

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the New Cemetery Working Party Meeting
held on Monday 27th June 2022 in the Council Chamber, Old School House,
Market Hill, Brandon at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr S Annear, Cllr L Atkins, Cllr P Etherington, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr S Skinner,
Cllr N Vant, Cllr P Wittam, Mr G Cock – Town Clerk

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

A nomination was received for Cllr Skinner, proposed by Cllr Vant and seconded by Cllr Etherington. A vote took place with five for and two against.

At this point Cllr Wittam stated that he had spoken to the Monitoring Officer regarding the status of Cllr Skinner attending the New Cemetery Working Party meeting due to his occupation as an undertaker. Cllr Wittam stated that Cllr Skinner should not attend or be part of the meeting due to his clear pecuniary interest. Cllr Skinner rebuked this statement as he had in writing legal opinion obtained from NALC stating that he had no disclosable interest.

Cllr Skinner asked Cllr Wittam what information was given to the Monitoring Officer and what written advise did he have in evidence. Cllr Wittam replied that the discussion was purely verbal. The matter was further robustly debated at length. At this point Cllr Vant having made a number of comments announced that he was not prepared to waste more time on this subject and left the meeting at 7.15pm.

To enable the meeting to continue and allow time for the Monitoring Officer to be consulted without Cllr Wittam making a formal complaint, it was agreed that a Chair be elected for this single meeting. Cllr Etherington was nominated by Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Annear and a unanimous vote took place.

2 APOLOGIES for absence and approval of reasons tendered.

Cllr J Hughes – not approved. Mrs A Barnes – approved - other engagement.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST and additions to Members Register of Interest.

Cllr S Skinner – Non-pecuniary interest, Cllr L Atkins – Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields.

4 TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES

- Of the New Cemetery Working Party Meeting on Tuesday 15th February 2022.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr P Etherington

Resolution Record No: **BTCNC/42/27/Jun/22**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 3 for, 3 unable to vote.

THE NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY MEETING OF TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2022 BE APPROVED.

5 MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only of the New Cemetery Working Party Meeting on 15th February 2022 – None.

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6 URGENT BUSINESS any items the Chairman considers a matter of urgent business – None.

7 UPDATE AND REVIEW progress of development.

The Clerk stated he had been in contact with Evolution regarding the various aspects of the project. The Clerk further stated that contractors would be undertaking an ecological survey shortly and he awaited the outcome of this. Richard Jackson had provided three options by which to proceed regarding the drainage survey. The Clerk had instructed them to proceed with the lesser option which included the monitoring undertaken by the Towns Keepers. A dialogue had been entered into with Suffolk Archaeology who had initially indicated that the entrance way and road could be constructed without further evaluation. Other areas are still under discussion. As there had been no change of use to the land previous investigations relating to any contamination would not be necessary. The Clerk reported that LSDP (landscaping contractor) had been instructed to provide a scheme for the site using the plan provided by CDS previously as a basis of their work. It should be noted that LSDP had quoted considerably less than CDS for providing the final plan with which to go to West Suffolk.

Members of the New Cemetery Working Party asked that the Clerk chase Evolution on a regular basis regarding progress of the project.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

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