

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT BURTON LATIMER COUNCIL OFFICES ON
7TH APRIL 2009**

Present: Town Councillors: D. Zanger (Town Mayor), P. Bettles (Deputy Town Mayor), J. Garnett, D. Gunn, C. Groome, R. Groome, H. Fry, M. Jerram, F. Macdonald, J. Smith

County Councillor: C.C. Lamb

Police: PCSOs D. Fenner

04/09/2427 Apologies

Town Cllrs: M. Evans and S. Walden

04/09/2428 Members' Declarations of Interest

Cllr C. Groome: Governor of Southfields School.

04/09/2429 Declarations of Changes to Members' Register of Interests

Cllr Macdonald: Member of Ise Valley Rotary Club.

04/09/2430 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2009

The Minutes of the Town Council meeting on the above date were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting.

04/09/2431 Matters Arising

2431.1 Minute 03/09/2413.1 New Empowerment Act

Cllr Jerram' presentation on the 'New Empowerment Act' was deferred to the June meeting of the council.

2431.2 Minute 03/09/2414 Police Matters – Parked Vehicles

Agreed that letters be sent to Abby Board, Alumasc, Alpro, Versa Lift and IVG White. Cllr Macdonald to liaise with the Clerk.

2431.3 Minute 03/09/2420 'Revital-Ise'

Cllr Chris Groome updated Members on meeting with Mr N. Redden. A number of proposals to be prepared over the next couple of months, public meeting to be held in July in, affected residents and other potentially interested parties to be leafleted. Pocket Park to be involved. Support of Town Council unanimously **agreed**.

2431.4 Minute 03/09/2420 Secondary Schools Allocations

Cllr Chris Groome updated Members on the above and proposed that a letter be sent to the Director of Children's Services (NCC), Portfolio Holder (NCC), Chief Executive (NCC), Head Teachers and Chairs of School Governors of schools involved. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Garnett and unanimously **agreed** by the Council.

2431.5 Minute 03/09/2418 Holland Drive Estate

Cllr Macdonald advised that an agreement between Anglia Water, KBC and Taylor Wimpey is imminent.

2431.6 Minute 03/09/2419.1 F&GP Report

Wind Farm Fund – **agreed** that letter be sent to Head of Environmental Health (KBC). Cllr Garnett to draft the letter.

2431.7 Minute 03/09/2419.1 F&GP Report

Sports & Leisure Group – **agreed** meeting to be called as soon as possible.

04/09/2432 Police Matters

Police report included quieting down of youth anti-social behaviour, no big problems re: crime statistics, targeting of parking cars at schools, 'Street –a- Week 2009' about to commence, no further problems re: SPAR, 2 police bicycles now stored at Sainsburys..

04/09/2433 Town Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report included the following: Licensing meeting, NCC Civic Dinner, Friends of BL Library meeting, East Kettering briefing session.

04/09/2434 Correspondence

2434.1 Monthly Parish Crime Reports

(see 'Police Matters')

2434.2 CPRE 'Voice' Magazine

Placed in Chamber for Members' reference.

2434.3 NCC – amenity Weight Restrictions (7.5t) – Countryside Awareness Campaign

'Awareness Boards' available from NCC on short-term basis. Support of Town Council unanimously **agreed**. Police undertook to place 'traffic analysis box' in Church Street for a week.

**2434.4 Highways Agency – Planned Roadworks to Major Roads(East Edition)
March - May 2009**

For Members' information.

2434.5 KBC – Town & Parish Council Funding

KBC is undertaking a review of the above; update from KBC to A6 Towns Forum May/June; consultation events to take place during the summer; outcomes from the review to be effective from 1 April 2010.

2434.6 'Centre Screen'

Portable cinema equipment/screening initiative. Agreed that this would be raised at the next Website meeting.

2434.7 MDA News Magazine

Placed in Council Chamber for Members' reference.

2434.8 KBC – Local Development Framework Public Consultation – Site Specific Proposals Local Development Document – Issues Paper

Papers issued to Cllr Gunn for consideration..

2434.9 Standards Board – 'Town & Parish Standard' Newsletter

Issued to Members for information.

2434.10 MGWSP – Contact Details – Local Farmers

Request for details of local farmers who may be willing to assist with snow ploughs if needed in adverse weather. Cllr Macdonald to pursue this matter.

2434.11 East Midlands Regional Assembly – Regional Plan: Partial Review

Update on the above, including revised timetable for Members' information.

2434.12 NCC – Section 38 Agreement Newman Street, BL, Developer Wilson-Connolly

Confirmation that the Ways subject to the above Agreement have now been adopted.

