

**BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MEETING – MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**  
**Chairman – Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith (Town Mayor)**

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Present: Councillors, Mrs. J.A. Bell, M.N. Birkitt, Mrs. J. Brock, M.S. Campion, Mrs S. Dewberry, M. Doherty, Mrs. A. Eardley, Mrs. M. Glossop, J.E.G. Kidd, J. Kitwood, A. Sykes Mrs. A. Tasker, and J. Truepenny.

In attendance:	Cllr LR Long	North Lincolnshire Council
	Cllr J. Berry	North Lincolnshire Council
	Cllr. N. Sherwood	North Lincolnshire Council
	Peter Thompson	Market Rasen Mail

079 PRAYER

Members were led in prayer by the Town Mayor's Chaplain.

080 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Taken as read and approved.

081 APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C.J. Cook is attending a school meeting.  
Councillor T.D. Glossop is attending the NALC National Seminar  
Councillor K. Smith is at work.

082 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Prejudicial Interest**

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith	Town Mayor	Item 16 - Mayor's Allowance
Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop	Deputy Mayor	Item 16 - Mayor's Allowance

**Personal Interest**

Councillor J. Kitwood	Item 12 - Brigg M.T.I.
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083 MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley. Seconded: Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell.

084 POLICE MATTERS

**a) Further correspondence received from Mr. R. Neall, of 33 St. Helen's Road, regarding the speed of traffic along St. Helen's Road.**

Members were advised that **Councillor T.D. Glossop has had sight of the letter**, and has asked for it to be placed on record that he refutes the suggestion that he has changed his opinion regarding the speed of traffic along St. Helen's Road.

It was agreed that the letter should be forwarded to P.C. Roy Hindmarsh, together with a suggestion that it might be useful for him to meet with Mr. Neall to discuss his concerns in person.

**b) Letter of complaint received from Riverside Surgery regarding undesirable use of the rear of their premises.**

The Practice Manager has also written to Inspector Rutty regarding this matter, and the clerk has already brought this matter to the attention of the Community Police Officer.

**c) Local Policing Team - Public Meeting**

Next meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm in the Angel Suite

Members were reminded that any issues relating to both community and national policing can be raised at these meetings. A word of caution was voiced that, unless the public begin to use these meetings, they are in danger of losing them.

085 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Publications

Clerks and Council Direct  
Local Council Review  
Humbrella  
Playing Field  
ERNLLCA Newsletter

b) Collation and Induction of Father Owain Mitchell

Invitations have been issued to all members, who have been asked to reply direct. Members were reminded to reply – even if they are unable to attend.

c) Quality Status – Training Seminar

Thursday 1st December 2005 . No-one available.

d) Emergency Fire Cover Review

Invitation to send a representative to a three hour stakeholder forum, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 1.30pm at the Europarc Innovation Centre in Grimsby. **No one available.**

086 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES FROM THE CLERK.

Overgrown Land to the rear of Brigg Police Station (Minute 071)

The land has been cleared and the tree cut back – but the rubbish was left on site. It was not known whether this waste had been removed.

The future of the Ambulance Service operating out of Brigg (Minute 071)

No further correspondence.

Councillor J. Berry, North Lincolnshire Council, has advised the Town Mayor that he has called the Ambulance Service in to answer questions at the next Scrutiny Panel Meeting. Members of the public can attend as observers.

087 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS.

**Councillor Mrs. J.A Bell** advised that she had attempted to attend the Strategic Partnership Public Consultation Meeting at The Angel Suite, which was advertised for between 5.30 – 7.30pm. She had arrived at 6.38pm, only to find that the session had finished and everyone had gone home. Councillor Mrs. Bell asked if enquiries could be made to establish why a Public Consultation session had concluded before the end of the advertised session.

The clerk advised that she had already made enquiries, and was told that the session was not intended to be an open session lasting for the full two hours, but comprised of a short film and a presentation followed by questions from the floor. Therefore, when no-one had arrived by 6.30pm, the decision was taken to leave.

**Councillor Mrs A. Eardley** asked if a faulty street light could be reported. Streetlight number 2 on Elm Way.

**Councillor J.E.G. Kidd** asked if enquiries could be made to establish why the traffic lights on Bigby Street were still not working properly.

