

BRIGG ANNUAL TOWN PUBLIC MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 24th MARCH 2014
at 7.30pm
THE ANGEL SUITE**

In attendance: Cllr. J. Kitwood – Town Mayor
Mrs. J. M. Woollard, Town Clerk
Mrs. A.J. Hannath, Assistant Town Clerk
Cllr. C. Sherwood, Brigg and Wolds Ward Councillor
Cllr. N. Sherwood, Brigg and Wolds Ward Councillor
Cllr. R. Waltham, Brigg and Wolds Ward Councillor
27 Members of the public including members of
Brigg Town Council

Mr. N. Fisher – Brigg Blogg
Mr. P. Thompson – Market Rasen Mail
Mr. R. Dillon – Scunthorpe Telegraph

1. WELCOME BY THE TOWN MAYOR - CLLR. JOHN KITWOOD

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2013 were noted as received.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT BY COUNCILLOR J. KITWOOD

See written report attached.

5. REPORTS FROM OTHERS:

a) North Lincolnshire Council – Cllr. R. Waltham

Cllr. Waltham reported on progress since the 2013 Annual Town Meeting:-

- Land off Station Road is now registered as a village green.
- Funding has been secured for 2 schools in the town -
Sir John Nelthorpe School to assist with the cost of roof repairs in the sum of £300,000 and Brigg Primary School to provide an extra classroom - £100,000.

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- Brigg 2020 – Much of the update was covered within the Town Mayor's report, but he was pleased to record the support of North Lincolnshire Council through the funding provided to enable delivery of the various initiatives brought forward.

Future initiatives include new signs at the entrance to the town and some new street furniture.

- Brigg Heritage Centre has now welcomed 8,000 visitors through its doors and discussions are now underway to look at transferring the management of this visitor attraction to the voluntary sector, which will enable further funding pots to be accessed.
- The Ancholme River Trust has secured funding of £50,000 to improve the White Hart Wall and to tidy up this aspect of the river.
- Brigg Recreation Ground Trust, which is chaired by Cllr. Carl Sherwood, is now looking at improving the sports and changing facilities in the town. North Lincolnshire Council has secured £500,000 in funding. The total estimated cost for the project is £3 million.
- Further schemes where funding has been allocated by North Lincolnshire Council include:-

The provision of a relief road off Grammar School Road.

The Government has allocated £10 million to enable the Vale Academy to be rebuilt. North Lincolnshire Council has, therefore, determined that funding should be allocated to create the much required link road between Grammar School Road and Atherton Way to include a bus park at the rear of the school leading directly onto Atherton Way.

Within the Budget for the next fiscal year £2 million worth of funding has been allocated for highway works, flood defences, community defibrillators, improvements to the riverside walkway in Brigg and to continue to support 2 hours of free parking.

The highway works will include refurbishment of the road network and associated works within the Newlands Estate.

Mr. T. D. Glossop questioned why the proposed link road is leading to Atherton Way and not out onto Wrawby Road. He suggested that a relief road out onto Atherton Way will simply transfer the bottleneck from Grammar School Road to Atherton Way.

The Ward Councillors confirmed that the relief road between Grammar School Road and Atherton Way is Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be to construct a relief road out onto Wrawby Road. Consultations regarding these issues will commence shortly.

Cllr. Mrs. A. Eardley enquired whether the hedges along the riverside will be protected within the works proposed to improve the riverside walkway. This was confirmed.

Mr. John Thompson (resident of Brigg) recommended that street name signage should go back to black letters on a white background as gold letters are not easy to read.

Mr. Ken Harrison (resident of Wrawby) enquired about the reference to "Gateway to the Wolds" which he understands will be incorporated into the new town entry signage. He suggested that Caistor may well challenge whether Brigg is the gateway to the Wolds and recommended that the wording should, instead, read "Pathway to the Wolds". **Cllr. R. Waltham** advised that he would feed this back to the 2020 Vision Group.

b) Brigg Neighbourhood Policing Team – Inspector B. Ruty

Cllr. M.S. Champion enquired whether any progress had been made with regard to the apprehension of the culprits responsible for breaking Scalini's shop windows.

Inspector Ruty advised that there had been no progress to date and, regrettably, no images were caught on camera.

Cllr. C. Sherwood (Ward Councillor) advised that North Lincolnshire Council is to install another camera to bridge the shortfall in coverage that frequently occurs along Wrawby Street.

Cllr. A.R.B. Nobbs raised the issue of traffic through the Market Place which continues to be an on-going problem. He asked whether there was any action that the policing team could take to address this issue.

Inspector Ruty responded that quite a lot of work is being done in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council, but he cannot deploy officers in response to this issue, 24/7. He assured the meeting that, periodically, the policing team do target specific locations such as the County Bridge. Also that discussions are underway to try and find alternative methods of preventing vehicles from crossing the County Bridge against the Traffic Regulation Order. **Inspector Ruty** advised that, as always, measures have to be commensurate with costs as funding is at the forefront of most decisions in the public sector.

c) Public Footpath Warden – Mr. A. Parker - see written report attached.

Mr. John Thompson offered to provide further evidence relating to Market Lane and the measures to prove that it is a public thoroughfare.

6. SHAPING THE FUTURE OF BRIGG – FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Cllrs. A.W. Depledge and R. Waltham provided a PowerPoint presentation and called for volunteers to come forward and help with the first stage of delivery of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Town. This would be an 'open session' to mark up the map of the town, on the afternoon and evening of Thursday 3rd April at the Angel Suite. They also called for volunteers to join the Neighbourhood Planning Delivery Group.

Cllr. Mrs. J.A. Bell reiterated her concerns with regard to costs and how difficult it was to quantify how much this initiative will cost.

Cllr. Depledge and Cllr. Waltham reassured the meeting that the council would maintain tight control of the expenditure incurred, and that provision has been made within the Town Council Budget for the next fiscal year, which, together with other grant funding available, will enable the project to move forward.

Cllr. M. Oades challenged Cllr. Depledge to justify the expense involved.

The Clerk cautioned Cllr. Oades against challenging Cllr. Depledge in a personal capacity. She reminded Cllr. Oades that Cllr. Depledge was simply representing the Town Council as the "Body Corporate" when delivering this presentation, therefore any opinions he expressed were on behalf of the council, of which Cllr. Oades is a member. Also that, as a member of the Town Council, it is incumbent upon him to support the democratic decisions of council whether or not he disagrees in his personal capacity.

Cllr. Oades expressed his verbal intention to resign from the council and left the meeting.

Mr. K. Harrison urged that the wider community should not be excluded and was assured that there is no intention to exclude anyone from the process, although only residents of Brigg will be permitted to vote in the final referendum.

Mr. J. Thompson suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan will bring nothing new to the town. Mr Thompson was reassured that the plan is much more than a document recording intended locations for development and would offer the council the opportunity to access sources of funding to enable projects to be delivered.

7. OPEN FORUM

Mr. J. Thompson took the opportunity to suggest that proposed improvements to the White Hart wall should be undertaken in a more aesthetically pleasing manner than the more recent works. This suggested was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed:


Chairman, Annual Town Meeting 2015