

## **BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Brandon Town Council Precept Meeting

Held on Monday 23 January 2012

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

**Present:** Cllr. G Hughes, Cllr. N Vant, Cllr. D Bimson, Cllr. P Ridgwell, Cllr. T Simmons, Cllr. K Butcher, Cllr. Mrs Linda Challiss, Cllr. M Skinner, Cllr. A Billingham, Cllr. L Jacobs, Cllr. S Edwards, Cllr. R Crowther, Cllr. R Silvester.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Cllr. B Bishop and two members of the public.  
The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. P MacLoughlin.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interests.

Cllr. T Simmons declared an interest in St Nicholas Hospice, Brandon Neighbourhood Watch, Brandon Country Park (FHDC representative).

Cllr. D Bimson declared an interest in the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields, Brandon Country Park, Brandon Heritage Centre, Brandon Brass Band.

Cllr. Mrs L Challis declared an interest in the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields.

Cllr. M Skinner declared an interest in the Brandon Heritage Centre .

Cllr. G Hughes declared an interest in Brandon Visually Impaired Group.

Cllr. R Silvester declared an interest in the Brandon Heritage Centre.

Cllr. K Butcher declared an interest in Brandon RBL.

The Member's Book of Interests was duly signed.

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

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 9 January 2012 (Public items).

Resolution Record No. **BTC/79/23/01/12**

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

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2012 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING** for information exchange only of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 9 January 2012 (Public Items).

Cllr. T Simmons said the recently installed solar panels at The Bridge House were in breach of planning regulations and the FHDC Enforcement Officer would be investigating this further.

Cllr. P Ridgwell asked that an invoice on the accounts schedule for December be re-examined.

At this point Cllr. L Jacobs left the meeting.

### **5. PRECEPT FOR BRANDON 2012/2013**

Precept estimates to be adjusted:

#### **Administration**

Decrease Insurance from £4,500 to £4,300.

Decrease Truck Insurance from £850 to £800.

Decrease fees for External Auditor from £1,500 to £1,400.

Decrease Stationary from £1,000 to £750.  
Decrease Chairman's Allowance from £300 to £250.  
Decrease Information/books/software from £200 to £100.  
Decrease Advertising from £250 to £100.

**Cemetery/Town**

Increase New cemetery preparation from £2,000 to £4,200.  
Decrease Electricity from £200 to £100.  
Decrease FHDC rates from £300 to zero.  
Decrease Garage rental from £400 to £250.

**Old School House**

Decrease FHDC rates from £300 to zero.  
Increase Gas supply from £2,000 to £2,200.  
Decrease UK Fire Service from £250 to £200.

**General**

Increase truck replacement from £2,500 to £3,500.  
Decrease Town Clock service from £300 to zero.  
Increase Seating from zero to £200.

**Street lights**

Increase street light repairs from £22,000 to £25,000.

**Recreation**

Increase B.R.P.F. from £23,965 to £25,163. This equates to an inflation increase of 5%.

**Donations made under s137**

Increase Donations from £2,850 to £3,000.

**Brandon Country Park**

Cllr. M Skinner requested a named vote.  
Resolution Record No. **BTC/80/23/01/12**  
Proposed by Cllr. M Skinner and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.  
**CARRIED:** 9 for 3 against.

**For**

Cllr. G. Hughes  
Cllr. D. Bimson  
Cllr. T. Simmonds  
Cllr. R. Crowther  
Cllr. M. Skinner  
Cllr. Mrs L. Challiss  
Cllr. A. Billingham  
Cllr. S. Edwards  
Cllr. K. Butcher

**Against**

Cllr. P. Ridgwell  
Cllr. N. Vant  
Cllr. R. Silvester

THAT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/13, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES TO PRECEPT THE SUM OF THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS FOR BRANDON COUNTRY PARK.

### **Contingency Fund**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/81/23/01/12**

Proposed by Cllr. S Edwards and seconded by Cllr. R Silvester.

**CARRIED:** 6 for 5 against.

THAT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/13, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL DOES NOT AGREE TO PRECEPT FOR A CONTINGENCY FUND.

### **Precept**

Cllr. M Skinner requested a named vote.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/82/23/01/12**

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

**CARRIED:** 9 for 3 against.

#### **For**

Cllr. G. Hughes

Cllr. D. Bimson

Cllr. T. Simmonds

Cllr. R. Crowther

Cllr. M. Skinner

Cllr. Mrs L. Challiss

Cllr. A. Billingham

Cllr. S. Edwards

Cllr. K. Butcher

#### **Against**

Cllr. P. Ridgwell

Cllr. N. Vant

Cllr. R. Silvester

THAT THE BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT DEMAND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012 TO 2013 BE SET AS TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY ONE POUNDS.

### **6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/83/23/01/12**

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

**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.

### **7. PRECEPT FOR BRANDON 2012/12 (CONFIDENTIAL SECTION)**

Resolution Record No. **BTC/84/23/01/12**

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

**CARRIED:** Unanimous.

THAT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/13, BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE PRECEPT FIGURE FOR STAFF SALARIES.

With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.25pm