

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Brandon Town Council Meeting
Held on Monday 5 December 2011

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. P MacLoughlin, Cllr. R Silvester, Cllr. S Edwards.

Also present: Mrs C Mason (Town Clerk), Cllr. B Bishop, Squadron Leader J Neilds, Sgt. Chisnall and four members of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. R Crowther.

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 7 November 2011 (Public items).

Resolution Record No. **BTC/63/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. T Simmons.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2011 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

4. MATTERS ARISING for information exchange only

Of the Brandon Town Council Meeting of Monday 5 December 2011 (Public Items).

Referring to the letter received from FHDC regarding funding for Brandon Country Park, the Chairman apologised unreservedly for failing to inform the meeting that the budget for the Council's contribution towards the Country Park could be challenged.

Cllr. A Billingham asked it to be noted that following discussions with Suffolk County Council, the town council are lawfully allowed to run or assist in the running of a Dial-a-Ride bus service. Information given at a previous meeting was considered correct at the time.

5. PUBLIC FORUM – Monthly event limited to 3 minutes duration maximum per resident.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/64/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. N Vant.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED FOR THE PUBLIC FORUM.

As a member of the public, Cllr. A Billingham reported on the meeting held at Elveden on the

29 November 2011 relating to public transport issues. Although a published route and timetable are not feasible, a Dial-a Ride style service could be achieved. Expenditure and potential income from running this service has been identified. Local businesses are to be approached for financial support. The town council deferred a request for a donation towards a contingency fund until the precept meeting.

Other matters raised by members of the public included the lime trees in Victoria Avenue; the

trees within the cemetery; parking at Aldi car park; litter at Aldi carpark; the effectiveness of the CCTV camera covering the High Street; the closure of the Brandon level crossing whilst works are carried out and the effect on local traders (Network Rail to be contacted).

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

Recorded crime figures for the period 5 November to 5 December 2011 stands at 40. The same time period last year saw 78 recorded crimes. This is a decrease of 49%. Two new priorities for Brandon: tackling anti-social behaviour at Tesco's car park and in the town and inconsiderate parking outside schools. Other issues included vandalism to the street furniture on Market Hill; CCTV in the High Street; and the recently held APNR day.

RAF Lakenheath report: The A1065 road works outside the new gate are still on-going and are ahead of schedule for completion.

Other than operational, there will be no flying on Remembrance Sunday. Questions to the Squadron Leader included the continuing closure of Lord's Walk; possibility of a roundabout rather than traffic lights at the new gate; driving licences for new airmen (the Squadron Leader to follow up).

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

Key points raised in Cllr. Bishop's report: The public transport meeting at Elveden; extra button on the traffic signals outside the Police Station; the issues relating to the closure of the level crossing gates; parking at Aldi car park; Inspired Brandon youth project; SABRES update. Questions to Cllr. Bishop included the whereabouts of the deeds to the Old Fire Station; the reinstatement of the Free Parking sign near to Aldi; the possibility of a CCTV camera at Brandon Railway Station.

Further questions to District Councillors related to the Heritage Centre (SE to action); the lack of a 30 mph speed signage into Brandon from Weeting.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

Cllr. P MacLoughlin declared an interest in this item and duly signed the Declaration of Interests Book.

A proposal to reclaim the vat back from repairs to the play equipment at the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields was rejected by members until validation by the vat office is obtained.

9. ACCOUNTS

9.1 Approval of payments (Public Items) –November 2011.

9.2 Approval of confidential items –November 2011 (Staff salaries).

Resolution Record No. **BTC/65/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. T Simmons and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES AGENDA ITEMS NINE ONE AND NINE TWO EN-BLOC.

Date	Amount	Supplier	Net Total	VAT
Nov-11	47.00	Society of Local Council Clerks	47.00	

Nov-11	166.47	Finevale Service Station	138.72	27.75
Nov-11	7.80	Cooleraid Limited	6.50	1.30
Nov-11	106.74	Ian Smith Office Supplies	88.95	17.79
Nov-11	36.00	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	30.00	6.00
Nov-11	14.00	J & D Green	14.00	
TOTAL:	378.01		325.17	52.84

10. MEETING DATES

The May Town Council meeting to be amended to read 14 May 2012.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/67/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. Billingham

CARRIED: Unanimous.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE AMENDED MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2012.

11. PRECEPT MEETING

Date of precept meeting set for 23 January at 7.00pm.

12. CCTV CAMERA

For added security, Cllr. P Ridgwell enquired whether the town council would be willing to precept for a CCTV camera near to Brandon Railway Station. It was further suggested that local businesses be approached for funding. Resolution Record No. **BTC/68/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. K Butcher.

CARRIED: 9 for 2 against 1 abstention.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES IS OBTAINED.

13. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING UP CEREMONY

Christmas Lighting up Ceremony date: Wednesday 7 December 2011 at 4.00pm. All arrangements are in place.

Cllr. M Skinner asked that a working committee be set up to enable local traders to take part in next year's event. To be discussed in more detail at the next town council meeting.

14. MARKET HILL

It was proposed by Cllr. T Simmons that a financial contribution of £4000 be given towards the refurbishment costs of Market Hill. This was not seconded.

Resolution Record No. **BTC/69/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. R Silvester and seconded by Cllr. D Bimson.

CARRIED: 7 for 4 against 1 abstention.

THAT BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL AGREES TO A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS TOWARDS THE REFURBISHMENT COSTS TO MARKET HILL.

15. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolution Record No. **BTC/70/05/Dec/11**

Proposed by Cllr. K Butcher and seconded by Cllr. A Billingham.

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: CONTRACTS

There were no confidential matters to consider.

With no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 8.50pm.