

Meeting of BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING – Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7.15pm
Chairman – Councillor B Parker

Present: Councillors B Parker, C Sherwood, R Waltham, A Eardley, S Riggall, J Gibbons, J Kitching and Cllr P Smith

In attendance: Kerry McGrath – Town Clerk

Also Present: Nigel Fisher, Brigg Blog
Keith Simpson

21/135 Welcome by the Mayor, Cllr B Parker,

21/136 a) Suspension of standing orders for the purpose of prayers.

Proposer Cllr P Smith Seconded Cllr C Sherwood
Agreed All Councillors present

Keith Simpson led the Council in Prayers, starting with a minutes silence to reflect on the atrocities in the Ukraine.

b) Standing orders be reinstated

Proposer Cllr P Smith **Seconder Cllr S Riggall**
Agreed All Councillors present

21/137 Public Participation

None

21/138 Apologies for absence

Cllr N Sherwood

21/139 a) To Record any Declarations of Interest

Cllr P Smith Personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda items 9c as a member of Brigg Morning WI and Husband is a St John Bell Ringer

b) To note any dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the Agenda Items listed below.

None

21/140 To receive the report from North Lincolnshire Council Ward Councillors.
Cllr Waltham

- Ukraine situation
Brigg residents should be proud of themselves with the donations made to the collection points. These have been sent and being distributed to the refugee points across Europe.
The Government are working hard with all agencies including North Lincolnshire Council on the refugee resettlement programme. There are many checks to be administered on both sides to protect everyone. Criminal record

history of violence against women and children being of paramount importance.

- £150 Council Tax rebate will be paid on 1st of May to those paying by direct debit. Encouraging everyone to set up a direct debit payment for a quicker payment. For those who do not or can not pay by direct debit a cheque will be raised at a later date, once checks have been completed.
- Recycling sites at Broughton and Barton will be closed on a Monday and Tuesday but open on Wednesday and Thursday so that there is a rural site open every day. (This does not include Bank Holiday Mondays)
- There will be an extra support payment of £75 to those pensioners who need it the most. This is in addition to the £150 council tax rebate.
- Ward Councillors met with NLC bridge engineers re County Bridge. Remedial repairs and painting to take place soon.
- Wonky lamppost in the Market Place has been removed. New one on order.
- KCOM remediation works to the footpath ongoing. They will continue to inspect and improve.
- Hewson House – decision has been made that it up for disposal for older people accommodation. NLC meeting ongoing with development partners but the policy for older people accommodation is very clear. The development will be mixed tenure (owned, rented and shared ownership. Definitely no building on Holland Park.
- Council Works department has moved (moving) to Billet Lane.

21/141 To receive any correspondence.

- a) Brigg Blog information and stats for March
- b) Community Payback projects from Police and Crime Commissioner.
To suspend Standing orders to allow visitor to speak.

***. Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconder Cllr Smith
Agreed All Councillors present***

Keith Simpson suggested that the radiators at the Church needed painting and asked if this would be a suitable project. Keith will discuss with PCC and get back in touch with the clerk.

To reinstate standing orders

***Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconder Cllr Smith
Agreed All Councillors present***

Suggested projects

Painting of railings at LIDL roundabout

Painting of railings at Rosecroft

Painting of railings at Woodbine Park

Painting of railings at Atherton Way near to allotments.

Spring bulb planting on Millennium Green

Painting of radiators at Church – subject to agreement by PCC

***Proposer Cllr Smith Seconder Cllr Waltham
Agreed All Councillors present***

- c) Integrated Transport Strategy consultation – NLC
Noted the link to consultation was no longer on NLC website so agenda item is void.
- d) IBLRG Statement – contents noted.

21/142 Minutes

- a) **The minutes from the meeting held on 22ⁿ February 2022** were received and approved as a true record.

***Proposer Cllr Riggall Seconder Cllr Smith
Agreed All Councillors present***

- b) To **receive** an update on matters from the minutes not appearing anywhere on the agenda from the Clerk.

- Over £1000 raised at the Mayor's Civic Dinner
- Final total confirmed for the Brigg Poppy Appeal was £9884.34. Most thank you cars have been posted or hand delivered. Final lot going out on Thursday. Again thanking everyone who volunteered.
- I have spoken with Robert Jackson who advises that this has been researched and actioned for more than a year now. It is all in hand, he has had meetings with Rose from the Museum and it was agreed to bring back to Brigg some time ago.
NLC architects etc have found the best place for it, which is inside the Library before you go up the stairs to the Heritage centre. It cannot be placed outside as it would crumble within weeks if left out to the elements. The final part is the logistics of getting it back to Brigg but this is all in hand apparently. Robert was hoping to have had the project finalised before he leaves next week, but that didn't happen.
- Plaque for the Jubilee tree has been ordered.
- Information lecterns installed in car parks.
- Reminder of the Litter Pick on Saturday at 10 am Market Place. Will be busy as it is the Farmers Market.

- c) **The minutes from the Planning Committee on 22nd February 2022** were received for information.

- d) **The minutes of the Personnel Committee on 10th March 202** were received and the recommendations were approved.

