

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

4TH SEPTEMBER 2014 at 8.00PM

Present: Mr M S Aslam (In the Chair), Miss A Ambrose, Mr A S Basra, Mr R Berrington, Miss S Betts, Mr N Brown, Mr N Chamberlain, Mrs S Fox-Kennedy, Ms A Hack, Mr P Kennedy, Mr P Moitt, Mr G Sanders, Mr W Wright.

Officers in Attendance: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk.

There were four members of the public present at the meeting.

MR M S ASLAM, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

5245 Apologies for Absence

Mr T Chapman, Mrs J Fox, Mrs S Maxwell, Mr S Maxwell, Mrs I Whaling, Mr D Widdowson.

5246 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures by Members of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests.

5247 Minutes of the Meeting held 26th June 2014

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held 26th June 2014 as previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

5248 Items Dealt With Required by Statute

- a) Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Delegated Powers. The report of the Policy and Resources Committee was received. It was:-

RESOLVED:

That amendments to Standing Orders 6 and 77, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report submitted by Policy and Resources Committee, be approved (copy filed with Minutes).

5249 Town Mayor's Report

Mr M S Aslam reported on events that he attended in his capacity as Town Mayor since the last meeting. He had attended Braunstone Leisure Centre on 6th July for Braunstone Swimming Club's Open Meet, where he been pleased to present the awards for the 'Girls 9 years and over 100m Individual Medley'. He had also visited Winstanley Community College to see for himself the improvements which were being made. The Summer Fete had been well attended and supported and the Town Mayor thanked all those involved. He added that £65 had been raised for his charity, Leicester Charity Link, and that the Dog Show had been a popular attraction. Mr M S Aslam also added that he had supported local groups and initiatives, these included Neighbourhood Takes Charge, Thorpe Astley Scouts Summer Fete, the Allotment Society Open Day and the World War 1 commemoration Community Picnic.

Mr M S Aslam informed Councillors that the Deputy Town Mayor, Miss S Betts' father had recently passed away. He passed on the thoughts and best wishes of the Council and its members to Miss Betts and her family.

5250 Public Session

In accordance with Standing Orders 16f and 70 the meeting was adjourned to give an opportunity for members of the public present to raise matters of public interest for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions.

There were four members of the public present. Three members of the public made representations concerning the decision to reinstate the second adult football pitch at Mossdale Meadows (this item was included on the agenda at 8c, page 5672/5673). They were concerned that this created too many pitches and was to the detriment of other users of the park.

A petition was received by the Town Mayor which requested that the top field of Mossdale Meadows be reinstated to its original state as a meadow not as a football pitch. This petition had 88 signatories.

5251 Questions from Councillors

There were no questions raised by Councillors submitted in accordance with Standing Order 15.

5252 Plans & Environment Committee

The Report of the Plans & Environment Committee Meeting held on 10th July 2014 (p5661/p5663).

Page 5662, Item 6 Premises Licence Application 2011654 – Riverside Pavilion

Mr R Berrington stated that following requests from local residents in the Braunstone Lane East area, the Town Council had formally objected to the Premises Licence Application submitted by Riverside Pavilion since it contravened the planning conditions. As a result a Licence Hearing was convened at Leicester City Council to consider the matter.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5253 Community Development Committee

The Report of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on 10th July 2014 (p5664/5666).

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5254 Plans & Environment Committee

The Report of the Plans & Environment Committee Meeting held on 14th August 2014 (p5667/p5671).

Page 5669, Item 7 Riverside Pavilion – Premises Licence Application 061754

Mr R Berrington stated that hearing held by Leicester City Council into this application was well organised. The outcome was that the hours included in the Licence Application had been reduced and were considered more reasonable to local residents. Mr R Berrington added that there was a demarcation between licencing law and planning law and it was important that both local residents and the Town Council kept a watching brief on the situation in order to ensure that the planning terms were not breached.