088 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES:

**Property and Services Committee**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005**

Proposed: Councillor J. Kitwood    Seconded: Councillor Mrs P.J. Smith

No matters arising.                      All agreed.

**b) Planning and Environment Committee**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop Seconded: Councillor M.N. Birkitt

No matters arising All agreed

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop Seconded: Councillor Mrs J.A. Bell

No matters arising All agreed

**c) Policy Committee – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

Proposed: Councillor Mrs J.A. Bell Seconded: Councillor J. Kitwood

No matters arising All agreed.

089 a) FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

The financial report will be circulated later.

**Accounts for payment:**

Mrs JM Woollard	clerical services –	1,257.57
Mrs JM Woollard	home telephone	10.00
Councillor Mrs P.J. Smith	Town Mayor's Allowance	
	Christmas Cards	79.95
Brigg Office Supplies	stationery	
	£21.24 + V.A.T. £3.72	24.96
	£24.97 + V.A.T. £4.37	29.34
Arena Business Machines	quarterly copying bill	
	£91.31 =V.A.T. £15.98	107.29
Johnson's Cleaners	dry clean table cloths (4)	24.76
Barrie Gray & Sons	Christmas Lights	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Payment	2,500.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage Payment	1,500.00
Royal British Legion )	Remembrance Day Wreaths	55.50
Poppy Appeal )		

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K.C.F.X	P.A. System – Children’s Remembrance £75.00 + £13.13	88.13
A. Johnson	Internal Audit Fee	350.00
Councillor T. Morris	refund – purchase allotment tap keys	15.00
A. Richardson	Site Maintenance Work - Allotments ditch clearance	300.00
	general site clearance	240.00
Thompson Waste Mgt	Skip Hire – allotments 80.85 + V.A.T. £14.15	95.00
D.T.P. Design & Print	Letterheads £40.00 + V.A.T. £7.00	47.00
D.T.P. Design & Print	Civic Award Certificates £60.00 + V.A.T. £10.50	70.50
Vale of Ancholme School	Room Hire Civic Operatic Evening	15.00
Mrs JM Woollard	refund – cost of drinks Civic Reception - Operatic Evening	16.11
Brigg Am. Operatic Soc.	Tickets / Programmes – Civic Operatic	85.00
Councillor T.D. Glossop	- mileage and toll fees 31 miles @ 52.7p + toll fees	21.34

Proposed: Councillor MS. Campion    Seconded: Councillor J. Truepenny  
All agreed

b) PETTY CASH:

**To approve the increase of the Petty Cash Imprest Float to £100.00.**

Proposed: Councillor J. Kitwood    Seconded: Councillor J. Truepenny.

All agreed.

090 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE CONCLUDING REPORT FROM THE BRIGG M.T.I. / BEACON TOWN FORUM.

**Item deferred at the last meeting**

Members were referred to the Minutes of the October meeting, when Councillor Birkitt was asked to ain clarification on one item within the report.

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Councillor Birkitt advised that the problem was caused due to a double-funding issue. It transpired that the training organisation which had been earmarked for this project was also funded through the Countryside Agency, therefore the M.T.I. Funding could not be used as well. It was not possible, at that late stage, to find another agency willing to taken over.

Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop proposed that the report should be taken as read and accepted by the Town Council. Seconded: Councillor Mrs .A Eardley. All agreed.

091 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPLIES RECEIVED RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF POLICING STRUCTURES.

Letters received from Councillor Graham Stroud – Chair of the Police Authority, and from Chief Superintendent Di Duca.  
**(copies were circulated at the meeting).**

A reply was also received from Ian Cawsey MP

Councillor Mrs. J. Brock asked whether the proposed National Re-Structuring would eventually lead to yet another change in operational procedures at local level.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt commented that the timescales for responses are once again far too tight, and his previous concerns remain un-changed that North Lincolnshire (via the Humberside Police Authority) will end up being merged with South or West Yorkshire; with any funding allocated being swallowed up by the needs of the Larger Towns and Inner Cities within that new policing area.

Councillor J. Kitwood commented that, in his opinion, the only rationale behind these initiatives is that of promoting regionalisation. In addition, he is greatly concerned by the apparent increase in the use of volunteer personnel to support the work of the police.

