

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th November 2006 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Adamson, Mrs. C. Allerston, R. Allerston, Mrs. M. Chadwick, M Charlesworth, Mrs. D. Clark, R Harrap, C. Marsburg, and J. Wilkinson (9).
C Smith recorded the minutes with Mrs P King in attendance. One representative of the media and six members of the public were also in attendance.

133/06 Welcome by the Deputy Mayor:

Councillor Allerston welcomed the members, guest speakers and members of the public. Councillor Harrap thanked his colleagues for their messages of good wishes during his recent period of ill health. The Deputy Mayor also welcome Miss Jeni Kennedy the Council's former Administrative Assistant, and was pleased to present her with a framed and inscribed limited edition print by Patricia Thompson of the Priory Church. The members funded the gift from personal donations and the Clerk presented Miss Kennedy with his own leaving present.

134/06 Apologies for absence:

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillors D Grange, L Taylor and Mrs W Taylor.

135/06 Mr Bill Parker, Area Manager East (Waste Water) and Ms Jane Haczynskj from Yorkshire Water addressed the Council:

Mr Parker explained that similar to many of the Victorian sewage systems around the country Bridlington's is a combined foul and surface water system with head works located on the Royal Prince's Parade which pumps the sewage to the Flashdales treatment works. Following treatment the water is pumped in the reverse direction to the 1.6 kilometre long outfall for dispersal into the sea. Mr Parker apologised for the summer 2006 incident when unscreened sewage was discharged via the short sea outfall and was washed back on the south beach by subsequent tides. The contamination was caused by a failure of the control systems due to interference by an electrical storm. The control systems have since had a hard-wired back-up system installed. However, in extreme rainfall conditions it may still be necessary to discharge unscreened water via the short sea outfall rather than the volume of water causing flooding to properties. Ms Haczynskj further advised that the new Bathing Water Directive would introduce tighter bacteriological standards. Between 2008 and 2011 new active signage will be introduced at all beaches to advise the public of the bathing water quality. In the short term it is anticipated that both of Bridlington's beaches will qualify for Blue Flag awards in 2007. Councillor Harrap requested that in future the Town Council be invited to meetings concerning Bridlington's sewage system. Mr Parker confirmed that he would include the Council in future invitations.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Mr Parker and Ms Haczynskj for their attendance.

136/06 Civic Duties:

Mayor of Bridlington

4 th October	Opening of E.R.Y.C. Childrens Centre, Butts Lane, Bridlington
5 th October	Poetrython 2006 – Priory Church
7 th October	Withernsea Civic Dinner, Northfield Country Club, Withernsea
7 th October	Presentation Bridlington Lawn Tennis Club
16 th October	Receive Petition from Support/Save Bridlington Hospital, Town Hall, Bridlington
18 th October	Opening Bridlington Autumn Fair, Coach Park, Bridlington
21 st October	Opening Bridlington Warden Office, Resource Centre, Bridlington
24 th October	Transport Development Plan Meeting
26 th October	Mayoress' Coffee Morning, Expanse Hotel
1 st November	Launch of ASBOs Public Information Pillar
3 rd November	Formal Hospital Petition handover
3 rd November	100 Year Old Resident, The Willows, Burton Fleming
4 th November	East Riding College Award ceremony, Priory Church, Bridlington

5 th November	Lions Bonfire & Firework display, Limekiln Lane, Bridlington
6 th November	Poppy Appeal launch, Promenades Shopping Centre, Bridlington
6 th November	Surprise presentation for Barry Patterson
7 th November	Bridlington Memories Show, 3Bs Leisure World, Bridlington
7 th November	Formally starting of groundworks, South Bay Road, Carnaby
7 th November	Pocklington Charity Civic Dinner

Deputy Mayor of Bridlington

4 th November	Rededication of Planted Cross, Bridlington War Memorial
5 th November	Service to Commemorate Church Dev'tment Programme, Burlington Methodist Church

137/06 Public Participation:

Mr Hillerby requested a copy of the Skatepark report. Mrs King provided a copy.

Mr Whittaker questioned Bridlington Hospital's £9M deficit and was advised that it was without the Council's remit but that the NHS Trust's Interim Chief Executive would be invited to address a future meeting of the Council.

Mr Dealtry raised a number of questions:-

1. He referred to his correspondence requesting the Council to support an increase to two hours for non-resident parking within the Controlled Parking Zone;
2. He urged the Council to conduct a survey of litter bins;
3. He made the assertion that the business community did not know who were members of the Town Council and that the Council should seek to meet with the business community;
4. He requested high visibility Police patrols for Bridlington's three housing estates and the possibility of introducing CCTV to the West Hill estate.

Councillor Mrs Chadwick strongly objected to the assertion that the business community was unaware of who served on the Town Council. Mr Dealtry was advised that the Mayor is the Council's representative on the Chamber of Trade and a list of elected members and their contact details is carried by the Council's quarterly newsletter.

Councillor Mrs Chadwick also advised that she had raised the matter of an increased Police presence at the Police Community Liaison meeting.

138/06 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd October 2006:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd October 2006 are approved as a true record.

139/06 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committees held on 2nd, 16th and 30th October 2006:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committees held on 2nd, 16th and 30th October 2006 are received.

140/06 Minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 10th October 2006:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 10th October 2006 are approved.

141/06 Report of Nick Johnson, Gasworx Skatepark Manager:

Mr Johnson's written report on the progress of the project was received. Members requested that in future Mr Johnson presents his report in person.

142/06 Bridlington School & Sports College Foundation Governing Body:

The Clerk reported that the Council was responsible for filling two vacancies on the school's Foundation Governing Body.

