

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

A continuation meeting of the Brandon Town Council meeting of 5th November, 2001, took place on the 12th November, 2001 at the Community Centre, Brandon at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs.A. Saxby (Chairman), Mrs. J.A. Ahern, Mrs. S. Jureko, P. Baldwin, Mrs. E. Mimer, A. Thome, R. Silvester, Ms. S. Bourton, Mrs. S. Hufton, N. Vant.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Mrs. Jones-Weetman, B. Weetman. Cllr. S. Edwards would arrive later.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr. Silvester declared an interest in Item 13 (Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields) though asked to remain in the meeting in an advisory capacity but would not vote. Agreed.

11. Resolution 78 - Cllr. Mrs. J.A. Ahern.

“The Council resolves to retain only the committees require by law, the remainder of the business to be conducted by the full Council aided, where necessary, by working party reports.”

Proposed: Cllr. Ahern, seconded: Cllr. Baldwin. Cllr. Silvester asked for clarification on committees to be retained. These were Health & Safety, Staffing & Personnel and Finance. Resolution unanimously **APPROVED**. This to commence immediately.

12. Attendance at Committee Meetings Surplus to requirements after item 11.

13. Remembrance Playing Fields - two items for payment. Finance Committee reported its split decision, hence referral to full Council. Proposed: Cllr. Baldwin, seconded: Cllr. Bourton that the following payments be made:

June 2001 (invoices received) £3,501.07

September 2001 (invoices received) £2,593.96

Carried - 7 in favour, 3 abstentions.

22nd October 2001 recommendation of Finance Committee to the full Council re:
Playing Fields.

In favour 7 - abstentions 2.

14. Resolution 79 from Cllr. Baldwin. “To seek costing to repaint the Town sign”.

Proposed: Cllr. Baldwin, seconded: Cllr. Mrs. Ahern. **CARRIED** - 9 in favour - 1 against – 1 abstention.

15. Resolution 80 from Cllr. Baldwin. “The Town Council seeks costings to carry out the following:

- i. A full service of the workings of the Town Clock
- ii. To replace the damaged glass in the face
- iii. To reinstate the bell striking mechanism to operate during the hours of daylight (7.00am - 7.00pm)

iv. To provide electrical automatic winding equipment.

this, with a view to coincide with the Queen's Golden Jubilee."

CARRIED - 9 in favour - 1 against.

Cllr. S. Edwards joined the meeting at 8.10pm.

16. Christmas Lights. Only one quote had been received (Brian Childmain). Proposal to accept items 1 and 4 only of quote. Proposed: Cllr. Mrs. Milner, seconded: Cllr. Mrs. S. Jureko. **REJECTED** - 2 in favour - 9 against. Cllrs. Thorne and Saxby to seek further quotes.

17. Location of Town Council's Meetings.

After discussion of alternative venues it was proposed by Cllr. Baldwin, seconded Cllr. Silvester to continue with the present venue. **CARRIED** - 10 in favour - 1 against.

18. To receive correspondence re:

- i. Leathes Prior - Base Leisure: Chase up Base Leisure (via Receiver)
- ii. FHDC - Street Lighting - Cllr. Silvester had dealt with this.
- iii. FHDC - hackney carriages - noted
- iv. Mr. M. Carter - Orchard Project. Chairman asked for a working party: Cllrs. Mrs. Jureko and Silvester volunteered. Agreed unanimously.

19. Requests for Grants

- i. National Association of Blue Badge Holders - defer to precept - agreed.
- ii. Neighbourhood Watch. Proposed ask for clarification of amount requested. Agreed unanimously.

20. Standards Committee FHDC - Proposed Cllr. Vant nominated for Brandon Town Council. Proposed Cllr. Mrs. Ahern, seconded Cllr. Thome. Carried - unanimously.

Matters Arising

Lingheath Trust. Cllr. Vant spoke about Mr. Pocock's letter and Cllr Bishop's article in the Brandon Life, and explained the Charity Commission's view. The Lingheath Trust to be an agenda item for the December meeting so a full discussion can take place.

Footpath No.5. The Chairman permitted Mr. Carter to speak to the Council regarding his letter. It was reported that the Council has already submitted a response to Suffolk County Council re: Mr. Carter's communication. It was agreed that Mr Carter will be sent a copy.

Invoices for Payment.

SCC - £166.84 (Supplies), Eastern Contracting £479.18 (Maintenance), Thetford Garden Centre - £14.99 (Cutting Line).

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs. Jureko, seconded: Cllr. Mrs. Ahern. **CARRIED** - 9 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against. (Cllr. Ms. Bourton asked for her name to be recorded as against the motion.)

Golden Jubilee. The Council agreed that a working party be set up. This will consist of Cllrs. Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Hufton & Mrs. Jureko. A letter has already been sent to the residents of Victoria Avenue and a further letter is to be sent to all the organisations in Brandon. It is hoped that members of these organisations will join the working party. Mr. John Maxim has expressed an interest on behalf of the Car Club and Brandon Festival Committee.

To pass the following Resolution:

That pursuant to the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed concerning staff. - Carried unanimously.

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Chairman informed the meeting of the following:

A letter of apology had been sent to Dr. Wil Gibson.

[Personal items removed]

Proposed: to accept Terms and Conditions of Employment, as recommended by the Staffing & Personnel Committee, for the Town Clerk and the Town Keepers.

Town Keepers - proposed: Cllr. Mrs. Ahern, seconded: Cllr. Thorne. **CARRIED** unanimously.

The Town Clerk - proposed: Cllr. Ms. Bourton, seconded: Cllr. Silvester. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Proposed: Thain, Wildbur Rolph continue, as a temporary measure, to administer P.A.Y.E. Proposed: Cllr. Thome, seconded: Cllr. Mrs. Milner. **CARRIED** -9 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

[Employment issue removed]

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm.