

BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 26th JANUARY 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, A.L. Markham, F. Melton, Mrs. J.L. Melton, K. Smith, Mrs. P.J. Smith, A. Sykes, Mrs. A. Tasker, and J. Truepenny.

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

280 PRAYER

The Town Mayor's Chaplain led members in prayer

281 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Taken as read and approved.

282 APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor J. Kitwood is at work.
Councillor T. Morris is helping his son move house.

283 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

284 MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 15th December 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and approved as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith Seconded: Councillor C.J. Cook

285 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public present.

286 POLICE MATTERS

Councillor F. Melton took the opportunity to praise the local police for their work in recent months, particularly with regard to drugs issues.

Councillor T.D. Glossop drew members' attention to the Police Community Liaison Meeting, which will be held in Messingham Village Hall on Tuesday 27th January.

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith advised members that there is an increasing practice of drivers entering the short strip of road at the front of Hewson House, through the 'No Entry' signs on Bigby Street, in order to gain access to Albert Street.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley advised that there is also a problem at this same location with drivers parking for long periods on the double yellow lines.

The clerk will contact the traffic warden.

Letter received from Mr. CPR Stott, resident of Brigg, regarding the use of the footpath from Brigg to Castlethorpe by motorcyclists, which is churning up the footpath.

The clerk will contact the police regarding this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

287 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL MARKET CHARTER

i) Acknowledgement received from the Lord Lieutenant regarding the invitation for a member of the Royal Family to visit Brigg.

ii) Letter from Councillor D. Stewart confirming that North Lincolnshire Council will be supporting the year of celebrations, and confirming the same reasons stated by Councillor Long at last months meeting, for the Council refusing permission for the Horse Fair to be held on Atherton Way.

Councillor T.D. Glossop again refuted the reasons stated.

288 NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE - PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICY

Update received from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the consultation process.

289 GLANFORD POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Notification of the meeting to be held tomorrow evening in Messingham.

290 NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LIBRARIES – NEW COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Letter received informing the Town Council that the library will be closed for a short period while the new computer system is installed.

291 ROADS ON NEWLANDS ESTATE

Copy correspondence between Mr. P. North, resident of Elm Way, and North Lincolnshire Council Highways Department, received via Cabinet Member, Councillor J. England.

292 PUBLICATIONS

- i) Local Council Review
- ii) Community Connections
- iii) Playing Field
- iv) HUMBRELLA
- v) HLC Training News

293 LETTER OF THANKS – MAVIS PARRATT

Letter of thanks received from Mrs. Parratt, following the decision that she should receive the Joseph J. Magrath O.B.E. Award for Public Voluntary Service.

294 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Details received of Prohibition ‘No Waiting’ Orders at the following locations/

- i) Grammar School Road
- ii) Princes Street

No objections raised.

295 PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING
THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2004.

Councillor T.D. Glossop advised that, following notification of the topics that would be discussed at this meeting, he had taken the decision to attend the meeting, together with Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop.

One of the topics to be considered is the possibility that Parish and Town Councils could be asked for additional funding toward the cost of providing extra policing in their parish.

Councillor T.D. Glossop asked for an indication of members’ opinion on this issue, in order to assist him should the question be asked at the Liaison Meeting.

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Members were assured that this was not a formal and binding decision, but a general indication of their instinctive response to the possibility of an extra levy for this purpose.

The general response from members was that they would not be in favour of an extra levy for this purpose.

296 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

WRAWBY ROAD – NEW 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell enquired why there are no ‘repeater’ signs showing the new 30mph speed limit along Wrawby Road.

The clerk will check the details of the new scheme, and make the necessary enquiries in this regard.

Councillor LR Long (North Lincolnshire Council) advised that, by law, 30mph repeater signs are not allowed along routes which have streetlights.

297 SALT BIN – ALMOND GROVE

Councillor Mrs A. Eardley advised that the salt bin at this location is empty. The clerk will contact the highways department.

298 EXCHANGE PLACE – BROKEN LIGHT

Councillor Mrs A. Eardley advised that the first lamp on the right hand side (leading from the Market Place), is not lit.

