

**BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003 at 7pm**  
**Chaired by – Councillor T.D. Glossop (Vice-Chairman)**

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**Present: Councillors Councillor M.N. Birkitt, Mrs. J.A. Brock, T. Morris, J.E.G. Kidd, and Mrs. P.J. Smith**

PE001 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Taken as read and approved.

PE002 APOLOGIES RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Mrs. A. Eardley is unwell.  
Councillor A.L. Markham is at work.  
Councillor A. Sykes is at work.

PE003 a) APPOINT CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Councillor A.L. Markham  
Proposed: Councillor M.N. Birkitt      Seconded : Councillor T. Morris

There were no other nominations, and the clerk confirmed that Councillor Markham had indicated his willingness to accept a nomination for Chairman, in his absence. All agreed.

b) APPOINT VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

Councillor T.D. Glossop  
Proposed: Councillor M.N. Birkitt      Seconded: Councillor T. Morris

There were no other nominations. All agreed.

PE004 MINUTES AS CIRCULATED

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Councillor M.N. Birkitt. There was no one in attendance who could second this proposal, but members accepted that the Minutes had been circulated, and the clerk had not received any objection from a member regarding their validity.

PE005 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PE006 CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Application Number 2003/1560

Planning Permission to erect a two storey extension to offices  
The Poplars, Bridge Street, Brigg NO OBJECTIONS

Application Number 2003/1649

Planning Permission to erect a warehouse. Atherton Way,  
Ancholme Park, Brigg. NO OBJECTIONS

PE007 HEDGEROW RESEARCH PROJECT

a) Receive update for the clerk

The Vale of Ancholme Technology College presented their project at the C.P.R.E. Awards Evening. The college is also due to provide the clerk with the disc to enable the transfer of the project to the Web Site.

North Lincolnshire Council has not yet decided whether the Town Council can present the Hedgerow Project at a future Liaison Meeting, the decision should be taken within the next 7/10 days. However, the clerk has been advised that there may be a further opportunity to promote the project, via a new publication to be produced – The Parish Newsletter.

b) Determine next course of action required.

Members agreed that there was very little which can be done, until a decision is received regarding the Liaison Meetings.

The clerk will contact Mark Tyszka to enquire on progress regarding the database.

Councillor Mrs P.J. Smith suggested that two other avenues which could be explored for publicising the project are; via Bishop Burton College, and English Nature.

PE008 MAINTENANCE OF DITCHES IN BRIGG

**Determine who is responsible for the long term maintenance of the following ditches, and whether the Town Council should take any further action in this regard.**

a) The ditch located off Elwes Street, Brigg, leading to Candley Beck.

Members were reminded that a site meeting had been arranged with representatives of the Ancholme Internal Drainage Board, and they were attended by the clerk and Councillor Mrs. Tasker.

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Members were advised that the Internal Drainage Board is not responsible for either of the ditches, but they were able to confirm that the ditch off Elwes Street is the joint responsibility of the properties at the bottom of St. Clare's Walk, together with North Lincolnshire Council as the owner of the land on either side of St. Clare's Walk.

This ditch is not being maintained, but there is no flood risk as it flows into Candley Beck, which is maintained by the Drainage Board. However, the ditch is becoming a dumping ground for rubbish, and this could become an environmental problem in the future.

The clerk advised that the Internal Drainage Board might be willing to resume responsibility for the ditch, but first it would have to be brought up to the required standard.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt proposed that a letter should be sent to North Lincolnshire Council, drawing attention to the fact that the Council is jointly responsible for the maintenance of the ditch, and asking for steps to be taken to remove the rubbish, and for the ditch to be properly maintained in the future. Councillor Birkitt added that it was up to North Lincolnshire Council to contact the other owners, regarding their responsibilities in connection with this issue.           Seconded by Councillor T. Morris           All agreed.

The clerk will also convey to North Lincolnshire Council the potential opportunity for responsibility to be transferred back to the Drainage Board.

b) Redcombe Lane

It is not clear who is the owner of this ditch. It is suspected that it formed part of the area of land now developed as a housing estate by Chartdale Homes, and it is possible that the land purchased by Chartdale Homes only went as far as the edge of the ditch itself, therefore leaving it in 'no-mans land'.

Again, there is no immediate problem from flood risk, but it is possible that some of the old drains in the Town (in particular those leading from the estates off Redcombe Lane and Grammar School Road), do link up with this drain, and problems could occur in future years if it is not properly maintained. This ditch is also attracting fly tippers, which could lead to an environmental problem in the future.

The clerk confirmed that she has already contacted Chartdale Homes to try and establish the extent of the land they purchased.

Councillor M.N. Birkitt proposed that the Committee should await the reply from Chartdale Homes. Seconded by Councillor T. Morris.   All agreed.

PE009 CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
THROUGHOUT 2004

Councillor T. Morris proposed that, as the Lounge in the Angel Suite is available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in each month throughout 2004, the Planning and Environment Committee should continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in each month, at 7pm. Seconded by Councillor Mrs. J.A. Brock. All agreed.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Approved as a true record at the Full Council Meeting, held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

Signed by the Chairman  
Planning and Environment Committee.

and Chairman of the  
Full Council Meeting