

BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 22nd March 2004
Chairman – Councillor M.S. Champion-

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. A. Tasker, and J. Truepenny.

In attendance:	Peter Thompson	Market Rasen Mail Scunthorpe Telegraph
	Cllr. N. Sherwood	North Lincolnshire Council
	Revd MJ. Silley	Town Mayor's Chaplain
	Apologies were received from	
	Cllr LR Long	North Lincolnshire Council
	Cllr J. Berry	North Lincolnshire Council

323 PRAYER

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

324 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Taken as read and approved.

325 APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith is on holiday.
Councillor A. Sykes is on holiday.

326 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 13 re; Brigg and District Sport and Leisure Association:
Councillors; Mrs. J.A. Bell, A.L. Markham, T. Morris and Mrs. A. Tasker.

Item 15 re; Brigg North Development Brief.
Councillor F. Melton is an Allotment Tenant
Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop is a Governor of Brigg Primary School

327 MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

Members were asked to note the following amendments before approving the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2004:

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Minute Number 311 and 320

Declarations of Interest – Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith is a member of the Music and Drama Association not the Community Association.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt also declared an interest in the Music & Drama Association.

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2004, having been circulated, were then taken as read and approved as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor C.J. Cook Seconded: Councillor M.N. Birkitt.

328 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

329 POLICE MATTERS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

330 Publications:

Clerks and Councils Direct and enclosures.
Humbrella and enclosures
Tides News
Local Council Review

331 b) (i2) tek Ltd

Letter advising of a software package for book-keeping

332 Brigg Wheelers

Letter received requesting the release of the £5,000.00 allocated toward the Skatepark project. The grant has already been approved, therefore the cheque can be released without further discussion.

333 Letter from Mrs. M. Parratt – Joseph J. Magrath O.B.E. –Award Winner 2003

Letter received from Mrs. Parratt thanking the Town Mayor and Mayoress for their hospitality and a most enjoyable evening at the Civic Charity Banquet.

334 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Old Courts Road Car Park.

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell expressed concern that the new entrance/exit to the car park is proving to be dangerous, and asked whether an alternative exit or entrance could be considered.

Councillor Sherwood (North Lincolnshire Council) will take this matter up with the appropriate department at North Lincolnshire Council.

Tesco Store Exit / Riverside Surgery Entrance

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell asked whether a request could be put forward for a pedestrian crossing between the Tesco Car Park and the entrance to the doctor's surgery. The clerk will contact Tesco's and Riverside Surgery.

Cary Lane Traffic Lights

Councillor F. Melton advised that, since the synchronisation of the Traffic Lights on Barnard Avenue, only 2/3 vehicles are allowed out of Cary Lane/Ash Grove before the lights return in favour of Barnard Avenue. Councillor Melton suggested that this is now encouraging drivers to proceed through the lights as they are changing back to red, and asked whether a request could be put forward for the time allowed to be extended.

The clerk reminded members that the traffic lights had been synchronised in this way following representation from the Town Council that the traffic flow on Barnard Avenue was being interrupted. If this request is reversed then it would be realistic to expect more hold ups on Barnard Avenue

It was agreed that members should observe the traffic situation along the full length of Barnard Avenue throughout the next month, and consider whether the traffic is generally flowing better or worse than before. Members were also asked to consider whether drivers waiting to access Barnard Avenue from any of the side roads are waiting for an unnecessarily long period of time.

The item will be placed for further consideration on the next Agenda.

Councillor T.D. Glossop suggested that one possible solution would be the removal of the traffic lights at the junction of Cary Lane.

Falcon Cycles

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Brock enquired whether there is any truth in the rumour that Falcon Cycles are pulling out of Brigg.

The Town Mayor responded that he has also heard the same rumour but, as far as he is aware, there has been no official announcement.

Tyres on Atherton Way

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley asked whether there has been any progress regarding the removal of the tyres dumped on the old lorry park.

The clerk advised that it is the responsibility of the receivers appointed to Smith Parkinson Ford to have the tyres removed, and the Neighbourhood Services Manager is doing everything she can in this regard.

335 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

a) Property and Services Committee Wednesday 3rd March 2004

Councillor J. Kitwood (Chairman) proposed that the Minutes be received and accepted as a true record.

Seconded by Councillor M.N. Birkitt. No matters arising. All agreed.

b) PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Monday 23rd February 2004
Wednesday 10th March 2004

Councillor A.L. Markham (Chairman) proposed that both sets of Minutes be received and accepted as a true record.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. J.A. Brock No matters arising. All agreed.

c) Policy Committee Wednesday 10th March 2004

It should be noted that Councillor J. Truepenny was not in attendance at this meeting – he is recorded as both in attendance, and submitting apologies!