The clerk will contact the Street Lighting Department.

299 SAFETY BARRIER – RIVER ANCHOLME

Councillor Mrs J. Melton enquired why this work has not commenced.

The clerk advised that she had spoken to Mr. Mouncey, the local Environment Agency Officer, who is making enquiries to establish why the work has not yet started.

300 WHITE HART JETTY

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley enquired whether any progress had been made regarding the possible removal of this jetty.

The clerk advised that members had not given her a remit to make any such approach, and it is the responsibility of the Licensees of the White Hart to ensure that their property is safe.

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Councillor F. Melton advised that it is his understanding (following discussions with the Landlady of the White Hart) that the jetty does not belong to them.

The clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency to establish ownership of the jetty.

301 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

a) Property and Services Committee Wed 7th January 2004

In the absence of Councillor J. Kitwood, Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith, the Vice-Chair of this Committee proposed that the Minutes should be accepted and approved as a true record.

Seconded Councillor M.N. Birkitt. All agreed.

b) PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Wed. 7th January
2004

The Chairman was not present at the Planning Committee Meeting, therefore Councillor T.D. Glossop, Vice Chairman, proposed that the Minutes should be accepted and approved as a true record.

Seconded: Councillor J.A. Brock.

Councillor K. Smith enquired whether the Committee had undertaken a site visit before making its decision regarding the application to erect a dwelling on land at Churchill Avenue, Brigg. Councillor Smith expressed reservations regarding the size of the plot, and its close proximity to the neighbouring property.

The Chairman advised that the committee had expressed the same reservations, but based on the plans put before them they could see no planning grounds for refusal.

All agreed.

c) Policy Committee Wednesday 14th January 2004

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith proposed that the Minutes should be accepted and approved as a true record.

Seconded: Councillor C.J. Cook All agreed.

302 FINANCIAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Financial Report to be taken under Item 12.

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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
Mrs JM Woollard	Angel Suite bookings 30 hours over 6 weeks this includes 15+ hours on 2004 booking forms	309.15
Mrs JM Woollard	refund for stamps purchased Civic Dinner and circulation of 800 th anniversary info.	44.60
Petty Cash	replenish float	27.71
Brigg Office Supplies	stationery £32.96 + V.A.T. £5.77	38.73
Arena Business Machines	copying £15.83 + V.A.T. £2.77	18.60
Christmas Lights: Barrie Gray & Sons	V.A.T. on the new installation Tree for the Angel Suite and new lamps in the Town £119.20 + V.A.T. £20.86 balance for main installation 2,182.83	350.00 140.06
North Lincs. Council	staging and P.A. System for the switch on.	150.00
D.S.L	Christmas Tree Barrier Hire £34.80 + V.A.T. £6.09	40.89
Brians D.I.Y.	frame for Holocaust words	9.99
Sturton Nurseries	re-planting of tubs in the Angel Courtyard £100.00 + V.A.T. £17.50	117.50
British Telecom	office bill £61.56 + V.A.T. £10.77	72.33
Mayor's Allowance	Christmas Cards	72.00

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Cllr. M.S. Champion	Mayor's Allowance	76.00
Rural Car Scheme	release cheque for 2003/04	500.00
Yorkshire in Bloom	entry fee	40.00
C.P.R.E.	m'ship renewal	25.00

Proposed: Councillor M.N. Birkitt

Seconded: Councillor Mrs J.A. Bell.

All agreed.

303 CONSIDER FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE CLERK, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005.

Members were in receipt of a full Financial Report and the Budget recommendations, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Mrs J. Melton asked for clarification on why funding had been allocated for Rural Transport in the current year, when the recommendation for next year is that the budget should be withdrawn?

The clerk explained that funding had been placed in the budget (case of need) for the current year, in readiness for any funding requests in relation to the many rural transport initiatives which were under discussion at that time. However, no funding requests have been received to date, and neither has there been any indication that funding will be required during the next financial year.

In view of the other priorities for the Town Council during the 800th anniversary year, it is suggested that this funding should be withdrawn, but re-considered for 2005/06

Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker observed that the Mayor's Allowance has not been increased for a couple of years, and suggested that consideration ought to be given to an increase in this allowance.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt commented that the allowance has been increased, albeit indirectly, by allowing the Town Mayor to claim mileage in addition to the allowance.

