

**BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting – Monday 26th April 2004**  
**Chairman – Councillor M.S. Champion-**

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Present: Councillors, Mrs. J.A. Bell, M.N. Birkitt, Mrs. J. Brock, C.J. Cook, Mrs. A. Eardley, Mrs. M. Glossop, T.D. Glossop, J.E.G. Kidd, J. Kitwood, A.L. Markham, F. Melton, Mrs. J.L. Melton, T. Morris, K. Smith, Mrs. P.J. Smith, A. Sykes, and J. Truepenney.

In attendance:           Peter Thompson                           Market Rasen Mail  
                                  Revd MJ. Silley                            Town Mayor's Chaplain

342    PRAYER

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

343    NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Taken as read and approved.

344    APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker is on holiday.

345    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

346    MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

Members were asked to note that Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker had declared her Interest in Item 15, Brigg North Development Brief, as a Governor of Brigg Primary School, but it has not been recorded.

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2004, having been circulated, were then taken as read and approved as a true record.

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

347    PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public present.

348    POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Brock reported that she has received a complaint from a resident of Elwes Street, that youths are using the Millennium Green for late night drinking sessions, and there have also been incidents of stone throwing into and across the river from the Millennium Green.                           continued/...

The clerk will contact the police and ask them to observe the area.

Members were advised that information has now been received from the Traffic Warden regarding the use of mechanically propelled scooters, but it is not easy to interpret, and a traffic warden or policeman must first establish what type of scooter is being used, before it can be determined where it can and can not be ridden.

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith responded that this is far from acceptable, and both the public and parents must be given much clearer guidance on this matter. Councillor Mrs. Smith questioned who would be responsible if someone was injured as a result of a collision with one of these scooters?

Councillor K. Smith supported the comments made by Councillor Mrs. Smith, and proposed that the clerk should write to both the police and Ian Cawsey MP, to request further clarification regarding the legal position on this matter.

Councillor T.D. Glossop advised that the first meeting of the new policing forum for Brigg will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm in the Buttercross.

349 CORRESPONDENCE

a) FREE TWO HOUR PARKING – PILOT SCHEME IN BRIGG

Letter received from North Lincolnshire Council, advising that the pilot scheme is due for review, and requesting the Town Council's views on its operation.

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith took the opportunity to draw member's attention to the forthcoming major increases in car parking charges throughout North Lincolnshire.

Councillor T.D. Glossop commented that, once again, the people who will suffer the most from the increase in charges will be the low paid workers, and proposed that the Town Council should respond to this consultation that, although the 2 hour free parking scheme is very welcome, the pledge was made that car parking charges in Brigg would be abolished after the last election, and that election pledge should be honoured.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt reminded members that residents who live in the flats above the shops in the Town will also suffer from the increased charges.

Councillor A. Sykes commented that it is hard to judge whether the two hour free parking has definitely benefited businesses in the Town, but he has noticed that the scheme is not sufficiently advertised other than within the car parks, therefore the streets are still cluttered with cars parked by people trying to avoid paying charges.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley seconded Councillor Glossop's proposal.

**VOTE:            In Favour – 17            Against – 0            Abstentions – 1**

350 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

a) INCREASED CAR PARKING CHARGES

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith asked whether the Town Council had been formally advised of the proposed major increases in car parking charges?

The clerk confirmed that she had not received any formal notification.

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith requested that a letter be written to North Lincolnshire Council, deploring the proposals, and reminding North Lincolnshire Council of the impact the charges will have, particularly for the lowest paid workers in the Town.

Seconded: Councillor J. Truempenny All agreed.

b) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE OLD TOWN BELL

Councillor A. Sykes advised that the Rotary Club has asked whether the Town Council has any information on what happened to the Town Bell after it was removed from the Bell Tower at the Buttercross. The Rotary Club might be interested in restoring the Bell, in order to mark its forthcoming centenary.

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith advised that she might be able to establish the answer, but she was not confident that her findings would be favourable, as she believes that the bell has been disposed of.

c) Flytipping – Cary Lane, Brigg.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley asked if anyone could shed any light on who is responsible for dumping the trailer and rubbish on Cary Lane, adjacent to Spencer Molloy and the green hut?

The clerk advised that Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop had already brought the matter to her attention, following which it was reported to North Lincolnshire Council. She could not shed any light on who was responsible.

d) Tyre Dump – Old Lorry Park

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley asked whether any progress had been made regarding the removal of the tyres dumped on this site.

The clerk advised that she had discussed this issue with various officers at North Lincolnshire Council, who have advised that the site is still the responsibility of the receivers for Smith Parkinson Ford but, regrettably, they are not co-operating.

e) Ditch on Redcombe Lane

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley asked whether any progress had been made regarding ownership and clearance of the rubbish dumped in the ditch on Redcombe Lane.

Councillor Mrs Eardley was advised that the matter had already been discussed by the Planning and Environment Committee earlier this evening. Regrettably, no progress has been made, as ownership has not yet been established.

Councillor Mrs. J. Melton suggested that much of the rubbish is being dumped by nearby residents.

The Town Mayor suggested that residents who live near the ditch should try to be vigilant in order to establish who the culprits are, and then report them to the police or North Lincolnshire Council.

351 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

a) Property and Services Committee Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004

Councillor J. Kitwood proposed that the Minutes be received and accepted as a true record. Seconded: Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith  
All agreed.

b) PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2004  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2004

Councillor A.L. Markham proposed that the Minutes of both meetings be received and accepted as a true record. Seconded: Councillor M.N. Birkitt.  
All agreed.

Councillor F. Melton enquired whether there was any further information regarding the application for the Go – Kart Centre.