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell (Chairman) proposed that the Minutes be received and accepted as a true record.

Seconded by Councillor C.J. Cook No matters arising. All agreed.

336 FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

A Financial Report was circulated after the last meeting. The next Financial Report will be issued as at the year end i.e. 31st March 2004.

Accounts for Payment

Mrs. JM Woollard	clerical services	803.79
Mrs. JM Woollard	home telephone	10.00
Mrs. JM Woollard	clerical services Angel Suite	82.44
	Angel Suite Bookings	
	4 hours per week 16 hours =	164.88
	continued/....	

Brigg Office Supplies	stationery £21.24 + V.A.T. £3.72	24.96
Arena Business Machines	copying £14.81 + V.A.T £2.59	17.40
Civic Dinner Account	Tickets for Civic Guests welcome reception / wine Place name cards Magrath Winner Tickets Engraving rose bowl Certificate frame	552.00 21.60 40.00 not yet known 4.99
Pickerings	Holocaust Memorial Plaque £166.00 + V.A.T. £29.05	195.05
D.S.L.	balance of the cost for Christmas Tree Barrier hire	14.57
North Lincolnshire Council	Tree Planting, Newlands £1,207.92 + V.A.T. £211.39	1,419.31
North Lincolnshire Council	Service Level Agreement Grounds Maintenance and Opening Cary Lane W.C. £192.00 + V.A.T. £33.60	225.60
Peter Thompson	3 articles for the Web Site	75.00
Petty Cash	replenish float	30.00
Brigg Wheelers	grant	5,000.00
Brigg & District Sport and Leisure Association	grant	5,000.00
Kays Horticulture	ground cover membrane for Allotments	358.40 inc. VAT
Proposed: Councillor Mrs J.A. Bell All agreed	Seconded Councillor J. Truepenny	

337 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL MARKET CHARTER:

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

Copies of the leaflet produced by North Lincolnshire Council were distributed. Members were advised that there is a facility for groups to have posters made at the Tourist Information Centre, incorporating the banner from the leaflet across the top of each poster. continued/...

Regrettably, one of the events planned will not be going ahead, due to the lack of a group to organise it, and that is The Dragon Boat Racing

Councillor TD. Glossop advised members that, in addition to the usual Tourist Information Outlets, the publicity leaflet will be available on North Sea Ferry Crossings, and at the Tourist Information Centres in Zeebrugge and Rotterdam.

Councillor Glossop was also pleased to confirm that Jeremy Clarkson will be attending the Classic Vehicle Day on the 8th August.

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

Further applications were received for consideration:

i) **Brigg and District Lions Club – Brigg Bonfire**

Information already circulated to members

Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker enquired whether any grant approved this evening would then be awarded annually, or is this application for this year only?

The clerk confirmed that any decision taken this evening would only relate to this year's event, although there is nothing to prevent the Lions from applying again next year.

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Brock and Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley both agreed that the Town Council should support the Lions in their efforts to resurrect the bonfire, particularly in view of the benefits to Public Safety.

Councillor T.D. Glossop agreed and proposed that the sum of £1500.00 should be granted to the Lions to assist with the cost of staging a bonfire and fire works display in 2004. Seconded by Councillor C.J. Cook.

Councillor Mrs. A Tasker put forward an amendment that the grant should only be awarded in case of need. Seconded by Councillor J. Kitwood

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley put forward a further amendment that a grant of £2,000.00 should be agreed. Seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Melton.

VOTE taken on the amendment proposed by Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker
In favour: 7 Against: 10 Abstentions: 0 **AMENDMENT DEFEATED**

VOTE taken on the amendment by Councillor Mrs. Eardley, that a grant of £2,000.00 should be awarded toward the cost of staging the event.
In favour: 4 Against: 13 Abstentions: 0 **AMENDMENT DEFEATED.**

b) **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.**

Members were advised that the clerk has been in contact with North Lindsey College, and also the sculptor recommended by Christine Edwards. There has been no response from the college, but the sculptor would welcome the opportunity to meet with a group of members to discuss the project.

The following members volunteered to meet with the sculptor, and bring information back for further consideration:

Councillors; M.N. Birkitt, Mrs. J.A. Brock, T.D. Glossop, Mrs. A. Eardley and F. Melton.