Page 5669, Item 8a Lubbethorpe Strategic Consultative Board

Mr W Wright provided feedback on the first meeting of the Lubbethorpe Strategic Consultative Board which had been held on 17th July 2014. Issues which had been considered related to the phases of construction and the provision of services, such as school places. It was noted that £35 million would be provided with the first 1000 homes for infrastructure developments such as schools and highways

improvements. Mr W Wright added that during discussions it came to light that there was potential for an alternative access for construction traffic from Leicester Lane, Enderby, Blaby District Planning officers were investigating the potential of this option, which had been supported by the Town Council.

Page 5670, Item 8b Letter from Thorpe Astley resident

Ms A Hack asked whether confirmation had been received from Leicestershire County Council concerning the consultation on the arrangements for the construction of the access bridge over the M1 from Thorpe Astley to Lubbesthorpe. The Executive Officer and Town Clerk confirmed that no confirmation had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5255 Policy & Resources Committee

The Report of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on 21st August 2014 (p5672/5678)

Page 5672, Item 5b – Pitch Allocations – Additional Pitch Allocation Requests

Ms A Hack stated that a decision to return the second adult football pitch at Mossdale Meadows into use had been reached following unprecedented demand for pitches and the potential for damage to existing pitches from over use. The Council had examined whether there was existing capacity and further work would be required on the existing pitches in order to increase capacity. There was a medium term need to increase capacity for adult football given many of the current junior teams would graduate to this level in the next few years. Ms A Hack added that the granting of the additional pitch allocation request would result in 13 additional games being played at Mossdale Meadows during the 2014/2015 season. The area would still be open for use and enjoyment by other park users for most of the time.

Mr N Brown added that he had been a member of the Council for 19 years and during most of that period the area had been used as a football pitch. The pitch had been taken out of use due to parking problems in the area. Subsequently the demand for pitches had increased and there was a need to consider future provision for adult teams given the number of active junior teams. Mr N Brown added that there had been a full and considered debate at Policy and Resources Committee and the implications had been fully considered, there were proposals to ensure that parking problems were not repeated and the Committee had been mindful of balancing football pitch provision so as not to impinge on other users of the park. Mr N Brown offered to speak with concerned members of the public after the meeting in order to allay their concerns.

Page 5674, Item 6 – Parks and Open Spaces – Community Orchard

Mr N Brown advised that the next meeting of the Franklin Park Community Orchard/Meadow Project would be taking place on Thursday 11th September 2014 and all who were interested in the project were welcome to attend.

RESOLVED: That the Report be adopted.

5256 To Consider Resolutions or Recommendations

There were no Resolutions or Recommendations received.

5257 Authorisation of the Sealing of Documents

There were no documents received.

5258 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies, District and County Councillors, LAPLC Representatives and School Governors Reports

Blaby District Council

Mr G Sanders reported that Blaby District Council had been in summer recess, therefore there had been no significant developments since the last meeting.

Mr W Wright reported that while JAG meetings had been closed, a Tactical Group meeting had been established with a similar role to the JAG meetings. Discussions had centred on tackling vehicle theft, cycle theft, fly-tipping and launching a tyre safety campaign. Mr W Wright invited Councillors to advise him of any concerns they would like raising through the Tactical Group meeting.

Mr R Berrington reported that progress was being made with the action plan to address the issues within the Planning service which had resulted in Blaby District Council being placed in special measures with respect to planning and development control matters. Targets were being achieved and plans were in place to ensure quality developments. Therefore, significant progress had been made towards the lifting of special measures.

Braunstone West Social Centre

Mr R Berrington reported that work had been undertaken to ensure water supplies were tested and hot water temperature regulations were met.

Braunstone Town Community Minibus

Mr P Kennedy reported that the Braunstone Town Community Minibus was fully operational having found additional volunteer drivers.

5259 Approval of Accounts from 1st June 2014 to 27th August 2014

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003 the list of Approved Expenditure Transactions for the Period 1st June 2014 to 27th August 2014 be approved (copy filed with Minutes).

5260 Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.