2434.13 East Midlands Trains - Update

Reduction of 162 jobs across the East Midlands Trains, for Members' information.

2434.14 'Service Six ' – Update

For Members' information. Cllr Macdonald to place leaflet in notice board.

2434.15 ACRE – Village Viewpoint Magazine – Spring 2009

Above placed in Council Chamber for Members' information.

04/09/2435 Public Participation

Mr G. Mercer – reported progress with KBC in relation to litter and dog fouling.

Mr A. Walpole – re: Pocket Park (i) grass cutting. Mr Walpole was advised that new mower will be delivered 8 April: volunteers to try out the mower. (ii) Bridge on verge of collapse – to be looked into.

04/09/2436 Policies & Priorities

2436.1 Finance & General Purposes Committee Report

Finance & General Purposes Committee – 12 March 2009

Present: Cllrs. S Walden, M Jerram, J Smith, F Macdonald, P Bettles, D Gunn, H Fry

Apologies: Cllr. D Zanger

Expenditure Procedures: Councillors were reminded that there are procedures that need to be followed concerning any expenditure on behalf of the Town Council. Any expenditure should be agreed by the F&GP committee, and then brought to full council to be discussed and agreed and Minuted. There are to be no exceptions to this.

Quality Council: It was agreed that we should convene a meeting of the steering group on 25th March 2009 to discuss this.

Wind Farm Fund: It was agreed that as no formal response has been received, a formal request is sent to KBC to take over and administer the fund.

Pocket Park: The Probation Service will be planting the new hedge on 22nd March 2009.

Sport & Leisure: It was agreed to ask exactly who hold the 106 agreement money and what the accumulated total is.

Shops Survey: There will be no charge for the work that has been done on this. It was agreed that this will be delivered with the newsletter as well as be on the web-site. Cllr. Jerram agreed to get it printed if KBC are unable to do the work.

Newsletter: This is to be done next week and hopefully sent for Councillors approval by last week of March.

King George Vth: Cllr. Macdonald had a meeting with Tim Bellamy from KBC, concerning the tarmacing that still needs to be completed which is being paid for by Cllr. Lamb. Quoted are still being obtained for this, and if there is any money left over there is some more tarmac needed by the spider bin. The bicycle rack is to be rectified

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at KBC's expense as it is the wrong way round.

There have been a couple of accidents at the park, one of which resulted in two girls spending the night in hospital. A petition is being raised by the young people who use the park as they are refusing to use the BMX track as it is totally unsuitable and unfit for purpose.

The letter received from Graham Soulsby needs to be addressed as it was felt his comments were less than helpful, and it was agreed to ask him to attend a site visit

Discussed by the Town Council:-

KGVth Rec - Cllr Macdonald advised that he had met with Doug Wilkinson (KBC) on site and it was agreed that the cycle track is inappropriate, the cycle stand and spider bin will be rectified. With regard to the letter from Graham Soulsby (KBC) Cllr Zanger proposed that he has a site meeting with GS and report back to the Council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Macdonald and unanimously **agreed** by the Council.

Flower Festival – It was **agreed** that the Council would spend up to £50 to supply the flowers for Cllr Walden to arrange.

2436.2 Town Council Website

Dr W. Hunt to have completed the Town's shops list by end of the week and Council's email address to be added to site (further consideration required).

2436.3 Swimming Pool Trust

Cllr Chris Groome declared an interest in this item. Agreed that this would be a standing item on the Council's agenda.

2436.4 Planning Matters

Councillor Gunn presented the following Planning Report:

2436.41 Planning Applications Approved by the Town Council

KET/2008/1044 Mrs Manji 22 William Street, BL

Full application: Loft conversion and first floor rear extension (amendment to approval KET/2008/0046)

2436.42 Planning Applications Objected to by the Town Council

None

2436.42 Planning Applications Approved by Kettering Borough Council

KET/2008/1039 Mr D Wilson 20 Bridle Road, BL

Erection of 1 (one) three bedroom bungalow with detached garage to the land rear of number 20.

KET/2009/0002 Mr M George 24 Church Street, BL

Various works including repair of internal plasterwork, installation of services, replacement of first and second floors, structure reconfiguration of first and second floor plan, installation of insulation and repair to dormer windows

2436.43 Planning Refusals Received from Kettering Borough Council

None

2436.44 Planning Withdrawals Received from Kettering Borough Council

KET/2008/0922 Mr Elmore Elmore Developments 37 High Street, BL

Although this planning application was approved and work commenced resulting in the demolition of the high street shop inclusive of the flats above, which has now been completed and the site cleared. The application has now been withdrawn. Therefore KBC states that they will take no further action: no formal decision will be made.

