

BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING – MONDAY 23 MARCH 2020  
Chairman – Councillor S Riggall

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Present: Councillors Mrs A Eardley, Mrs S Riggall, C Sherwood, N Sherwood, Mrs P Smith and R Waltham.

In attendance:                      Dinah Lilley – Town Clerk  
   Keith Simpson

Also Present:                         Nigel Fisher, Brigg Blog

181.    To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence.

Councillors Miss J Kitching, Mrs J Gibbons and, B Parker.

   Proposed: Cllr Eardley                      Seconded: Cllr C Sherwood

182.    TO CONSIDER THE SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER.

**It was resolved that** Standing Orders should be suspended for the purpose of prayer.

   Proposed: Cllr Eardley                      Seconded: Cllr C Sherwood

Members were led in prayer by Keith Simpson.

**It was resolved that** Standing Orders should be reinstated.

   Proposed: Cllr N Sherwood                      Seconded: Cllr Eardley

183.    a) To Record any Declarations of Interest by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the Agenda Item and the type of interest being declared.

   None

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

   None

184.    Police Matters

   None

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185. To receive any correspondence (for information only).
- ERNLLCA information regarding Coronavirus situation (re agenda item 16)
  - CPRE Newsletter and update March 2020
  - BTBP Newsletter
  - NALC Coronavirus advice
  - Brigg Blog Statistics

186. To receive the update on any outstanding issues from the clerk.
- New Bunting had been installed for the Music and Drama Festival prior to its cancellation
  - Freeman pin badges had been despatched; delivery awaited.

187. Public Question Time

None

188. To Receive any Questions from Members.

Cllr Smith noted that she had seen the announcement that Barrie Gray had recently died, and as he had previously been the Council's Christmas Lights contractor and provided an excellent and reliable service for several years, acknowledgement should be made, with a letter of condolence to his widow. Cllr Waltham echoed Cllr Smith's words stating that Mr Gray had been a loyal and respected contractor.

189. To Receive a report from the North Lincolnshire Council Ward Councillors.

Cllr Waltham gave a verbal update:  
The Government and the NLC Director of Public Health were issuing advice on the Coronavirus situation regularly.  
North Lincolnshire Council had made changes to staffing allocations in some service areas to provide community support where needed. It was important in these difficult times for everyone to be a good neighbour.  
The farmers' market would still be held on Saturday 28 March to enable residents to purchase fresh produce.

Cllr C Sherwood also added that the residential Garden Waste collection was to be suspended for the present time.

190. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

- i. **It was resolved that** the minutes of the Council meeting on Monday 24 February 2020 and the Extraordinary meeting on 2 March 2020 be approved.

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Proposed: Cllr C Sherwood      Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

- ii. **It was resolved that** the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings on Monday 24 February 2020 be noted.

Proposed: Cllr Eardley      Seconded: Cllr Riggall

191. To receive reports from members delegated to serve on outside bodies and working groups.

- Environmental Development Group – the next meeting scheduled for 15 April had been postponed, however Cllr Kitching had been in touch to say that the Information Boards project was progressing.
- Brigg in Bloom – No meeting had been held. Cllr Waltham stated that the East Midlands in Bloom competition was postponed, so Cllr Riggall stated that it would be a good opportunity to plant vegetables instead of flowers, which would benefit the community.
- Litter Pick – next proposed date of 28 March, to coincide with dates of the Great British Spring Clean was postponed, to be hopefully rescheduled later in the year.
- Christmas Lights – meeting to be arranged later in the year.

192. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- a) **It was resolved that** the Budget Monitoring Reports as at 29 February 2020, and the Accounts for Payment as listed in the Appendices for Full Council and the Angel Suite, and Bank Reconciliations for each (as circulated), be approved.

Proposed: Cllr C Sherwood      Seconded: Cllr Smith

193. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

- i) Redcombe Lane – there had recently been a spate of burglaries at the site, so tenants had fitted a chain and padlock on the gate, for which the Town Council had purchased keys for each tenant. There were also plans to increase the height of the gate, with some fencing.
- ii) Grammar School Road – no update.
- iii) Allotment relocation update – a meeting with tenants and NLC Officers took place on 10 March 2020 and was well attended. Many tenants had chosen their plots on the new site. The new site should be ready later in the year, but there would be a crossover period when they could start working on the new site even if they still had crops to harvest on the old site. To undertake rent review for April 2021 was proposed to be considered at a future meeting.

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Allotment holders would be written to about social distancing and staying safe with all necessary sanitary precautions, during the current situation.

194. GRANT APPLICATIONS - To consider requests

i) Veterans Association

The Brigg Veterans Association had requested a grant towards a VE Day event, as this would now be postponed, it was assumed that there would be a replacement event arranged later in the year.

**It was resolved that** a grant of £250 for arranging an event to replace the VE Day celebrations, subject to an alternative event going ahead.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham

Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

195. TO AGREE PAYMENT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INVOICE

**It was resolved that** the revised invoice for the Christmas Lights be paid.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham

Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

196. TO CONSIDER THE DELEGATION OF DECISIONS IN THE EVENT OF A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Further to advice received from ERNLLCA and NALC it was proposed that alternative decision making procedures be put in place, as forthcoming Council meetings were all to be postponed.

The Office was to be closed to the public, however the Clerk and Assistant would work at home and remain in contact. Details would be put on the Council's website and Facebook.

**It was resolved that** the Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, be authorised to take decisions as required.

Proposed: Cllr Riggall

Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

**Note:** Cllr C Sherwood declared a prejudicial interest in the following two items as being the Cabinet Member responsible for Grass Cutting, and left the room for their consideration.

Cllr Waltham declared a personal interest in the same items as being a North Lincolnshire Councillor.

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197. TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO THE GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS

- i. Following the pilot of the previous 18 months, to agree to continue the arrangement, however NLC had added various areas of grass into the schedule, including York Road and Bigby Road parks, so the contractor had had to increase his quote. This was still within the budget allowed from NLC.

**It was resolved that** the current contractor add the increased areas into his remit at the increased price quoted and continue the existing arrangements.

Proposed: Cllr Riggall

Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

- ii. Addition of the contract for Wrawby  
Wrawby Parish Council had declined the offer from North Lincolnshire Council to take part in the grass cutting devolved project. Therefore Brigg Town Council was able to take up this offer on Wrawby Parish Council's behalf. Brigg's current contractor was agreeable to quoting for the work, subject to the financial arrangement with NLC.

**It was resolved that** the Brigg Town Council Grass Cutting Contractor submit a quote for work at Wrawby once the details have been received from NLC.

Proposed: Cllr Smith

Seconded: Cllr Waltham

**Note:** Cllr Sherwood returned to the meeting.

- iii. Addition of the Allotments into the Brigg Contract

Brigg's two allotment sites had their grassed areas cut by North Lincolnshire Council under a Service Level Agreement. As the price for this had risen significantly in 2020, Brigg's Grass Cutting contractor had submitted a quote for the work which was less than the NLC cost.

Cllr Waltham proposed that allotment tenants cut the grassed areas themselves once the new site was established, therefore Brigg's contractor undertake the work for 2020 only.

**It was resolved that** the Brigg Town Council Grass Cutting Contractor cut the grass on the allotment sites for 2020 only and subsequently allotment tenants be requested to cut the pathways themselves.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham

Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

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Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed: .....

Chairman, Full Council

Held on Monday, \*\*\* 2020