

BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BRAUNSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

27TH SEPTEMBER 2018 at 8.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Sharon Betts (Town Mayor), Councillor Roger Berrington (Deputy Town Mayor) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Shabbir Aslam, Ajmer Basra, Nick Brown, Alex Dewinter, David Di Palma, Sam Maxwell, Phil Moitt, Gary Sanders, Satindra Sangha, Tracey Shepherd, Darshan Singh, Robert Waterton and Bill Wright.

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

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

COUNCILLOR SHARON BETTS, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR

5677 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Parminder Basra, Sam Fox-Kennedy, Amanda Hack, Paul Kennedy and Berneta Layne.

5678 Disclosures of Interest

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

5679 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 one member of the public present at the meeting.

5680 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 28th June 2018 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

It was proposed by Councillor Sharon Betts and seconded by Councillor Nick Brown and was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 28th June 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

5681 Announcements

a) Town Mayor

The Town Mayor, Councillor Sharon Betts, reported on her recent engagements, which included Blaby District Chairman Sharon Coe's Welcome on 21st September 2018. Forthcoming events included the County Service for Leicestershire at Leicester Cathedral on 7th October and Diwali on 26th October.

b) Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Nick Brown, reported on progress with the ground works for the improvements to the Civic Centre memorial garden. The hard landscaping was nearly complete and the two large boulders donated by Bardon Hill Quarry needed to be moved into position. The Leader thanked Bardon Hill Quarry for their kind donation to the Town, which included delivery of the stones.

The Leader thanked the ongoing work of the Community Life Group who were organising the poppy cascade and parade for Remembrance Sunday. The poppy knitters had reached their target and further poppies would be used for a wreath to be placed on the Leicestershire Regiment's memorial at Leicester Cathedral.

The Town's memorial to those who died in war would be dedicated by the Bishop on Wednesday 7th November. On 11th November, volunteer Marshalls were needed and the Leader encouraged Councillors to volunteer and also to attend and participate in the events given the special and unique occasion of the 100th anniversary of the World War 1 armistice.

c) Executive Officer and Town Clerk

No announcements were made.

5682 Questions from Councillors

No questions had been submitted.

5683 Reports of Standing Committees: Planning & Environment Committee – 12th July 2018

Council received the Report of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 12th July 2018 (p6530 – p6534).

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5684 Reports of Standing Committees: Community Development Committee – 12th July 2018

Council received the Report of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 12th July 2018 (p6535 – p6540).

Page 6536, Minute 22 – Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing Update

Councillor Bill Wright challenged the assertion of the Neighbourhood Police Team that crime was falling; this was not in accordance with the data presented to the District Tactical Group.

Page 6536, Minute 23 – Speed Sign Data

Councillor Robert Waterton gave feedback on the recent Community Speedwatch initiative in Thorpe Astley, the average speed on Murby Way being recorded at 41 mph. Councillor Waterton advised that a full report would be submitted to Community Development Committee on 11th October 2018.

In response to a question from Councillor Roger Berrington, it was confirmed that the speed sign would next be positioned on Braunstone Lane in the vicinity of the Police Station.

Page 6538, Minute 28 – Nominations for the Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards

Councillor Sam Maxwell suggested that a recommendation that could be considered for the 2019 Blaby District Outstanding Achievement Awards was the Community Life Group for their work on the Poppy Cascade and Remembrance events.

It was moved by Councillor Anthea Ambrose and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5685 Reports of Standing Committees: Planning & Environment Committee – 9th August 2018

Council received the Report of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 9th August 2018 (p6541 – p6548).

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5686 Reports of Standing Committees: Policy & Resources Committee – 23rd August 2018

Council received the Report of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 23rd August 2018 (p6549 – p6554).

Page 6552, Minute 27 – School Clear Zone Park and Stride Schemes

Councillor Bill Wright advised that consultation letters had been sent to parents concerning a Park and Stride Scheme for Ravenhurst School. At Millfield Academy there had been prosecutions for infringements to the School Clear Zone.

Councillor Robert Waterton raised concerns that vehicles were parking illegally at Millfield Academy.

