Safer Neighbourhood Team panel.

5. PUBLIC FORUM – Monthly event limited to 3 minutes duration maximum per resident relating to public agenda items.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/60/02/Dec/13**

Proposed by Cllr. I Horner and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

Items raised included the acquisition of funding for additional fencing at the allotment site; the proposed new cemetery; the site location of Gravel Pit; the non-attendance of police at Town Council meetings; illegal parking on the High Street.

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

Crime figures 1st November until 30th November 2013 were circulated at the meeting. There

were 39 recorded crimes within this time period. The same time period last year saw 66 crimes recorded. This is a decrease of 41%.

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

Cllr. B Bishop’s report contained matters relating to the police and their absence at Town Council meetings; the repairs to the street lights and lack of road signage at the Bury Road car park; the Yew Tree Drive play area; streetlights in Riverside Way (crime has actually reduced in Riverside Way since the street lights were turned off); the three new lime trees in Victoria Avenue. Questions raised included dog fouling at the Playing Fields; fly tipping; the removal of the flint mosaics at the Community Centre and their incorporation into the new library; work being carried out to the old fire station, London Road. Issues raised with Cllr. J Flood included street lighting; the removal of specific signage on the A11; the B1106 Brandon to Bury Road report; level crossing issues.

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/61/02/Dec/13**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE NOVEMBER 2013 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Net Total	VAT
Nov-13	48.00	Graham Smith & Sons	40.00	8.00
Nov-13	46.60	Ian Smith Office Supplies Limited	38.83	7.77
Nov-13	130.76	Finevale Service Station	108.98	21.78
Nov-13	42.20	Fengate Fasteners Limited	35.17	7.03
Nov-13	342.25	Travis Perkins	285.21	57.04
Nov-13	36.24	Brandon Test Centre	30.20	6.04
Nov-13	58.02	Thetford Garden Centre	48.36	9.66
Nov-13	330.00	Barcham Trees Plc (Lime trees)	275.00	55.00
Nov-13	60.00	SALC	60.00	
Nov-13	14.00	J & D Green	14.00	
Nov-13	12.00	SALC	10.00	2.00
Nov-13	250.00	Heathen Band UK (Christmas event)	250.00	
TOTAL:	1,370.07		1,195.75	174.32

Cllr. S Edwards, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. Butcher declared an interest in this agenda item. The Declarations of Interests Book was duly signed.

9.2 Resolution Record No. **BTC/62/02/Dec/13**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes and seconded by Cllr. P Ridgwell.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES A S137 DONATION OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS TO BRANDON HERITAGE CENTRE.

10. STREET LIGHTING

Reports received and noted.

11. MEETING DATES

Contents noted.

12. PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

Resolution Record No. **BTC/63/02/Dec/13**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. G Hughes.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE HEALTH & SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED FROM SUTCLIFFE PLAY IN RELATION TO THE PLAY EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT THE BRANDON REMEMBRANCE PLAYING FIELDS.

13. WW1 COMMEMORATION

Resolution Record No. **BTC/64/02/Dec/13**

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

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD A COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE ON MARKET HILL ON SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2014.

14. CHRISTMAS EVENT

All arrangements are now finalised. Festivities include Father Christmas, Town Crier, Brandon Carollers, Lighting up Ceremony, Stalls, Grand Fireworks finale.

15. Resolution from Cllr. P Ridgwell No 147

‘That Brandon Town Council resolves to purchase additional seating for specific areas in Brandon’.

Discussion deferred until the Precept meeting.

16. Resolution from Cllr. R Silvester No 148

‘That Brandon Town Council agrees to send a solicitor’s letter to Network Rail as Health & Safety legislation is being contravened when trains are allowed to come through whilst the barriers are malfunctioning.’

After discussion this resolution was withdrawn.

17. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/65/02/Dec/13**

Proposed by Cllr. G Hughes 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.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.