



ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BRANDON

MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillors: Brocklehurst (Chair), Bland, Challiss, Gorringe, Hughes, Kostecki, Lukaniuk, Palmer, Pinnell, Savage, Siebert, Skinner, Watts, Wittam
 Clerk: Cunnell, Minute Taker: Prior

MINUTES

Firstly, Cllr Wittam thanked Cllr Lukaniuk for all his past service being a County Councillor. He then welcomed Cllr Kent as the new County Councillor.

26/1	<p>Election of Chair Cllr Wittam nominated Cllr Savage, seconded by Cllr Bland. Cllr Skinner nominated Cllr Brocklehurst, seconded by Cllr Hughes. RESOLVED</p> <p>Cllr Brocklehurst was elected as Chair for the year 2026/27 and signed the Acceptance of Office.</p>
26/2	<p>Election of Vice Chair Cllr Brocklehurst nominated Cllr Skinner, seconded by Cllr Hughes. Cllr Savage nominated Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Challiss. RESOLVED</p> <p>Cllr Skinner was elected as Vice Chair for the year 2026/27 and signed the Acceptance of Office.</p>
26/3	<p>Apologies for Absence No apologies received.</p>
26/4	<p>Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensations Cllr Skinner – non-pecuniary interest re item 26/13 planning application DC/25/1632/FUL.</p>
26/5	<p>To receive a report from RAF Lakenheath No report was received this month from RAF Lakenheath.</p>

	<p>Cllr Watts proposed and Cllr Wittam seconded to grant £500 to Elveden Primary Academy. The Council would get back to Elveden Academy if further funds become available in year.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>
26/10	<p>Reports from County and District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Kent as County Councillor reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grateful for votes and good wishes received. • Thanked Cllr Lukaniuk for his past work and the other candidates. • Has a locality grant of £6,000 to help groups. • He will be working with Brandon Town Council on projects in Brandon. • Attended Brandon Residents Association meetings with groups of people there who are keen to influence what is happening in the town. • Will investigate Transport re member of publics bus service query. <p>Cllr Lukaniuk as District Councillor reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulated Cllr Brocklehurst and Cllr Skinner becoming Chair and Vice Chair. • Thanked people who voted for him in the County Elections. • Congratulated Tim Kent and will look forward to working with him. • West Suffolk Working Party have endorsed Cllr Savage as Vice Chair and will go to Full Council tomorrow night. <p>Cllr Wittam as District Councillor reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed Tim Kent and will work with you at both Town and District Level. • Congratulated Cllr Brocklehurst and Cllr Skinner becoming Chair and Vice Chair.
26/11	<p>Reports from Town Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Watts reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a meeting with Town Keeper on Friday to discuss the Anglia in Bloom entry to enter the cemetery and orchard. • Have been donated four Walnut saplings two are going to the Remembrance Garden, one to the Lode and the other the Orchard. <p>Cllr Pinnell reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is monitoring the project to replace the bridge at The Maltings. Suffolk County Council are currently applying for permits for river works but project due to be delivered this financial year. <p>Cllr Bland reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported that the bus shelters work will start soon to replace flags, damaged glass etc and are now surveying and measuring to look to put in dropped kerbs, new shelters etc. • Regarding the TRO, Highways have been carrying out their own surveys. Three surveys have been carried out and Highways would like a meeting with the Town council to discuss the changes to the Local Plan. Need support of the County Councillor to move forward.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No objections on portal. <p>Cllr Skinner proposed and Cllr Wittam seconded, to support the application. RESOLVED</p> <p>DC/26/0620/HH – 27-29 London Road, Brandon – Consultation https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TDOI4HPDKBU00 Cllr Brocklehurst gave an overview of the planning application. The following points were then made on application DC/26/0620/HH:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No objections. Plenty of space for the extension. Design proposal is keeping in line with existing property. <p>Cllr Wittam proposed and Cllr Bland seconded, to support the application. RESOLVED</p>
26/13	<p>Late Planning Applications Received after Agenda was Published To receive, if required. Decision required: To discuss and agree the Town Council decision on any planning applications received after the agenda was published. None received.</p> <p>Planning Variances There were no planning variances to discuss.</p>
26/14	<p>New Cemetery Report The Clerk reported: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received S106 documentation from solicitors which has all been signed as of today and will be sent back tomorrow. Should receive our pre-conditions soon.
26/15	<p>Accounts Cllr Wittam proposed and Cllr Skinner seconded to approve and note payments made in April 2026. RESOLVED</p>
26/16	<p>Financial Update Received and noted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income & Expenditure Statement against budget for March 2026.
26/17	<p>Council Committee Structure for 2026/27 Noted: Full Council – All Councillors Events Committee:- Cllr Hughes, Challiss, Savage, Skinner, Watts</p>
26/18	<p>Standing Orders The Clerk explained that the next four items have not changed, being the same as last year. It was decided to vote on all four items at once (18-21). Cllr Wittam proposed and Cllr Skinner seconded to review Standing Orders. RESOLVED</p>

	<p>holidays. Council will assist with the application if requested to by delivering bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers are currently busy working on year end - internal and external audits, the outcomes of which will be published for the public to read.
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The meeting closed at 8.45 PM

Chairman

Date