

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

29TH SEPTEMBER 2016 at 8.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Wright (Deputy Town Mayor in the Chair) and Councillors Shabbir Aslam, Anthea Ambrose, Ajmer Basra, Parminder Basra, Roger Berrington, Sharon Betts, Nick Brown, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy, Phil Moitt, Gary Sanders, Darshan Singh and Robert Waterton.

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

There was 1 member of the public present at the meeting.

COUNCILLOR BILL WRIGHT, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

5462 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Berneta Layne (Town Mayor) and Councillors Alex Dewinter, David Di Palma, Sam Maxwell, Stuart Maxwell and from County Councillor Mrs. Jo Fox.

5463 Disclosures of Interest

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

5464 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 30th June 2016 were circulated (item 3 on the agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Wright and seconded by Councillor Amanda Hack and was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 30th June 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

5465 Appointments to Committees

Council considered making appointments to Committees which included filling two vacant positions on Plans & Environment Committee (item 4 on the agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Nick Brown and seconded by Councillor Amanda Hack and was:

RESOLVED that Councillors Parminder Basra and Darshan Singh be appointed to the vacancies on Plans & Environment Committee.

Reasons for Decision

To enable Councillors Parminder Basra and Darshan Singh, who have recently been co-opted to the Council to serve on a Committee

5466 Announcements

a) Town Mayor

In the absence of the Town Mayor, Councillor Berneta Layne, the Deputy Town Mayor gave a report on her behalf as follows:

“Since our last meeting on 30th June, I have been kept very busy. I have attended events here in Braunstone Town and I have represented the Town in Blaby & Charnwood Districts and Leicester City”.

“The events were centred on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme from July to November 1916 during World War One. I also attended the summer fete at the Thorpe Astley summer fete at the Thorpe Astley Civic Centre and the Annual Gala on Mosssdale Meadows. Both events were blessed with good weather and were supported by so many local volunteers. The Mosssdale Gala attracted a lot of visitors but the attendance at the Thorpe Astley event was disappointing”.

“Today I together with my Consort am attending the Blaby District Outstanding Achievements Awards evening supporting the nomination of Trevor Hincks by the Braunstone Town Swimming Club”.

“Just a quick reminder our ‘Apple Day’ is this Saturday 1st October, it is on from 11am to 2pm in the Orchard on Franklin Park”.

At the discretion of the Deputy Town Mayor as the presiding member, Councillor Sam Fox-Kennedy advised Council that former Town Councillor Mrs Julia Cottrell-Gilhorly, who was Town Mayor in 1995/1996, was very ill and was not expected to live much longer. The Deputy Town Mayor passed on the Town Council’s thoughts and best wishes to Mrs Cottrell-Gilhorly and the family.

b) Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Nick Brown, reminded Councillors that the annual Apple Day was taking place on Saturday 1st October from 11am until 2pm on Franklin Park, if the weather was poor, the event would still go ahead at the Civic Centre.

c) Executive Officer and Town Clerk

No announcements were made.

5467 Public Session

In accordance with Standing Order 3.6, members of the public may attend the meeting for the purpose of making representations, giving evidence or answering questions in respect of any item of business included on the agenda.

There was 1 member of the public present at this point during meeting.

5468 Questions from Councillors

No questions had been submitted.

5469 Reports of Standing Committees: Plans & Environment Committee – 14th July 2016

Council received the Report of the Plans & Environment Committee meeting held on 14th July 2016 (p6048 – p6053).

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5470 Reports of Standing Committees: Community Development Committee – 14th July 2016

Council received the Report of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 14th July 2016 (p6054 – p6060).

It was moved by Councillor Anthea Ambrose and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5471 Reports of Standing Committees: Plans & Environment Committee – 11th August 2016

Council received the Report of the Plans & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th August 2016 (p6061 – p6069).

Page 6068, Minute 45 – Highways Maintenance Policy & Strategy Review

Councillor Amanda Hack expressed concern about communications when maintenance was being undertaken on the highway and roads were closed and diversions were directed through residential areas. In addition, roads and pathways sometimes were not reinstated and this should be routinely checked by the County Council prior to the works being signed off.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5472 Reports of Standing Committees: Policy & Resources Committee – 25th August 2016

Council received the Report of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 25th August 2016 (p6070 – p6076).

