

Meeting of BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING – Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 7.15pm
Angel Suite Lounge, Exchange Place, Brigg DN20 8LD
Chair – Cllr C Sherwood

Present: Councillors C Sherwood, J Gibbons, J Kitching, P McCormick, N Sherwood, P Smith, B Parker, S Riggall.

In attendance: Kerry McGrath – Town Clerk
Also Present Keith Simpson, Mayor's Chaplain
Nigel Fisher

23/081 The Mayor, Cllr C Sherwood welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone for their support at the Christmas Market and led a minute's silence for sad passing of ex Cllr Kidd and ex Cllr Dyson's wife.

23/082 a) To consider the suspension of the Meeting for the Purpose of Prayer.

***Proposer Cllr Parker
Seconder Cllr N Sherwood
Agreed – All Councillors present***

Keith Simpson led the Council in Prayers

b) To Resolve that Standing Orders be reinstated

***Proposer Cllr N Sherwood
Seconder Cllr McCormick
Agreed – All Councillors present***

23/083 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

23/084 To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr Waltham

23/085 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

23/086 Minutes of previous meetings

a) To approve the minutes of Full Council Tuesday October 24th 2023 as a true record

***Proposer Cllr N Sherwood
Seconder Cllr McCormick
Agreed – All Councillors present.***

b) Council received the following update from the Clerk.

Clerk updated on the complainant and actions since he received a "cease and desist" letter. Clerk continuing to liaise with police.

Emails have been sent to all interested parties regarding newsletter. Advised that all contributions need to be received by mid-January 2024. Will write to advertising enquiries following meeting.

Darren Roberts engaged to complete the repairs to the Millennium Green Path following Mayor and clerk meeting. Work to be completed by mid-January. While there he gave us an update on the bird and bat boxes and showed us that they were in good use by evidence.

Positive feedback on the Christmas Market and light switch on. May need new lights for the trees Bridge Street (Dunham's) as repairs were made to them this year and maybe Queen Street. Consideration for budget for next year. Mayor Charity raised just over £190 tombola.

c) The minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee on Tuesday October 24th 2023 were received for information.

d) The minutes of the Personnel Committee on 16th November 2023 were **received and approved** as a true record **and the recommendations were approved.**

Proposer Cllr Gibbons

Secunder Cllr Parker

Agreed – All Councillors present.

23/087 Correspondence received and responses were approved as below.

- a) Mr Melton – To respond as views have been noted.
- b) Mr Harrison – To respond that his views have been noted and NLC will be informed of his comments.
- c) North Lincolnshire Council Review of Polling Stations
To write to NLC requesting that St Johns Church be considered as a replacement for the Buttercross, due to central location.

23/088 The following report was received from North Lincolnshire Council Ward Councillor C Sherwood

9th /10th December Normanby Hall Christmas Market. Pleased to report that visitor numbers have increased from 140,000 per year in 2018 to 180,000 so far in 2023.

Bin collection notices are now on line but can be printed by request at one of the NLC wellbeing hub. Also requesting that Town and Parish Councils will post in the notice boards and online.

Cashless Parking machines are being rolled out across North Lincolnshire. Can use debit or credit cards as well as the App.

Three Councils – North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and Greater Lincolnshire have all signed a paper agreeing to a Devolution Deal. Consultation will now follow until end of January 2024.

New PSPO starts on 1st December 2023. New fines can now be imposed by the Council on littering, dog fouling up to £200.

£6 million made available for public transport in Lincolnshire. More Bus routes being supported in Brigg area, including the capping of £2.00 fare for the time being.

Cllr Smith asked if NLC could request that the British Steel Consultation could take place in venues other than in Scunthorpe Centre and suggested Brigg. Cllr C Sherwood said that he would ask the question.

23/089 Accounts & Payments

a) The Payments for Brigg Town Council to 31st October 2023 were approved.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Ref	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
03/10/2023	Google	BACS	£ 9.58	Licence
03/10/2023	Sissons	BACS	£ 176.00	Cadney Verges
03/10/2023	Switched Positive	BACS	£ 360.00	Christmas Lights / Trees
03/10/2023	Brigg Office Supplies	BACS	£ 7.99	Note Books
03/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 1,260.00	September Handyperson
03/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 960.00	September Watering
04/10/2023	HMRC	BACS	£ 686.83	September Tax & NI
04/10/2023	ERPF	BACS	£ 631.22	September Pension
05/10/2023	PJ Smith	BACS	£ 36.30	Travel Expenses (civic)
10/10/2023	Videcom Security Ltd	BACS	£ 6,507.60	Annual CCTV Contract & SLA
20/10/2023	Public Sector Audit	BACS	£ 692.50	Interim Audit
20/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 210.00	MG & MG
20/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 780.00	Cemetery JB 1989
20/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 330.00	Maintenance
25/10/2023	BT	DD	£ 79.93	Phone & Internet
28/10/2023	Staff Cost	BACS	£ 1,726.35	October Salary
30/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 180.00	4th Wrawby Prow
30/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 240.00	4th Brigg PROW
30/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 360.00	4th Cadney PROW
30/10/2023	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 1,260.00	Handyperson October
31/10/2023	Nat West	DD	£ 12.71	Bank Charges
31/10/2023	O2	DD	£ 14.87	Mobile Phone

Proposer Cllr N Sherwood Seconded Cllr Parker
Agreed – All Councillors present.

b) Receipts, bank reconciliations to 31st October 2023 were noted as was the budget monitoring report to 23rd November 2023

23/090 Environmental.

a) Japanese Sakura trees

Clerk updated on correspondence from B&M. B&M wanted a commitment from Brigg TC for £6000 legal and licence fees to plant the trees on land adjacent the car park. This is considered extortionate, considering the trees have been donated for free to the town from Japan as an act of partnership. NLC has agreed that the trees can be planted in suitable locations along the riverbank and on the raised bank between Lidl and A18.

23/091 Policies reviewed and approved

Health and safety policy

Proposer Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Kitching
Agreed – All Councillors present

23/092 Councillors comments, issues or requests for future agenda items,

Cllr Kitching – CWGC
Cllr Gibbons – Cleaning of the War Memorial
D Day tribute
Budget & Precept

23/093 Confirmed that the next meeting of Brigg Town Council is Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7.15pm

Agreed that 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)).

23/094 – Brigg Times – newspaper advertising scale of charges

Following discussion the scale of charges were agreed with an option to review at regular intervals

	One edition		4 edition special rate	
Full Page	£	300.00	£	1,100.00
Half Page	£	150.00	£	520.00
Quarter Page	£	75.00	£	260.00
eighth page	£	35.00	£	100.00

***Proposer Cllr McCormick Seconder Cllr N Sherwood
Agreed – All Councillors present***

Meeting closed at 8.10pm