

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council meeting
held on 20th October 2005
in the Council Chamber
Bridlington Town Hall**

Present: Councillors R. Adamson, R. Allerston, Mrs. M. Chadwick, M. Charlesworth, D Grange, R Harrap, C. Marsburg (presided), L Taylor and Mrs. W. Taylor (9).
Christopher Smith, Clerk to the Council recorded the minutes.
One representative of the media and two members of the public also attended.

103. Welcome by the Deputy Mayor:

Councillor Marsburg welcomed the members, the public and journalist to the meeting, which had been re-arranged due to the scheduled meeting on 12th October 2006 being inquorate. The Deputy Mayor apologised on behalf of the Council to members of the public and representatives of the media who had turned up to the scheduled meeting only for it to be postponed due to the number of councillors in attendance. Councillor Marsburg stated that at the time of the scheduled meeting three of the members including the Mayor and himself were out of the country and only two of the remaining nine members turned up for the meeting. He alluded to the media coverage of the event, which gave the public the impression the Council was incompetent and that members were not taking the role of town councillor seriously enough. Councillor Marsburg said he had been ridiculed in the street and that the Town Council had lost all credibility and needed to get back on track. A vote on suspending Standing Orders was proposed and seconded to enable members to debate the matter.

Resolved:

Standing Orders are suspended.

Councillor Mrs Chadwick stated that she took exception to the remark that she, as a member of the Council, was incompetent and took exception to the comments attributed to Councillor Charlesworth printed in the Bridlington Free Press and stated that her loyalties lay with the residents of Bridlington. Councillor Allerston referred to the exceptionally long meeting of the principal authority, which had caused him to be late in attending the meeting in the Town Hall. Councillor Grange confirmed the subject of the lengthy debate at County Hall during the afternoon concerned NHS hospital provision within the East Riding. He considered that it was essential he had stayed for what was an important debate affecting not only Bridlington but also other areas of the East Riding.

Resolved:

Standing Orders are re-instated.

104. Apologies for absence:

Resolved:

The following apologies are accepted:- Councillors Mrs. C. Allerston, Mrs D Clark and J Wilkinson

105. Civic Duties since the last meeting:

Councillor Mrs. Christine Allerston:

16 th September	Richmond Town Council Heritage Day – Richmond Town Hall
18 th September	65 th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, Commemoration Service – North Bar Within
21 st September	Defence School of Transport Civic Visitors Day – Leconfield
22 nd September	Hull & East Yorkshire Credit Union Presentation – Town Hall Chambers, Bridlington
22 nd September	Bridlington in Bloom Awards Evening – Spa Burlington Suite, Bridlington
23 rd September	Mayor of Bridlington's Coffee Morning – Expanse Hotel, Bridlington
24 th September	Opening of New Parish Hall – Boynton
24 th September	Royal British Legion Rally Reception – British Legion Club, Bridlington
25 th September	Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk – Bridlington Sea Front

28 th September	Port Talbot Council Visit
2 nd October	Bridlington Town Council Civic Service – Priory Church of St. Mary
5 th October	“Hats off for Mental Health” Exhibition – Middleton Hall, University of Hull
6 th October	Eden Camp School Visits Grant Presentation – Community Resource Centre Café
9 th October	Driffield Civic Service – Driffield Methodist Church

Councillor Cyril Marsburg:

25th September Royal British Legion Rally Service & Parade – War Memorial, Bridlington

106. Public Participation (maximum of 10 minutes):

Mrs Hillerby advised that the Remembrance Sunday parade will set off from the Town Hall at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 13th November 2005 and will proceed over the Quay Road Level Crossing enroute to the War Memorial and it is therefore essential that the maintenance work on the crossing is completed on time and that it is open for the parade to proceed. The Clerk agreed to write to the highway authority.

107. Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

108. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th September 2005:

Resolved:

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th September 2005 are approved as a true record

109. Matters arising (for information only):

Min. 86 Festival Committee

Councillor Charlesworth referred to a meeting of the Bridlington Arts Festival when he was contradicted by Councillor Grange over the resolution to disband the Festival Committee. Councillor Grange replied that the Council had actually withdrawn its secretarial support. Councillor Charlesworth added that this in effect had caused the disbandment of the committee, which could not be a formally constituted committee of the Council without the Clerk's involvement.

110. Minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Environmental Committee held on 19th September 2005:

Resolved:

The minutes of the Planning, Licensing and Environmental Committee held on 19th September 2005 are received.

111. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 28th September 2005:

Min. 5 – South Cliff Gardens Flagpoles

Resolved:

In accordance with LGA 1972 s144 the Council purchases two sets of flags at a cost of £804 and contracts with Hi-Fliers for a change and wash of a set of flags on a quarterly basis at an additional cost of £440 p.a. in partnership with the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership which has agreed to meet 50% of the cost.

Resolved:

Subject to the above resolution the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 28th September 2005 are approved.

112. Minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Environmental Committee held on 3rd October 2005:

Resolved:

The minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Environmental Committee held on 3rd October 2005 are received.

113. Correspondence:

Sept	Humbrella Newsletter Humber Playing Fields Association Newsletter Old Town Lodge No. 1709 – request for ‘Princess Regalia’ to take part in Christmas lights event
14 th	Bridlington Rangers Junior Football Club – copy letter re: Moorfield Road Car Park charges
14 th	ERYC – Temporary Closure of Havelock Crescent at Quay Road Junction and Removal of One-Way Restriction
24 th	Mr F T Felton – St. John’s Street Public Conveniences inspection report
25 th	The Countryside Agency – Conclusive Map of Registered Common Land and Open Country (Bridlington Parish)
29 th	Yorkshire Wolds & Coast NHS Primary Care Trust – Press Release
Oct 3 rd	Hilderthorpe Junior School – letters of thanks plus pupils drawings following their Eden Camp visit ERYC – temporary road closure (Quay Road Level Crossing 2100 hrs 12.11.05 to 1000 hrs 13.11.05)
6 th	Hornsea Town Council – invitation to the Mayor and Clerk to attend an inaugural meeting of East Riding town councils

Resolved:

Not to send either the Mayor or the Clerk to the proposed meeting of town councils in Beverley.