Councillor Champion was asked for his observations, based on spending during the current year.

He advised that the budget is extremely tight, and it will probably run short before the end of his Mayoral Year. The Town Mayor assured members that this will not be a problem for him as he has a well paid job, but he does have concerns that it could prohibit a member taking office who is not in the same position financially, and could not afford to subsidise any overspend.

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Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith commented that the Policy Committee had spent a great deal of time studying the draft budget, and juggling figures in order to ensure that the Precept would not be increased any more than necessary.

Councillor Mrs. Smith added that she is opposed to the suggestion that the Mayor's Allowance should be increased, particularly when residents could be facing a major increase in their Council Tax, and proposed that the Budget should be accepted and approved by members, as written.

The clerk advised that a minor increase in the Mayor's Allowance need not increase the Precept, as it could be absorbed within the contingency fund. Consideration could also be given to removing the burden of financing the Civic Service from the Mayor's Allowance, and adjusting the Civic Functions Budget to meet that cost.

Councillor K. Smith seconded Councillor Mrs. Smith's proposal.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley reminded members that costs increase year on year, and the Town Council should not expect the Town Mayor to 'scrimp and scrape' on an inadequate allowance, or subsidise it from his/her own pocket.

Councillor T.D. Glossop felt that removing the cost of the Civic Service from the Mayor's Allowance was perhaps too drastic as, in effect, this would increase the allowance available to the Town Mayor by almost 50%. However, he put forward an amendment to the proposal, that the Town Mayor's Allowance should be increased by £100.00 for the next Fiscal Year, the increase to be absorbed within the contingency monies built into the budget.

Seconded by Councillor C.J. Cook.

Vote on the amendment: Votes for: 14. Votes Against: 3 **Amendment carried**

Councillor Campion (Town Mayor) formally proposed that the Precept for the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 should be fixed at £42,000.00.

Seconded by Councillor T.D. Glossop.

Votes For: 14. Against:3 **Motion Carried.**

304 **CONSIDER AND FINALISE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2004.**

Members had been provided with a written schedule of proposed meeting dates, drawn up in accordance with the agreed monthly schedule for Committee and Full Council Meetings.

It was noted that some of the dates fall within periods when the clerk will be taking her leave. Members therefore agreed to change the dates of the meetings in April and July, which would be affected.

The revised dates agreed are as follows:-

APRIL 2004

Planning and Environment Committee will be Tuesday 6th April
Policy Committee will be Tuesday 6th April
Property and Services Committee stays at Wednesday 7th April

JULY 2004

Planning and Environment Committee will be Tuesday 6th July
Policy Committee will be Tuesday 6th July
Property and Services Committee stays at Wednesday 7th July

Full Council – Monday 26th July

The clerk is also on leave for this meeting, but Councillor Mrs P.J. Smith offered to take the Minutes in her absence. Sanction for a member to undertake this duty, must be approved in advance. The clerk will obtain details from E.R.N.L.L.C.A.

Following the changes detailed above, the scheduled list of meeting dates for 2004, was approved.

Proposed Councillor M.S. Campion Seconded Councillor Mrs P.J. Smith.

305 **FIX DATE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Monday 29th March 2004 at 7pm.

306 **CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM THE BRIGG COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST WITH THE ORGANISATION OF BRIGG FAIR IN 2004.**

Deferred until the next meeting, pending receipt of written financial information from the Community Association. Members also agreed that, at the same time, applications should be considered from other groups intending to hold an event in 2004.

307 **CONSIDER THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN ISSUED BY NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHERN AREA OF BRIGG INCLUDING; -**

Proposed New Housing / Primary School / Link road

The clerk advised that the document will not be received until early February, following which there will be a six week consultation period. This item was therefore deferred until next meeting.

It was agreed that an invitation should be issued for officers from North Lincolnshire Council to attend and advise members further on the proposed plan.

There was no other business, the meeting closed at 8pm

Chairman, Meeting held Monday 23rd February 2004