RESOLVED: To nominate Cllr L Taylor and to advertise the remaining vacancy in the winter edition of the newsletter.

143/06 East Riding of Yorkshire Council Budget Conference 2006:

RESOLVED: Subject to availability Councillor R Adamson will represent the Council.

144/06 Bridlington Youth Council:

Bridlington Youth Council has extended an invitation for a member of the Council to attend one of its meetings.

RESOLVED: Councillor M Charlesworth is nominated to represent the Council.

145/06 Bridlington Regeneration Partnership Core Steering Group:

Council considers it is imperative that it is represented at meetings of this important body and that when the nominated representative is unable to attend a substitute is allocated.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is authorised to allocate a substitute member to attend meetings of the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership's Core Steering Group when the nominated representative is unable to attend.

146/06 Proposed extension to winter Car Parking Charges:

Councillor Charlesworth moved a motion, which was not seconded. Councillor Adamson moved a motion, which was seconded.

RESOLVED: Bridlington Town Council thanks the East Riding of Yorkshire councillors that called in the decision on winter parking charges to the principal authority's Environment & Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Council urges the members of the Cabinet when re-considering their decision to listen to the widespread opposition that has been expressed by Bridlington residents.

147/06 Correspondence:

21 Sept	ERYC – confirmation that ERYC accepts the responsibility for the Old Town decorative lighting
29	Rt Hon G Knight MP – acknowledgement of the Council's correspondence re: sewage discharge into the North Sea
5 Oct	ERYC – Overview & Scrutiny Annual report 2005 / 06
6	ERYC – notification of Lions Club bonfire and fireworks
6	Rt Hon G Knight MP – copy letter to Environment Agency re: sewage discharge into the North Sea
9	Lavinia Hughson – critical comments from a visitor
	RESOLVED: To forward a copy to the principal authority.
15	Liam Dealtry – short-term parking within the controlled parking zone
15	Colin Seymour – abandoned shopping trolleys
19	ERYC – proposed new road safety zone – Burlington, Hilderthorpe and St Mary's Schools
	RESOLVED: To support the introduction of the road safety schemes for schools.
24	ERYC – consultation re: Dickensian Street Market 9 th December 2006 in the Old Town
27	Rt Hon G Knight MP – Bridlington Hospital petitions
October	ERYC – Chairman's Awards (Enhancing the Built Heritage, Enhancing the Economy, Enhancing the Environment and Enhancing the Social Well Being of the East Riding of Yorkshire)
Autumn	East Yorkshire CAB – Citizens Advice Quarterly
October	Yorkshire & Humber Assembly – Digest

148/06 RESOLVED: The minutes of the Bridlington Town Improvement Forum held on 5th September 2006 are received.

149/06 RESOLVED: The minutes of the Yorkshire Community Rail Partnership held on 11th September 2006 are received.

150/06 RESOLVED: The minutes of the Bridlington & Driffield Area Forum held on 19th October 2006 are received.

151/06 Statement of balances and approval of the accounts for payment:

The bank balances as at 7th November 2006:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (Main Balances)	49,586.07
HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark)	108,859.67
HSBC Current Account	1.00
Petty Cash	164.59

Income received since 3rd October 2006:

Newsletter Advertising	518.00
Flagpole Sponsorship	400.00
VAT Refund	5,885.12

Accounts for paid or outstanding since the 3rd October 2006:

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	Personnel	October Salaries	2,668.85
BACS	Personnel	Expenses	249.72
BACS	ERYC	October Pension	878.36
BACS	Betta Embroidery	Gasworx Clothing	154.80
BACS	Bridlington Community P'ship	Office Lease	131.96
BACS	Bridlington Stationers	Stationery	179.65
BACS	Coastal Colour Print	Autumn Newsletter Design + Print	943.00
BACS	ERYC	Old Town Toilets Maintenance Sept + Oct	2,084.74
BACS	nPower	Old Town Toilets	199.50
BACS	Namesco	Gasworx Domain	21.13
BACS	Phoenix Precision Electrical	Office Equipment Testing	62.51
BACS	Spiers Framing	Green Howards Citation	35.00
BACS	The Phone Co-op	Telephone Call Charges	9.02
BACS	Vaughtons	Civic Chains Engraving	58.34
BACS	Xerox	Photocopier	284.28
BACS	Yorkshire Regional News	Autumn Newsletter Distribution	307.13
BACS	Commutaports	Station Avenue Bus Shelter	2,784.75
BACS	Georgian Rooms	Civic Service Catering	554.00
BACS	Phoenix Software	Gasworx Microsoft Package	287.88
BACS	RBS Software	Accounts Software Maintenance	58.75
101039	Bridlington Lawn Tennis Club	s.137 Grant	1,000.00
101040	C Smith	Expenses	32.00
101041	Brid' Community Partnership	Short-term Loan	70,000.00
101042	L Taylor	Civic Duties - Out of Pocket Expenses	250.00
101043	Cash	Petty Cash Imprest A/c	65.41
101044	Garlands	Dictionary	19.00
101045	Enviros	Gasworx Land Assessment (final payment)	4,758.75
101046	Burton Roofing Merchants	Sewerby C.C. (part grant)	4,130.43
101047	Trustspan Timber Engineering	Sewerby C.C. (part grant)	7,620.53
101048	A Johnson	Internal Audit Fee	160.00
101049	ERYC	Lottery Licence Renewal	17.50
Total			£100,006.99

152/06 RESOLVED: To continue accounts in the Council's name at the HSBC Bank Plc and all members to sign the mandate. All cheques to be signed by any two signatures. The Clerk is empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transaction with the Bank.

Signed: *Leslie Taylor*
Mayor of Bridlington

Date: 5th December 2006