

**BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**23RD SEPTEMBER 2021 at 8.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Darshan Singh (Town Mayor), Councillor Satindra Sangha (Deputy Town Mayor) and Councillors Anthea Ambrose, Ajmer Basra, Shabbir Aslam, Parminder Basra, Nick Brown, Amanda Hack, Sohan Johal, Paul Kennedy, Leanne Lee, Sam Maxwell, Phil Moitt, Dipen Nathwani, Tracey Shepherd, Christiane Startin-Lorent, Marion Waterton and Robert Waterton.

**Officer in Attendance:** Mr Darren Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk and Mrs Pauline Snow, Deputy Executive Officer & Community Services Manager

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

**COUNCILLOR DARSHAN SINGH, TOWN MAYOR, IN THE CHAIR**

**5962 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sam Fox-Kennedy and Rebecca Lunn-Scoppie.

**5963 Disclosures of Interest**

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

**5964 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 were two members of the public present at the meeting.

**5965 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 24th June 2021 were circulated (item 4 on the agenda).

Councillor Nick Brown moved approval of the minutes which was seconded by Councillor Amanda Hack and was

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Braunstone Town Council held on 24th June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairperson as a correct record.

**5966 Climate Change and Environmental Strategy**

The Council received a proposed Climate Change and Environmental Strategy for consideration and adoption (item 5 on the agenda).

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

**RESOLVED** that the Climate Change and Environmental Strategy, attached at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved and adopted.

*Reason for Decision*

*To provide the framework for the Town Council to take action to respond to Climate Change and enhance the local environment.*

#### **5967 Announcements**

##### a) Town Mayor

The Town Mayor, Councillor Darshan Singh announced that he had attended the Summer Fete on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August that it was very well attended and he thanked Councillors for their help on the day.

He also announced that he had attended Apple Day that was held on Franklin Park, 18<sup>th</sup> September. This had been very well attended and many local residents had enjoyed the event that included apple picking and juicing, dance display, animals and birds of prey.

The Town Mayor would also be attending the Blaby District Chairman's Hog roast in October.

##### b) Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Nick Brown praised the success of Apple Day that was held on 18<sup>th</sup> September on Franklin Park and passed on the Council's thanks for the hard work that had made the event such a success.

The thanks of the Leader of the Council were supported by Councillors Amanda Hack and Sam Maxwell.

##### c) Executive Officer & Town Clerk

The Executive Officer & Town Clerk advised that Lateral Flow Kits were available from the Civic Centre for members to take home if required.

It was also noted that a briefing session on the new Councillor Code of Conduct followed by a question-and-answer session would be arranged on 30<sup>th</sup> September and members agreed to a start time of 5.30pm.

#### **5968 Questions from Councillors**

No questions had been submitted.

**5969 Reports of Standing Committees: Community Development Committee – 8th July 2021**

Council received the Report of the Community Development Committee meeting held on 8th July 2021 (p7239 – p7245).

Page 7242, Minute 24 – Speed Sign Data

Councillor Amanda Hack gave thanks for the Traffic accident information that had been obtained from Leicestershire County Council and advised that this would be useful for supporting action on speeding issues.

Page 7244, Minute 31 – Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

Councillor Nick Brown provided an update on the tennis courts at Shakespeare Park and confirmed that delays to the completion of the work on the tennis courts had been caused by delays in obtaining building materials for the required work. It was confirmed that the proposed start date for the work would be the first week in October subject to weather conditions.

Meetings had also been held with sports clubs with regard to the proposed management committee of the new sports pavilion at Shakespeare Park.

It was moved by Councillor Anthea Ambrose and

**RESOLVED** that the Report be adopted.

**5970 Reports of Standing Committees: Employing Committee – 5th August 2021**

Council received the Report of the Employing Committee meeting held on 5th August 2021 (p7246 – p7249).