2436.45 Planning Appeals Received from Kettering Borough Council

None

2436.46 Withdrawn Planning Appeals Received from Kettering Borough Council

None

General – recent article (possible development areas) in Evening Telegraph discussed. Confirmed that this was the outcome of a Central Government exercise to list any sites that may possibly be developed in the future and that this was considered to be a futile exercise and does not mean that these sites will be developed.

2436.5 Town Council Chamber and Facilities

No further information.

2436.6 Public Transport

No further information.

2436.7 Highways Matter

Cllr Macdonald presented the following report and updated where appropriate:

1. Work is continuing on the safer route to school

2. The verges in Coles Court will be cut in the very near future as this has now been adopted
3. All the entrances or exits to the footpath network in the town have been inspected and a programme of works drawn up by MGWSP.
4. Mr P. Harpur has agreed that the footpath can be extended across his field as previously discussed
5. The repairs to the road at junction 10 should be complete within the next month
6. A letter has been received from Taylor Wimpey supporting the diversion of footpath UA7
7. The brass plaque has been reinstalled on the building thanks to Councillor Gunn
8. The gates to the Paddocks have been painted and will be repaired very shortly
9. The mound at the end of Welland Court has been removed and levelled
10. The path round the flag pole has been completed
11. The VAS equipment is now in Polwell Lane there were over 41000 activations in Higham Road
12. The Police are measuring speeds in Church St.
13. The probation service has planted the new saplings in the pocket park and will paint the fence after Easter

04/09/2437 Borough Council Matters of Interest

Cllr Ruth Groome (i) SPAR graffiti dealt with by police (ii) BLTC invited to the KBC Mayor's Parlour in July or August (possibly after attending KBC Council meeting) (iii) lack of bridle ways in BL.

Cllr Chris Groome – (i) CPRE meeting in March (ii) KBC Planning Policy meeting -(revision of Core Spatial Strategy (Government Guidance to look favourably on development of land that would not normally be considered for development) Cllr Groome lead the resistance to this proposal and KBC agreed to change this (iii) East of Kettering Forum – serious concerns re: possibility of new junction 10A and consequential closure of junction 10. **Agreed** (a) that there must be proper consultation on this if it becomes a part of a planning application (b) a meeting be arranged with BLAG – Cllr Macdonald to arrange meeting.

04/09/2438 County Council Matters of Interest

Cllr Christopher Lamb

Rural East and Rural West Joint Action Group (27 March) - one or two new initiatives, including police arch metal detectors to be trialled at Latimer Arts College and Montsaye School and Terry Turner to give talks on high visibility jackets and lights re: cycling/cycling ways. Next JAG meeting on 19 June (2.00 pm) BLTC Members welcome.

04/09/2439 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies.

None

04/09/2440 Accounts for Payment

The Council unanimously approved the following payments:

Cheque No	101321	G. Sneddon (Clerk's salary April 09)	668.28*
Cheque No	101322	G. Sneddon (Reimb.of 'phone & postage costs Jan – March 2009)	46.65
Cheque No	101323	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI April 09)	246.78
Cheque No	101324	Dr W. Hunt (Website maintenance (1 st quarterly payment of 4 no.)	305.00
Cheque No	101325	Smiths of Derby (Clock)	1523.75
Cheque No	101326	CPRE (Membership Renewal)	29.00
Cheque No	101327	Westcotec Ltd (VAS Sign brackets)	180.00
Cheque No	101328	Dr W. Hunt (Website)	307.50**
Cheque No	101329	PT Builders – Repairs to Planters – Kettering Rd and Higham Road	638.00
Cheque No	101330	Kensigns – Metallic Panels to notice board	257.60
Cheque No	101331	Cllr Gunn – Reimb. re: ladder	69.00

(*includes arrears due to additional 0.30% awarded for 2008 National Pay Award – outcome of ACAS binding arbitration)

(** second and final payment for attending website course)

04/09/2441 Any Other Relevant Items of Business

2441.1 Civic Ball

Proposed by Cllr Zanger that a balance of £750 be retained in the Civic Ball account to cover the deposit for arranging a venue for next year's Ball. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gunn and unanimously **agreed** by the Council.

2441.2 Town Clock

Cllr Macdonald advised that the above will be in situ next week and KBC will pay for the erecting.

04/09/2442 Press Release

There were no items for press release

The Clerk then moved that the public be excluded for the remainder of the proceedings of the meeting on the grounds that the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest having regard to the confidentiality of the nature of the business to be transacted.