The clerk confirmed that the applicant has been invited to re-apply.

c) Policy Committee Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2004

Councillor Mrs. J.A.Bell proposed that the Minutes be received and accepted as a true record. Seconded Councillor C.J. Cook  
All agreed.

352 FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Financial report circulated as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004. Members were advised that they will be asked to formally approve the statement of accounts for the year end, at the Annual Meeting.

**Accounts for Payment:**

Mrs JM Woollard	clerical services	803.79
Mrs JM Woollard	home telephone	10.00
Mrs JM Woollard	general clerical services for the Angel Suite	82.44
	Angel Suite Bookings estimated 5 hours per week 20 hours =	206.10
Brigg Office Supplies	stationery £45.37 + V.A.T. £7.94 £42.83 + V.A.T. £7.50	53.31 50.33
Barnes & Son	Deputy Mayor's Badge of Office £621.27 + V.A.T. £108.73	730.00
Barnes & Son	Deputy Mayor's Consort Badge of Office £582.97 + V.A.T. £102.03	685.00
Arena Business Machines	copying £77.71 + V.A.T. £13.60	91.31
Brigg Christmas Fair C'tee	release grant cheque	300.00
North Lincolnshire Council	Angel Suite rent £1,000.00 + V.A.T. £175.00	1,175.00
British Telecom	Office Bill £70.21 + V.A.T. £12.28	82.49
A. Richardson	Repairs to gate at Redcombe Lane Allotments	85.00
Anglian Water	Grammar School Road Allotments	26.31
	Redcombe Lane Allotments	21.57
* Petty Cash	replenish float	53.26

Members were advised that the £30.00 previously authorised has not been drawn.

Proposed: Councillor J. Kitwood.      Seconded: Councillor C.J. Cook.  
All agreed.

**Report from the Joint Partnership of Event Organisers with North Lincolnshire Council.**

Other than the Horse Fair, which has suffered major problems in recent weeks, all of the events seem to be progressing as planned.

There has been a tremendous response from traders to the Hanging Basket Hire Scheme. Many more businesses are now on board, and in the region of 60 hanging baskets will be on display in addition to the planted tubs and baskets provided by the Town Council, and North Lincolnshire Council.

Councillor T.D. Glossop reported that the Horse Fair has once again encountered problems with regard to the site offered, and the Fair will not now be housed on Mill Lane.

As a result of this unexpected development North Lincolnshire Council has again been approached with regard to the possibility of using Atherton Way for this year only. This approach was made almost three weeks ago, and a response has not yet been received.

Councillor Glossop confirmed that, regardless of what happens with a site for the Horse Fair, Brigg Fair will go ahead in the Town Centre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2004.

On a more positive note, Councillor Glossop was pleased to report that (subject to approval of funding from The Lottery), the Community Association is looking into the possibility of bringing a specialist Company on board to organise a Mediaeval Fayre in the Town, on either the Friday or the Saturday of the Brigg Fair week-end.

The Town Mayor enquired whether any other sites had been mooted for the Horse Fair?

Councillor Glossop advised that the Recreation Ground has been suggested as an alternative site, and it is his understanding that Risk Assessments have been undertaken on both the Recreation Ground and Atherton Way. However, the Community Association has made it very clear that it will not support the use of the Recreation ground as a site for the Horse Fair, and would not be willing to accept responsibility for the Horse Fair if it was directed to the Recreation Ground.

Councillor J. Kitwood asked where a Mediaeval Fayre would be located?

Councillor Glossop advised that he believed that the Recreation ground would lend itself to that type of event, but no decision has been made.

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Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell reminded members that the Sport and Leisure Association is currently awaiting a decision on a bid for funding to re-develop the Recreation Ground, and expressed concern that major damage could be caused to the site, which might impact on those plans.

Members deplored the suggestion that the Recreation Ground was a suitable location for the Horse Fayre.

b) **Consider applications for funding toward the cost of staging events in 2004**

None received.

c) **Further Consider the Commissioning of a Sculpture to mark the anniversary, and delegate a working group to meet with the sculptor and further the project.**

Deferred until the next meeting.

354 **COUNCIL STRUCTURE:**

**Review the revised method of operation, and determine whether any further changes or amendments are required prior to the Election of Committees at the Annual Meeting in May 2004.**

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith commented that she is just beginning to get used to the new system, and she would not wish to see any further changes at this stage. Councillor Mrs. Smith proposed that the new method of operation should continue.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley commented that there are far too many meetings, and they are held far too early in the evening.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt disagreed with Councillor Mrs. Eardley regarding the number of Committees and commented that, under the previous system, he had served on about six committees therefore his workload has substantially decreased. Councillor Birkitt added that he is finding the new system much better.

Councillor J. Kitwood agreed with Councillor Birkitt, and reminded members that Full Council meetings are much shorter and sharper now that the bulk of the Council business is shared between the new Committees. He agreed that the new system is working very well.

Councillor J. Truepenny also agreed that the new system is working very well, and that the new committees have reduced the workload for some members. He added that the remit set out for the new committees is very clear, and seconded the proposal that the new system should continue.

**VOTE: All agreed.**



Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell recalled that the Town Council had already recognised Mr. Clayton's achievements as Manager of Brigg Town F.C., following the team's success in reaching the first round proper of the F.A. Cup.

The clerk advised that it was her understanding that gifts could not be purchased for individuals, other than through the Town Mayor's Allowance, or from a Civic Budget set for that purpose.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt put forward an amendment that this item should be deferred for one month, to allow members time to give the matter further consideration, and for the clerk to check out the legalities of whether a gift can be purchased for such a purpose.

Seconded by Councillor T.D. Glossop

**Vote – Unanimous. Amendment carried.**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman, meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2004