338 **BRIGG AND DISTRICT SPORT AND LEISURE ASSOCIATION – FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATING TO THE FUTURE PROVISION OF LEISURE FACILITIES AT BRIGG RECREATION GROUND.**

To confirm the decision of delegated members that the £5,000.00 earmarked to assist with the cost of commissioning the Business Plan for the future management of the Recreation Ground, should now be released.

It was noted that there had to be some changes to the original list of delegated members recorded at the last meeting, due to both work commitments, and members' realisation that they had a prejudicial interest in this item which had not previously been considered.

The following is a list of the seven members who did meet to make the decision:- Councillor M.N. Birkitt, Mrs M. Glossop, J. Kitwood, F. Melton, Mrs. J. Melton, J.E.G. Kidd and Mrs. P.J. Smith.

Proposed: Councillor M.N. Birkitt. Seconded: Councillor J. Truepenney
Vote: In Favour 13. Against: 0 Abstentions: 4

339 **CONSIDER REQUEST FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL'S OPINION IN RELATION TO THE FORTHCOMING REVIEW OF BUS CONTRACTS.**

Information already circulated to members.

Councillor M.S. Campion proposed that the Town Council should support the continuation of the current level of Public Transport, which is an essential service for the few people who have to use those routes and times.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. J.A. Brock, who stated that the services are essential for the non-driver.

Councillor K Smith agreed that, following the loss of the 909 service, it is essential that all remaining bus services are retained.

Vote: Unanimous in favour.

340 CONSIDER THE BRIGG NORTH DEVELOPMENT BRIEF, INCLUDING:

- i) Proposed New Housing
- ii) Proposed New Primary School
- iii) Proposed new access route / link road via Atherton Way

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. Iain Cunningham, Senior Planning Officer, and Mr. Peter Scott, Highway Safety Officer (both North Lincolnshire Council) who were invited to attend to assist members in their understanding of the proposals, and to answer any questions.

The Town Mayor immediately enquired regarding the sites earmarked as possible replacements for the Grammar School Road Allotments site, and asked how were they chosen, and whether any studies been undertaken to establish if the land is fertile at the locations proposed on the plan?

Also, will the sites earmarked within the plan be hard and fast once the plan has been accepted by North Lincolnshire Council, or is there still room for negotiation with potential developers?

Mr. Cunningham responded by advising members that the sites had been chosen in relation to the allocation of space for housing, and after due consideration of the most desirable locations within the plan for housing

Potential developers would be encouraged to consult with the Town Council, as a landowner within the site earmarked for housing, and he would expect surveys of potential allotment sites to form part of that consultation process.

The Town Mayor also asked Mr. Peter Scott to further explain how the new road will work; who would have access to this route; and would it provide an alternative exit route for the residents of the Springbank Estate?

Mr. Peter Scott responded that, at the present time, the proposal is to install a two-way bus gate at the junction of the new road with Grammar School Road - the intention being to remove the need for school buses to travel along Grammar School Road. The only complication with this proposal is that some buses serve both Sir John Nelthorpe School and the Vale of Ancholme Technology College.

All other traffic will be denied access to Grammar School Road via Atherton Way, and vice-versa from Grammar School Road and the adjacent streets on to the new road

The Town Mayor then asked for guidance on what stage the process has reached? continued/....

Mr. Cunningham advised that North Lincolnshire Council is currently in the midst of the Consultation Process, following which all representations received will be considered, and any resultant modifications and amendments made to the brief before it is submitted to the members of North Lincolnshire Council, for their approval as an amendment to the Local Plan itself.

Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker enquired which route parents delivering children to and from school would be using.

Mr. Scott advised that parents delivering children to and from the Vale of Ancholme School, and St. Mary's School, would use the same routes they are using now. Access to the new Primary School will be via Atherton Way.

In addition, through the Safe Routes to School programme, every effort is being made to encourage parents who can walk or cycle to school with their children, to do so. However, it must be acknowledged that the removal of all vehicles parked close to school gates can have the detrimental effect of increasing traffic speed, as vehicles are a natural traffic calming measure.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt commented that he would prefer it if the residents of Springbank could have the option to drive out via the new road. He suggested that consideration should be given to the designation of a one way route for traffic out of Grammar School Road via the new road.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley suggested that pupils attending Sir John Nelthorpe School could be deposited and collected at the Lower School site. Upper School pupils could then walk across the school field

Councillor T.D. Glossop welcomed the proposed housing development, but acknowledged that there will be knock on effect for the Town, particularly regarding the potential for even more traffic congestion at the roundabout junction at Barnard Avenue, Atherton Way and Ancholme Way.

