BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday 24th November 2020 Chairman – Councillor S Riggall Meeting held remotely on Zoom

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

In attendance: Kerry McGrath – Town Clerk

Also Present: Nigel Fisher, Brigg Blog

Keith Simpson

1 member of the public

98. To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence.

None

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

Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr Eardley

Members were led in prayer by Keith Simpson

It was resolved that Standing Orders should be reinstated.

Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr N Sherwood

Keith Simpson left the meeting

100. 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) <u>To note any dispensations</u> given to any member of the Council in respect of the Agenda Items listed below.

None

101. To receive any correspondence (for information only).

- Update from Brigg Blog
- ERNLLCA newsletter

102 Public Question Time

- Question regarding litter and litter enforcement.
 Cllr Carl Sherwood updated on the zero tolerance measures being rolled out across North Lincolnshire and the new litter enforcement officers. This extends to dog fouling and cigarette ends.
- 2) Request that leaves can be removed without being blown onto the grass verges, which resident says kills the grass verges below.

103 a) North Lincolnshire Council Ward Councillors' report.

CIIr Waltham

- Consultation on the cycling and walking routes live on North Lincolnshire Council website
- Brown Bin collection has been suspended until after Christmas, due to waste operatives Covid related issues.
- Covid figures are reducing but the number of cases is still too high.
- The Track and Trace service is working, despite press and media speculation. The problems encountered are where people provide an inaccurate telephone number or not responding. Visits are paid to addresses provided where possible.
- Have requested that parking enforcement is stepped up on the York stone area outside the beauty salon, until a bollards solution can be resolved.

Cllr C Sherwood

- Updated on Leisure and Wellbeing hubs, and services to be provided with the tier system.
- **103 b**) Cllr Smith asked if the 9am-4pm, Monday Friday opening times were temporary as she feels that it excludes school students and people who work full time from visiting the library.

Cllr C Sherwood/ Cllr Waltham responded

The service is provided on the basis of necessity, maximising resources, and staff. The decision has been taken following extensive research into service users. The Angel is a Well-being hub with a library service within it. There has been no reduction of reference books within the library. There is an online library service, click and collect and newspaper online service. The area at the front is the customer service, information area. The children's library is on the second floor, fully accessible by lift and has been doubled in size.

104. Minutes of Previous Meetings

It was resolved

<u>a)</u> <u>To approve</u> the minutes of Brigg Town Council, Tuesday 27th October 2020

Proposed: Cllr P Smith Seconded: Cllr B Parker

- <u>b)</u> **To note** any update from the clerk on actions from the minutes not appearing elsewhere on the agenda
- <u>C)</u> To note the minutes of the Planning Committee, Tuesday 27th October 2020

Proposed: Cllr Parker Seconded: Cllr Eardley

<u>d)</u> <u>To note</u> the minutes of the Personnel Committee, Monday 2nd November 2020

Proposed: Cllr C Sherwood Seconded: Cllr Waltham

105. <u>To receive and consider services that can be devolved to Brigg Town Council.</u>

Clerk to obtain quotes for the cutting of the cemetery, Woodbine Park and Redcombe Lane and to gather more information on devolving services to Brigg Town Council

106. <u>To receive the internal audit report and to consider and resolve</u> recommendations from the audit report.

a) To maintain the current allotment charges and to review annually.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr P Smith

b) To keep the Council funds in Nat West Bank, but to consider the two banks who still have a presence in Brigg and to review annually in May.

Proposed: Cllr N Sherwood Seconded: Cllr Waltham

c) The Clerk, working with Cllr Parker and Cllr Gibbons to review "mainstream" banks interest rates to make an informed decision whether to move reserves into a higher interest account and to review annually.

Proposed: Clir Waltham Seconded: Clir N Sherwood

d) To approve the amended Brigg Town Council Health and Safety Policy 2020

Proposed: Cllr Parker Seconded: Cllr C Sherwood

e) To approve the amended Brigg Town Council Financial Regulations 2020

Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr Parker

f) To formally affirm that Brigg Town Council is to exercise the General Power of Competence, so that no further grant or donation expenditure (except for contributions to UK charities, public sector funds and public appeals) should be coded to s.137.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr Smith

107. Environment – To receive updates on environmental matters and resolve decision from update where appropriate.

To resolve to purchase litter enforcement signs.
 Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr C Sherwood

b) Cllr Waltham updated on indicative plans for the allotment plans for Woodbine Park.

04.12.20 Out to tender
11.01.21 Tender return
22.01.21 Tender report
01.02.21 Appoint contractor
08.02.21 Pre-start meeting
22.02.21 Start on site (allowing a 10 week contract period – this could possibly be reduced)

30.04.21 Complete on site

- c) Cllr Waltham advised that the meeting with Media/artwork officers at North Lincolnshire Council had been delayed due to them being deployed elsewhere due to Covid but would be arranging a meeting very soon.
- d) To resolve to repair and repaint the Tin Tab. (It has been confirmed that Brigg Town Council carried out the works in July 2017 – minute reference 065 on 24th July 2017) and to receive the update that the Bandstand had been repainted by the handyman during his handyman hours.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr C Sherwood

- e) To resolve following sweeping route/regime by the handyman during his handyman hours. This is to include the sweeping around the edges and removal of excess leaf fall.
 - Bridge Street, Market Place, Wrawby Street, and all alleyways/ginnels off Wrawby Street to Old Courts Car Park.
 - Old Courts Car Park and Angel Car Park
 - Springs Parade to B&M.
 - Bigby Street (both sides) up to the old post office, Tin Tab area and Queen Street.
 - Albert Street / Bigby Road to monument/ Bigby Road A1084 triangle.

Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr Smith

108.. Financial

a) <u>It was resolved</u> to approve the payments for Brigg Town Council October 2020

Proposed: Cllr Smith Seconded: Cllr Waltham

b) <u>It was resolved</u> to note the account receipts, bank reconciliations and Council detail report to 31st October 2020

Proposed: Clir Parker Seconded: Clir Eardley

c) <u>It was resolved</u> to receive the pre-budget proposals and would be considered and discussed further at the next meeting, with the addition of budget line for exercise equipment for Ancholme River Path and Millennium Green

Proposed: Cllr Waltham Seconded: Cllr Kitching

109. Future Agenda Items

Handyman hours

Proposed: Cllr R Waltham Seconded: Cllr C Sherwood

110. <u>It was resolved that</u> the next meeting for Brigg Town Council would be Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom

Proposed: Clir R Waltham Seconded: Clir Eardley

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| Chairman, Town Council Held on 26 th January 2021 |