***Proposer Cllr Smith Seconder Cllr Gibbon
Cllr Eardley voted against and all other Councillors agreed.***

Cllr Eardley did not think her comments at the meeting of 22nd February were inappropriate and refused to apologise to the Clerk

21/143 Financial

- a) **Resolved** to approve Payments for February 2022

Date Paid	Payee Name	Ref	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
02/02/2022	HMRC	BACS	£ 552.02	January Tax
02/02/2022	ERPF	BACS	£ 569.68	January Pension
08/02/2022	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 498.00	Materials for Gate & Fencing MG, Labour included in Handyman.
08/02/2022	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 1,920.00	Beacon install
17/02/2022	JP Parkers	BACS	£ 1,833.96	Plants for BiB 2022
17/02/2022	Brigg Heritage Centre	BACS	£ 40.00	Room Hire Nov - Jan TC meetings
17/02/2022	Barton TC	BACS	£ 70.00	Civic Dinner
17/02/2022	Suttons	BACS	£ 25.98	Plants BiB 2022
17/02/2022	Hampshire Flags	BACS	£ 693.59	Union Flag Bunting
17/02/2022	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 360.00	Sweeper Repair & Service
18/02/2022	Gardening Direct	BACS	£ 480.61	Plants BiB 2022
22/02/2022	Anglian Water Wave	DD	£ 18.57	GSR Allotments
22/02/2022	Anglian Water Wave	DD	£ 6.60	RL allotments
22/02/2022	Barnetby Silver Band	BACS	£ 100.00	Donation for Civic Service
28/02/2022	Staff Cost	BACS	£ 1,558.56	Feb Salary
28/02/2022	BT	DD	£ 55.19	Telephone & Broadband
	Total Payments		£ 8,782.76	

***Proposer Cllr Kitching Seconded Cllr Gibbons
Agreed All Councillors present***

- b) Received for information** – receipts, bank reconciliations and council detailed budget monitoring to February 28th 2022

Cllr Smith left the room

- c) Resolved to AWARD Brigg Morning WI £220 Community Grant for their Jubilee event.**

***Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconded Cllr Kitching
Councillor Eardley abstained. All other councillors present agreed.***

- d) Despite the Clerk's advice not to award the grant due to it contravening the 1894 Local Government Act, Council resolved to award the St John's Bell Ringers £400 for new terry toppers for the bell ropes. Council considered the community use to be of great importance with regard to celebration of the Platinum Jubilee and advance community flood warnings.**

***Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconded Cllr Kitching
Councillor Eardley abstained. All other councillors present agreed.***

Cllr Smith returned to the room

- e) Resolved to approve the cost of Clerk undertaking First Aid at Work training as part of staff development**

***Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconded Cllr Sherwood
All councillors present agreed.***

21/144 Environmental

- a) Resolved to purchase 10 bat boxes and 10 bird boxes and working group of Cllr Waltham, Cllr Riggall, Cllr Kitching and Clerk to meet with Andrew Taylor for advice.**

***Proposer Cllr Kitching Seconded Cllr Waltham
Agreed All Councillors present***

- b) Cllr Smith updated on the presentation regarding electrifying the M180 for HGVs
Resolved to send a letter of support for the initiative.**

***Proposer Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Waltham
Agreed All Councillors present***

- c) Councillor Waltham updated on the benches bought by the local authority with restart Government funding. Up to 7 benches to be sited in Brigg
Resolved to engage JB Rural Services to install concrete pads to site the benches.**

***Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconded Cllr Sherwood
Agreed All Councillors present***

- d)** Clerk and Cllr Waltham updated on the information, kindly sourced by Andrew Percy MP's team for toddler play equipment for King Ave Park.
Resolved that the matting around the tractor needs replacing and to purchase and install

Abacus, Noughts and Crosses game, Flower telephone and two swing set from Hags

Proposer Cllr Waltham Seconder Cllr C Sherwood

Agreed All Councillors present

21/145 Comments from Councillors and suggestions agreed for future agenda items.

- Renovating the Civic Society Frames.
- Cllr Riggall updated that she had planted two trees with thanks to Mr Turkington and will be receiving advice on planting wildflowers, soil suitability etc.

21/146 Next meeting of Brigg Town Council confirmed Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7.15pm in The Brigg Town Council Meeting Room S02 in The Angel

Proposer Cllr Kitching Seconder Cllr Gibbons

Agreed All Councillors present

21/147 In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw; (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2)).

Proposer Cllr Kitching Seconder Cllr Gibbons

Agreed All Councillors present

21/148 Resolved to award the Handyperson contract for 1st April 22 – 31st March 2025 to JB Rural Services Ltd

Proposer Cllr C Sherwood Seconder Cllr Gibbons

Agreed All Councillors present

21/149 Resolved to award the contract for grass cutting of Millennium Green and Memorial Garden to JB Rural Services Ltd

Proposer Cllr C Sherwood Seconder Cllr Gibbons

Agreed All Councillors present

21/150 Resolved to defer the agreeing costs for watering baskets, planters and beds until after JB Rural have met with Cllr Riggall, Cllr Gibbons and the Clerk re watering requirements for 2022

Proposer Cllr Riggall Seconder Cllr Gibbons

Agreed All Councillors present

Meeting closed at 8.40pm