

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURTON LATIMER COUNCIL OFFICES ON 01 JUNE 2010

Present: Town Councillors: M. Jerram (Town Mayor), P. Bettles, M. Evans, H. Fry, R. Groome, D. Gunn, F. Macdonald, J. Smith (7.25 pm), D.Zanger.

Police: PCSO A. Sillance

Public Forum: (4 members of the public present). Matters discussed include Mr. M. Scott – concerns about the proposed extension to the Blackbridge Farm pyrolysis plant and the plants failure to comply with existing planning approval (see Item 10.3 on the agenda) Mr A. Walpole – (i) concerns about HGV traffic on Station Road, agreed that it is difficult for the police to prosecute until the signage is put right (ii) BL Swimming Pool Trust will not pay for lessons at Thrapston pool (referred to Cllr Christopher Groome for clarification). Dr T. Kelly – concerns regarding Kettering East Alliances’ failure to consult with local residents, Dr Kelley submitted a copy of the comments he has submitted to the Chair of the East Kettering Forum, the Leader of KBC and the MP.

06/10/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the following Cllr S. Walden (illness), Cllr Macdonald proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Ruth Groome. Cllr Christopher Groome (business) - Cllr fry proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Macdonald. **Resolved:** that the absences be approved.

06/10/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Evans – Item 10.3 (Planning) planap KET/2010/0302 (personal)
Cllr R. Groome – Item 10.3 (Planning) planap KET/2010/0302 (neighbour)

06/10/03 Resolution: Approval of Town Council Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 6 April 2010

Subject to changing ‘machine’ to ‘computer programme’ in second paragraph in Public Forum Cllr Macdonald proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

06/10/04 Resolution: Approval of Town Council Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2010

BLTC Minutes 01 June 2010

Cllr Zanger proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Cllr Evans. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

06/10/05 Resolution: Approval of Town Council Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2010

AM 05/10/08 Darby & Joan Club - substitute 'Cllr Evans' with 'Cllr Zanger'
AM 05/10/08 BLAST – delete 'Cllr Macdonald'

Subject to the above changes Cllr Evans proposed that the Minutes be approved, seconded by Cllr Gunn. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

06/1006 Matters Arising

None.

06/10/07 Police Matters

Matters raised by BLTC - (i) youths drinking alcohol in Council offices doorway and being abusive (ii) KBC now involved in addressing the litter problem to rear of Churchill Way shops.

06/10/08 Town Mayor's Report

Attended: British Legion tea party, St Mary's fete and Rothwell Civic Service

06/10/09 Correspondence

09.1 NCC – A6 Signage

Cllr Macdonald - NCC's proposals discussed with Sgt Preece and final proposals will come to Full Council in due course.

09.2 NCC – Changes to the Household Waste Recycling Centres from 21 June 2010

Kettering Waste Recycling Centre relocates to Garrard Way, Telford Way Industrial Estate on 21 June 2010. Cllr Zanger declared an interest (KBC Cllr role). Cllr Macdonald undertook to get the information placed on the website.

09.3 NCC – Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Adoption of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document on 20 May 2010

Noted by Members.

06/10/10 Policies & Priorities

10.1 Finance & General Purposes Committee Report

There was no F&GP meeting in May.

10.2 Annual Accounts 2009/10 – Completion of the Annual Return

The Clerk presented the 2009/10 Annual Accounts and Internal Auditor's letter to the Council; Section 4 of the Annual Return (Internal Auditor's Report) having been signed off by the Internal Auditor.

10.21 Resolution: Approval of Section 1 of Annual Return (Statement of Accounts)

Cllr Evans proposed that the Council approves Section 1 of the Annual Return, seconded by Cllr Smith . Unanimously **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

10.22 Resolution: Completion of Section 2 of Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement)

The Chair read out the statements numbered 1 to 8 and the Town Council responded 'yes' to each in turn and this was recorded on the Annual return by the Chair. The response to statement number 9 was 'NA'.

To reaffirm the above, Cllr Gunn proposed that the Town Council's responses to statements 1 to 8 be 'yes' and statement 9 be 'NA', seconded by Cllr Macdonald. Unanimously **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

The Clerk advised the Council of the following two matters the Internal Auditor asked him to raise for the Council's consideration in relation to future transactions:

Future purchases by the Pocket Park – to consider the potential conflict of interest (5 Cllrs sitting on the PP Management Committee)

Cllrs noted these comments.