10 th	ERYC – response to Council’s resolution on the Moorfield Road car parking charge
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Resolved:

To request ERYC to answer to the following questions:-

Did the Council endorse the Cabinet’s recommendation to commence charging at the Moorfield Road car park and when did the Council anticipate charging would commence?

Was the Cabinet meeting in September made aware of the town council’s resolution (Minute 96 dated 14th September 2005)?

Which officer and/or member authorised the implementation of the £2 flat charge?

What is the cost of providing two officers on the entrance to the Moorfield Road car park and how much revenue is being raised by the £2 charge?

To name the free car parks in other towns and their proximity (measured in metres) from their town centres?

Why is the car park at the Driffield cattle market free when Driffield could be argued to be in direct competition to Bridlington as a shopping centre?

11 th	Humberside Police Authority – consultation regarding the Government’s proposal to restructure the police forces
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Resolved:

1. The Council considers the merger of one or more police forces will lead to a loss of democratic representation on the new police authority;
2. The Council believes that robust structures need to be in place to ensure that community policing is not weakened;
3. The Council is not convinced that in the medium-term the merger of one or more police forces will achieve cost savings due to economies of scale;
4. The Council has concerns regarding the basis of funding the new force. How will the burden be shared between the council taxpayers within the new police force area;
5. The Council is concerned that safeguards are in place for adequate pension provision.

114. The proposed Community Warden Scheme for Bridlington:

The principal authority proposes a pilot scheme for a Community Warden Service in selected areas of Bridlington

Resolved:

1. The Council supports the introduction of a Community Warden Service in selected areas of Bridlington and wishes to be represented on the steering group;
2. *With reference to the Cabinet's resolution (e), the Council is unable to confirm that funds will be available to support future funding should the pilot prove successful.*

115. Report on the Christmas Lights 2005:**Resolved:**

The report is noted.

116. ERYC Budget Conference 2006/07 at the Bridlington North Library on Tuesday, 8th November 2005 14.00 to 17.00 hours:**Resolved:**

- i) Councillor Adamson is nominated to represent the Council at the ERYC Budget Conference on 8th November 2005;
- ii) That in future years the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee represents the Council.

117. Minutes of the Community Forum meeting held on 22nd June 2005:**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Community Forum meeting held on 22nd June 2005 are noted.

118. Minutes of the Town Team meeting held on 5th July 2005:**Resolved:**

The minutes of the Town Team meeting held on 5th July 2005 are noted.

119. Minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 30th August 2005:**Resolved:**

- i) The Bridlington Regeneration Partnership is invited to make a presentation to the Council on the proposals for Chapel Street;
- ii) The minutes of the Town Improvement Forum held on 30th August 2005 are noted.

120. Queen's Golden Jubilee fountain:**Resolved:**

- i) *In accordance with the Council's policy, the Queen's Golden Jubilee fountain is decommissioned for winter;*
- ii) To write to the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership to request that the fountain is retained within the proposals for improving the Spa environs;
- iii) *The Council strongly feels that Bridlington's CCTV control centre should be retained within the town and not be re-located outside of Bridlington and that a letter be forwarded to Superintendent Furlong to this effect.*

121. Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 6th October 2005 were as follows:-

HSBC Investment A/c	146,194.51	(£50,325 half-year precept received 30.09.05)
HSBC Current A/c	51.00	
Petty Cash	<u>116.10</u>	
Total	146,361.61	

Accounts paid and outstanding since the September 2005 meeting:-

Cheque No.	Payee	Description of Account	Amount
100942	A M Coltman	Design Services	78.00
100943	Vision ICT Ltd	Website Design	1,433.50
100944	Bay Primary School	Eden Camp	440.00
100945	Burlington Junior School	Eden Camp	908.00
100946	Hilderthorpe Junior School	Eden Camp	596.00
100947	New Pasture Lane Primary School	Eden Camp	700.00
100948	Quay Primary School	Eden Camp	899.00
100949	St Mary's R.C. Primary School	Eden Camp	373.00
100950	ERYC	Civic Lottery Licence	17.50
100951	Allsigns	St John's Street Toilet Sign	56.40
100952	Coastal Colour Print	Autumn Newsletter Printing	895.00
100953	Expanse Hotel	Mayor's Coffee Morning	71.25
100954	Cash	Petty Cash Imprest A/c	83.90
100955	Georgian Rooms	Civic Service Reception	706.00
100956	Cllr C Allerston	Travelling Expenses	757.20
100957	Cllr L Taylor	Travelling Expenses	43.00
100958	C Smith	Travelling Expenses	156.05
BACS	Bridlington Community Partnership	Office Lease & Cleaning	149.96
BACS	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	89.96
BACS	Personnel	Salaries	1,787.56
BACS	ERYC	Pension Contributions	470.09
BACS	Cartridge World	Cartridge Refills	35.00
BACS	ERYC	Non Domestic Rates	552.53
BACS	S E Morris	Newsletter Marketing	400.00
BACS	The Phone Co-op	Telephone Call Charges	65.93
Total Payments:			11,764.83

Resolved:

The accounts are approved for payment.

122. Items for the next agenda:

1. To reconsider the diary of meetings for the remainder of the current year.
2. To consider the implications of the Council taking over the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

Signed: Councillor Christine Allerston

Date: 9th November 2005

Mayor of Bridlington