Councillor Glossop re-iterated his previous suggestion (made earlier this evening), that the traffic lights at the Cary Lane junction should be removed in order to try and keep the traffic flowing. He also took the opportunity to re-iterate the Town Council's previous stance, that a second alternative exit route out on to Wrawby Road is essential, and would cut out the need for many drivers to use Barnard Avenue at all.

Councillor J. Kitwood supported the comments made by Councillor Glossop regarding the potential for a bottleneck at the roundabout on Ancholme Way/Barnard Avenue/Atherton Way. He agreed that serious consideration must now be given to constructing a second exit route out on to Wrawby Road from both the new housing developments, Grammar School Road and the Springbank estate.

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Mr. Cunningham responded that consideration had been given to this issue, as part of the Local Plan Consultation Process. The decision taken at that time was against this suggestion and he did not foresee any change in that stance.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley enquired regarding the type of housing which would be permitted, and asked for an explanation on the description used of 'high density housing'. Does this mean 2-3 storey flats?

Mr. Cunningham advised that high density would probably mean town/terrace houses.

Councillor Mrs. J. Melton noted that the plan does include the provision of cycle paths, but enquired where cyclists were expected to ride when they reach Barnard Avenue?

Mr. Scott acknowledged that this is a problem, but advised that the increased provision of cycleways is dependant on funding, and funds are allocated by using a system of prioritisation, which is based on issues such as:

1. Accident record
2. Safe routes to school
3. Safe routes to places of work.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley enquired whether any additional speed ramps will be installed within the Newlands Estate, to deter the use of this route as a rat run.

Mr. Scott advised that this type of work is equally expensive and, once again, need is measured in much the same way as it is for cycle ways.

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell reminded members that working parents have no choice but to take their children to and from school by car.

The clerk asked for firm clarification regarding the Allotment Sites, and what will happen if the designated sites prove to be unsuitable after the plan is adopted by North Lincolnshire Council.

Councillor K. Smith also asked for an indication on the timescale envisaged before any development work commences.

Mr. Cunningham advised that he expected the development brief to be adopted by North Lincolnshire Council by the Summer of 2004. Implementation will take much longer, as there will then need to be a series of negotiations and discussions between potential developers and the various landowners, as well as the studies highlighted within the plan itself.

Mr. Cunningham confirmed that the Town Council would be kept fully informed with regard to its progress, and that there would be plenty of scope for negotiations regarding a suitable site for the allotments, even after the plan has been adopted.

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There were no other questions. The Town Mayor therefore thanked Mr. Scott and Mr. Cunningham for their attendance.

Councillor M.S. Champion (Town Mayor) proposed that:-

- a) the Town Council should welcome and support the sites earmarked for new housing development, and the new Primary School.
- b) concern should be expressed regarding the proposed access routes to be used, and the opportunity taken to re-iterate the Town Council's previous stance regarding a second exit route out via Wrawby Road,
- c) the suggestion should be put forward that a detailed consultation study must be undertaken on the predicted traffic flow through Atherton Way, Barnard Avenue and Ancholme Way, in order to ensure that potential problems are considered and addressed before they occur, rather than later.
- d) a request should be made for the Town Council to be kept fully informed with regard to all developments related to this plan, but particularly regarding the implications for the tenants of the Town Council Allotment site on Grammar School Road.

Seconded: Councillor J. Kitwood. All agreed.

341 NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL - PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

The Town Mayor welcomed Mr. John Coates, North Lincolnshire Council Performance and Quality Manager, who was in attendance to address members regarding the Public Open Space Strategy.

Members were reminded that the Town Council had expressed concern that the three 'trigger scenarios' incorporated within the strategy for the disposal of Public Open Space, could be engineered i.e; lack of maintenance leads to lack of use.

Mr. Coates re-assured members that this would not be the case, and the 'trigger scenarios' would be used to indicate when a particular area is either under-used or mis-used, following which a clearly defined consultation process would ensue in order to establish a solution to the problem. This would involve the Town Council, user groups, and the local community.

Councillor K. Smith enquired whether there are any plans already in place for the disposal of areas of open space within Brigg.

Mr. Coates advised that he is not aware of any plans, but neither would he expect to be, as this would come under the remit of the Neighbourhood Services Team, whose responsibility it is to advise if there are any problem areas requiring action.

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Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell asked whether all new housing developments have to include a play area.

Mr. Coates advised that there are guidelines governing this issue, which is dependant on the number of houses within a development. He offered to provide the Town Council with a set of guidelines for future reference.

There were no other questions.

Members therefore agreed that, providing there is a proper consultation process (as described), they had no further objections to the 'trigger scenarios' being included within the strategy,.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman, meeting held Monday 26th April 2004.