Councillor M.S. Campion commented that it is plainly obvious that improvements in the policing system are needed, and he believes that this opinion will be shared equally by those communities in and around large cities and towns. However, before any decisions are taken, a proper consultation period is essential, with decent timescales that allow the public, and bodies such as Town and Parish Councils, to give valuable and informed responses.

Councillor Truepenny advised that, during discussions on this matter with local police officers, he has found that they are broadly in favour of the new **local policing structure**. However, he shared the concerns expressed regarding the proposed changes to the national policing structure.

It was agreed that the clerk should convey these concerns on behalf of the Town Council

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith. Seconded; Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop

- 092 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006/7

**Letter received outlining the service provided to Brigg throughout the past year, and requesting that consideration be given to the provision of further Financial Support in 2006/.07**

Councillor M.S. Campion applauded the excellent service provided, and proposed that the sum of £500.00 should once again be placed in the budget for the next Financial Year.

Seconded: Councillor M.N. Birkitt. All agreed.

- 093 TO CONSIDER – UNDER THE 1972 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, SECTION 112(5):

“THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY BOOKING OFFICER FOR THE ANGEL SUITE, AND THAT THE SAID COUNCILLOR WILL HOLD THAT OFFICE FROM TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2005.

Councillor Mrs M. Glossop was duly appointed  
Proposed: Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith Seconded: Councillor J.E.G. Kidd  
Vote: All agreed.

- 094 BRIGG TOWN MAYOR’S ALLOWANCE.

**To Receive notification that the Town Mayor’s Allowance for the current Fiscal Year is already severely stretched, and consider the following Recommendation, resulting from a review of the same by the Policy Committee (Policy Committee Minute Number P070)**

**Prejudicial Interest already declared by Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith and Mrs. M. Glossop (Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor)**

**a) To appoint a Chairman for the purpose of Item 16 on the Agenda**

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell was duly appointed  
Proposed: Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith Seconded: Councillor J. Truepenny.  
**All agreed.**

**Councillors Mrs. P.J. Smith and Mrs. M. Glossop left the room.**

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**b) To Consider that, with immediate effect:**

- the Town Mayor's Allowance should be reduced to £600.00 + mileage, **but used to cover only those expenses incurred by the Town Mayor when performing his or her duties on behalf of the Town;**
- the Town Mayor's Allowance should be increased annually in line with inflation, and that any such increase should also reflect (and be governed by), the cost and number of engagements it is anticipated will be required of that office.
- the Civic Budget should be amended and used to fund the cost of all Civic Functions and obligations hosted in Brigg, including the cost of Christmas Cards.
- the Town Mayor's Allowance for the current Fiscal Year should be re-imbursed with the cost of the Civic Functions already held and paid for, and any shortfall in the Civic Budget should be met from contingency funds.
- the Town Mayor should submit an account to the Annual Meeting at the end of each Mayoral Year, detailing how the allowance has been utilised; **and in addition**, the Town Mayor should submit an interim account of the expenditure incurred to date, **to the clerk**, in support of each request for a withdrawal of funds from the Town Mayor's Allowance.

**Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell** invited Councillor Kitwood, as the proposer of this motion, to put the case before members.

Councillor J. Kitwood advised members that the current Town Mayor's Allowance is totally inadequate, and unable to serve the needs of that office, as well as fund the cost of specific Civic Functions.

He advised members that the reasons for this motion were clearly stated on the Agenda, and documented within the Minutes of the Policy Committee, and he therefore asked members to give it their support.

Seconded: Councillor J.E.G. Kidd

**Councillor Mrs Tasker** reminded members that, for these very reasons, she had asked for the Town Mayors Allowance to be reviewed at the beginning of the Mayoral Year, but was not supported. However, she welcomed the section of the motion which would require an account to be provided at the end of each Mayoral Year, which should ensure that the Town Council can keep abreast of the funding required to support the office of Town Mayor.

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Councillor M.S. Champion advised that a very lengthy and detailed discussion had been held at the Policy Meeting, and he commended the motion to members.

VOTE: All agreed.

The Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor re-joined the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman, meeting held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005

**The meeting was followed by two Presentations to a Public Forum**

- i) Environment Agency**
  - Flood Risk Awareness**
  - Flood Warden Scheme**
  - Keeping the River Clean and Litter Free**
  
- ii) The Credit Union**