The 2010/11 budget – expenditure on the Civic Centre will leave little or no cash available for ad hoc expenditure items and the Council could very easily find itself in a deficit situation.

Cllrs acknowledged that the priority for 2010/11 was to get the Civic Centre established and running smoothly and that a deficit for the year had been budgeted for with the shortfall being met from General Reserves. All normal running costs had also been budgeted for and, in addition, some extraordinary items e.g. attaining Quality Council Status.

10.3 Planning Committee Minutes

Apologies from Councillors: Cllr Bettles & Cllr Jan Smith

Attending Councillors: Cllrs Gunn, Macdonald & Fry

Attending Public: Mrs Cooking, Mrs Tomkins, Mrs Webb, Mrs Hull, Mrs Jocelyn, Mr cooper & Mr Thomas

10.3.1 Planning Applications Approved by the Town Council

KET/2010/0255 Mr Downing-Jones 24 Kettering Rd

Full Application: Change of use from public house to residential dwelling.

KET/2010/0301 Primary Health Inv. Prop. Ltd Higham Road

S,73 Application: Variation of Condition 5 of KET/2010/0032 in respect of opening hours for pharmacy use.

KET/2010/0302 Mr Kings 2 Preston Court

Full Application: Single storey side and rear extension and detached garage.

10.3.2 Planning Applications Objected to by the Town Council

None

10.3.3 Planning Applications Approved by Kettering Borough Council

KET/2010/0184 Mr K Rose 103 Station Rd

Erection of 1 detached dwelling and detached garage.

KET/2010/0164 Mr Burns Compass Court 2 West Ave

Single storey side and rear extension.

KET/2010/0231 Mr Burns Compass Court 2 West Ave

Alterations to rear elevation (roof pitch altered)

Planning Refusals Received from Kettering Borough Council

KET/2010/0118 Mrs Harding 34 Park Road

First floor side extension.

10.3.4 Planning Applications Withdrawn

None

10.3.5 Planning Appeals Received from Kettering Borough Council

None

10.3.6 Planning Appeals Withdrawn Received from Kettering Borough Council

None

(Meeting ended at 20.10)

10.3.7 Other Planning Matters

The Council discussed the planning application submitted by NCC relating to the extension of the Blackbridge Farm pyrolysis plant. The Council objected to this application and it was agreed that Cllr Gun would draft a response on behalf of the Council (3 day rule), email it to the clerk by Wednesday 2 June and the Clerk would then circulate it to BLTC. It was acknowledged that the response deadline was 6 June. Agreed that the approved letter would be copied to Cranford Parish Council, Barton Seagrave Parish Council and the MP.

10.4 Civic Centre Update (see also 'Private & Confidential')

Included summary of expenditure to date. Agreed letters of thanks to be sent to Bosworths Nursery for supplying plants for flower beds) and the Henley Centre for its assistance in planting them.

Cllr macdonald reported that good progress was being made and that it was anticipated that the internal works would be completed by beginning of July then blinds, carpets could be fitted; hopefully the first Town Council meeting in the Civic Centre would be in August. Re: valuation of the building for rates, this was in progress but the new valuation figure would not be advised until after the building was occupied thereby avoiding incurring costs in the interim.

Cllr Ruth Groome advised that she was planning to purchase a cherry tree for the front of the building from her Borough Cllrs Ward Initiative Fund.

Also agreed that the Council should be giving some thought to the opening ceremony (place on the July agenda)

10.41 Resolution: Decision regarding storage and collection of refuse

Cllr macdonald recommended that the Council to acquire one red Bin for paper (no charge) and purchase (initially) 10 blue bags for all other refuse @ £2.30 each. Purchase further blue bags as and when required. The process should be reviewed after 3 months. Cllr Zanger proposed that the recommendation be approved, seconded by Cllr Evans. **Resolved**: that the recommendation be approved.

10.42 Planning Application: Change of Use - Update

Members noted that this was in hand.