Page 6073, Minute 31 – Shakespeare Park – Improvement & Development

Councillor Nick Brown provided an update on the project to improve sporting, recreation and play facilities at Shakespeare Park. A public consultation has been undertaken and positive feedback has been received with some minor comments which the Town Council would seek to address as it moved forward with the project. Councillor Amanda Hack was assisting officers with identifying potential funding streams to ensure the project was viable.

It was moved by Councillor Nick Brown and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5473 Reports of Standing Committees: Plans & Environment Committee – 15th September 2016

Council received the Report of the Plans & Environment Committee meeting held on 15th September 2016 (p6077 – p6085).

Page 6078, Minute 54 – Planning Applications

Councillor Bill Wright alerted Councillors to the first planning application considered at 91 Narborough Road South which consisted of alterations to a detached garage and change of use to a dwelling house.

Page 6083, Minute 58 – Narborough Road South West Service Road Traffic Calming

Councillor Nick Brown stated that he had expressed concern at the time when the Bannister Road traffic calming build-out was installed, which was part of the second round of traffic calming measures. However, Councillor Brown added that because the layout looked challenging that it had been effective at slowing vehicles down.

Councillor Phil Moitt added that Plans & Environment Committee had been concerned about the scheme since there was visual evidence that vehicles had mounted the kerb and that plants and shrubs were protruding into the carriageway.

Councillor Robert Waterton stated that the Committee would consider the way forward one it had received a response from Leicestershire County Council to the concerns which had been raised.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5474 Motions on Notice

No Motions on Notice had been submitted.

5475 Sealing of Documents

There were no documents for sealing.

5476 Outside Body Reports

a) Leicestershire County Council

County Councillor Mrs Jo Fox having sent her apologies, submitted a report, which was given to the meeting by the Chair as follows:

“The full council met yesterday and a motion opposing Teresa May’s reintroduction of grammar schools was supported by Labour and the Liberal democrats however, was voted down by the Tories with support from UKIP. The county council has not met over the summer break so there is not much to report at this time”.

b) Blaby District Council

District Councillor Ben Taylor reported on the work of the Youth Council which had elected their chair for a second term and tackling Hate Crime had been identified as a work a priority. The Youth Council were looking to take their meeting out to different venues across the District over the year. Councillor Taylor added that Planning Committee on 8th November would be considering the Castle Acres proposal and a scrutiny group was currently reviewing the effectiveness of the call-in procedure for planning applications.

Councillor Shabbir Aslam reported that due to his father passing away he had not been able to participate in recent business, he thanked Councillors for their support and best wishes and added that he was now back undertaking his duties.

Councillor Gary Sanders stated that Blaby had submitted for accreditation of its Member Development Scheme and programme, which had been received.

Councillor Bill Wright had attended a meeting on Wednesday 28th September concerning visioning for the Junction 21 area, which had discussed actions, interventions, funding and reaching the full potential of the area. Councillor Bill Wright added that he had raised significant issues affecting Braunstone Town, which included air quality and traffic congestion.

c) Braunstone West Social Centre

Councillor Phil Moitt reported that a Committee Meeting had been held on Tuesday, currently the Social Centre was looking for a new website provider following the closure of the site on which their page had been located.

d) Braunstone Town Community Minibus

Councillor Paul Kennedy reported that representatives from Braunstone Town Community Minibus had attended a Community Transport meeting at Blaby. The recent trip to the Great Central Railway had been successful and those who attended enjoyed their day. Councillor Kennedy added that Bus Number 2 had been fitted with a new door, which had been an additional expense.

e) Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Steering Group

Councillor Bill Wright stated that there was nothing further to report.

f) Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils

Councillor Amanda Hack confirmed that the next meeting of the Group had been scheduled for 7th December.

g) Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Board

Councillor Robert Waterton referred Town Councillors to Minute 46 on page 6068 of the Reports of Standing Committees, for a summary of the meeting of the Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Board on 27th July 2016. Councillor Waterton added that while provision for school buildings was set out in the section 106 agreement, a provider would need to be found to operate the schools. The Chair of the Group was new and had advised that he was open minded to reviewing how the Group operated, which included membership. Councillor Waterton concluded that the Council would raise issues of air quality through the Group following its investigations through the Plans & Environment Committee.

h) School Governors

Councillor Nick Brown reported on the recent meeting of the Millfield Academy Governors, SATs had been released from January and there were mixed results across the Country.

5477 Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

SIGNED _____ (CHAIR)

DATE _____