It was moved by Councillor Nick Brown and

**RESOLVED** that the Report be adopted.

**5971 Reports of Standing Committees: Planning & Environment Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Council received the Report of the meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 12th August 2021 (p7250– p7258).

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

**RESOLVED** that the Report be adopted.

**5972 Reports of Standing Committees: Policy & Resources Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Council received the Report of the meeting of Policy & Resources Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (p7259– p7270).

Page 7264, Minute 25 – Public Consultation for Forest House Medical Centre

Councillor Amanda Hack raised concerns regarding the proposals and how the consultation was organised for the future development of GP services in Leicester Forest East.

It was moved by Councillor Nick Brown and

**RESOLVED** that the Report be adopted.

**5973 Reports of Standing Committees: Planning & Environment Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Council received the Report of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 9th September 2021 (p7271– p7280).

It was moved by Councillor Robert Waterton and

**RESOLVED** that the Report be adopted.

**5974 Motions on Notice**

No Motions on Notice had been submitted.

**5975 Sealing of Documents**

There were no documents for sealing.

**5976 County and District Councillor Reports**

a) Leicestershire County Council

Councillor Amanda Hack, as County Councillor for Braunstone Division, reported on the following matters:

- a) Leicester City consultation on transport and parking levy;
- b) Health Scrutiny panel to discuss changes to how NHS governed, residents' concerns regarding GP closures, children's A & E services;
- c) Climate Change commitment and details to be forwarded to the Executive Officer & Town Clerk; and
- d) Support for the division of Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Bob Waterton commented on parking around Millfield School and raised concerns of cars parking over emergency entrance gates.

Councillor Amanda Hack confirmed that monitoring was on-going with parking around the schools and that this issue was common around all schools.

Councillor Leanne Lee confirmed that the Millfield School newsletter reminds parents about parking and agreed to ensure that the message is reinforced to parents that the emergency gate must not be blocked by vehicles.

Councillor Shabbir Aslam advised that the County Council had removed double yellow lines around the area of Ravenhurst School that had caused issues with parking and traffic as the road is also a bus route and raised concerns with parents blocking residents' driveways.

Councillor Amanda Hack confirmed that the double yellow lines should have been reinstated and would look into this

Councillor Christian Startin-Lorent raised concerns about vehicles parking on pavements and preventing pedestrians using the pavement particularly around Meridian Business Park.

Councillor Louise Richardson, County Councillor for Enderby and Lubbethorpe Division, reported on the following matters:

- a) Footpaths – have spoken to the police about the problem of parking on pavements but will speak to them again and raise the issues in Thorpe Astley;
- b) Medium Term Financial strategy – reported issues with overspend;
- c) Leicester City transport and parking levy and the issues this could cause to areas on the edge of the Leicester City;
- d) School term dates now set;
- e) Cycle way between Meridian – Thorpe Astley – Braunstone Town meeting to raise concerns and points; and
- f) Health care consultations and concerns for what is best for residents – should be neighbourhood led rather than top down.

b) Blaby District Council

Councillor Sam Maxwell, as District Councillor for Ravenhurst & Fosse Ward, reported on the following matters:

- a) Three new working groups set up – Live- Work and Visit Blaby District. None of the three groups had yet met; and
- b) Boundary review in Blaby district to reduce number of councillors from 39 to 36. Officers at Blaby District council would be drafting up plans for boundaries and number of electors in each area.

Councillor Phil Moitt advised of his Chair of Blaby District upcoming events including a Hog Roast and 100-mile walk.

Councillor Ben Taylor, as District Councillor for Winstanley Ward, reported on the following matters:

- a) Boundary review;

- b) New Chief Executive of Blaby District Council, Julie Smith, had been recruited and would be in post later in the year;
- c) New Local Plan for Blaby District Council to go to public consultation in Spring 2022; and
- d) Blaby District Council Climate Strategy established and pleased to see Town Council's Climate Strategy and looked forward to collectively addressing the issue of Climate Change.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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: \_\_\_\_\_