10.5 Highways Update (Cllr Macdonald)

Focus on sorting out the gulley cleansing in the town
Traffic lights in High Street had now been repaired

10.6 Kettering East Alliance Update

No further update.

06/10/11 Borough Council Matters of Interest

Cllr Ruth Groome – A6 Towns Forum on 23 June – lift available. Now Vice-Chair of KBC's Monitoring & Audit Committee and on Standards Committee.

Cllr Derek Zanger – Reference to the Halford's recycle race in Kettering, the charity bike ride and the large screen showing of the England versus USA World Cup football game in Kettering's Market Square (ticketed event. Cllr Zanger now a member of KBC's Cabinet (Market Towns & Villages/Environment portfolio).

06/10/12 County Council Matters of Interest

Cllr Christopher Groomes's report (submitted in his absence):

The latest figures for school performance do indicate an upward trend – we are now only just below the national average. There is clearly more work to do!

The School's Admissions Forum is considering the Town Council's request for a fairer Admissions system at Southfield School for Girls when it next meets at 14:00 on Wednesday 23 June (at Bouverie Court in Northampton). Is there a member who would attend to put our viewpoint? I would brief them but do not think I should represent the Council as I am a Governor at the school.

I am a member of a multi-agency group looking at raising the aspirations and achievements of Northamptonshire children in gaining access to higher education. We have just started work.

Following the visit I arranged for David Farquhar, Head of Highways, to meet with Cllr Macdonald and myself, a new policy is being introduced to treat an area rather than rush around frantically from one pothole to another as they are reported. It will slow the initial response but should end up with more being done and work of a more durable nature.

The other area of work at County I am involved in at the moment is improvement of the IT systems. I expect to get involved in the efforts to reduce expenditure by £100 million over 4 years as NCC's contribution to reducing the overall national deficit.

06/10/13 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies.

Cllr Jerram – Distributed Pocket Park Duck Race posters.

06/10/14 Urgent Matters (to be agreed by the Chair)

14.1 Vandalised Planter – Station Road

Cllr Gunn advised that the planter at the bottom of Station Road had been vandalised again. Referred to F&GP Committee. Cllrs Macdonald and Gunn to obtain repair estimates.

14.2 New BLTC Complaints Procedure

The Clerk advised the Council that is quite in order under any test of reasonableness, given the size of the Authority for the Council's new Complaints Procedure not to have an Appeals element.

14.3 Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Proposed Submission Control & Management of Development DPD

Members noted the above.

14.4 BL Bye-Election

The clerk confirmed that a bye-election for the vacant Latimer Ward seat will take place on 24 June 2010 and that there were 3 candidates standing.

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06/10/15. Resolution: Approval of Accounts for Payment

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the following payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Evans. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

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Cheque No 101497	Cancelled (replaced by cheque no.101381)		N/A
Cheque No 101381	Gent Glass (Civic Centre atrium windows)		*2332.12
Cheque No 101382	J. Rowlatt (CC Emergency latch & lock)		*291.40
Cheque No 101383	J. Rowlatt (CC brass handle)		*4.98
Cheque No 101384	Cancelled		N/A
Cheque No 101385	Cancelled		N/A
Cheque No 101386	G. Sneddon (Salary June 2010)		**827.39
Cheque No 101387	Inland Revenue (Tax & NI June 2010)		**311.29
Cheque No 101388	Anglian Water (CC 01 Feb – 15 April 2010)		* 79.94
Cheque No 101389	Cllr F. Macdonald (CC Reimb. of build.mats. etc)		* 137.61
Cheque No 101390	Ise Fire Products & Services (CC Fire Alarm)		* 1051.63
Cheque No 101391	NCALC (training events 2@£29 Cllr Jerram)		58.00
Cheque No. 102392	Cllr D. Gunn (CC Reimb. of building mats. etc)		*882.14
Cheque No 101393	Cllr D. Zanger (CC Reimb. of build.mats. etc)		*15.48
Cheque No 101394	I.Woods (Internal Audit Fee)		**75.00

*Expenditure powers: *Civic Centre LGA 1972 s.111/133/LG (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 ** LGA 1972 s.111*

06/10/16. Press Release

Blackbridge Farm Waste Plant

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.