Councillor Nick Brown added that with the rise in pupil numbers and car usage, there was likely to be ongoing problems, since the resources to continually enforce parking restrictions was limited.

It was moved by Councillor Nick Brown and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5687 Reports of Standing Committees: Planning & Environment Committee – 13th September 2018

Council received the Report of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 13th September 2018 (p6555 – p6568).

Page 6555, Minute 53 – Air Quality Strategy and Improvement Initiatives

Councillor Robert Waterton thanked the officers from Blaby District Council who had attended to speak on air quality monitoring and improvement measures. Councillor Waterton added that the officers were proactive in addressing issues and in working in partnership. However, he added that measures to address ongoing lower levels of pollution and the impact of diesel particulates were constrained by government guidance.

Page 6561, Minute 55 – Planning Applications and Licensing Applications: Application 18/1144/HH, 1 Hat Road

Councillor Bill Wright confirmed that following the response of the Town Council, he had spoken further with the planning case officer about the concerns raised and he was keeping up to date with the application's progress.

Following questions of clarification about how parish council responses were dealt with, it was confirmed by District Councillors that prior notice of all applications were received by District Ward members and the option of calling in planning applications remained.

Page 6562, Minute 55 – Planning Applications and Licensing Applications: Application 18/1146/DOC, Lubbesthorpe (Site Wide Phasing Strategy)

Councillor Robert Waterton advised Council following concerns raised about discharging the condition on the Site Wide Phasing Strategy, the Planning Officer had agreed to meet with representatives of the Town Council to run through the proposed changes.

Page 6564, Minute 58 – Feedback on Planning Application Decisions

Councillor Bill Wright had spoken to the Planning Case Officer concerning the recent application at 25 Larch Grove. Currently previous extensions at the site were being reviewed.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

5688 Motions on Notice

No Motions on Notice had been submitted.

5689 Sealing of Documents

There were no documents for sealing.

5690 Outside Body Reports

a) County Councillors

There was no further update given.

b) District Councillors

Councillor Sam Maxwell advised of the matters which had been considered at District Council on Tuesday 25th September.

The District Council Leader had provided an update on the roll out of the refuse and recycling service. Staff reductions had been achieved without any compulsory redundancies. The new bins were being delivered, there had been complaints from residents about the distribution of new bins and collection of old ones and these had been dealt with quickly by officers.

The other area of discussion was the District Council Leaders' response to the County Council proposals for a unitary authority for Leicestershire. The District Leaders had presented a united response stating they would work collaboratively on proposals to reform local government in Leicestershire while rejecting the approach taken by the County Council.

District Councillors while not ruling out unitary structures had concerns about the loss of high calibre officers and local connections.

c) Braunstone West Social Centre

There was no further update given.

d) Braunstone Town Community Minibus

There was no further update given.

e) Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (Blaby Branch)

Councillor Robert Waterton advised that the branches had been abolished under the new Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils constitution and the Blaby Branch were now meeting as an informal group but it appeared likely that 5th December meeting would be the last one.

f) Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Forum

Councillor Robert Waterton referred to Planning & Environment Committee minute 45 on page 6547. In addition, Councillor Waterton advised that Lubbesthorpe would elect a Parish Council at the next ordinary elections in May 2019. The number of occupations by the summer of 2019 should be enough for the new primary school, which was currently being constructed, although a provider had not yet been selected.

Councillor Waterton advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 14th November when representatives of the Drummond Trust and the Land Trust would be attending. The Town Council had submitted questions concerning how the funding for the public open space operated and whether mitigating actions would be taken to prevent vehicles driving on the footpath along Tay Road to avoid the speed bumps.

g) School Governors

Councillor Nick Brown advised that at Millfield Academy the SATs results were good for this year, which was welcome, since the school was due for an Ofsted inspection. Councillor Brown congratulated the pupils on the results and for the hard work they put in.

5691 Termination of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

These minutes are a draft and are subject to consideration for approval at the next meeting, scheduled for 22nd November 2018.

NOTE:

CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime & Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.
EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;
- foster good relations between different groups

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.

These issues were considered in connection with each of the above decisions. Unless otherwise stated under each item of this report, there were no implications.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____