

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd April 2007 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R Adamson, Mrs. C. Allerston, R. Allerston, Mrs. M. Chadwick, M Charlesworth, D Grange, R Harrap, C. Marsburg, L. Taylor (Presided), Mrs. W. Taylor and J. Wilkinson (11). Also in attendance were Mr P Mudd (Yorkshire Ambulance Service), N Johnson (Skatepark Manager), Christopher Smith (Clerk) who recorded the minutes, five members of the public and one representative of the media.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr Paul Mudd, Performance Improvement Manager at the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, gave a short resume of the Trust's service provision in Bridlington. The existing base for two ambulances at the Bridlington Hospital is shortly to be enhanced with the building of a further ambulance station in the north of Bridlington for an additional vehicle to be based. Mr Mudd revealed under questioning from the members that no discussions had taken place with NHS Trust acute service providers regarding potential changes to service provision at the Bridlington Hospital. He was unable to predict with any surety what impact such changes might have on the Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

245/06 Welcome by the Mayor:

Councillor Taylor thanked Mr Mudd for his attendance and welcomed everyone to this Council's final meeting.

246/06 Apologies for absence:

RESOLVED: An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Mrs D Clark.

247/06 Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

248/06 Civic Duties:

Councillors Leslie and Mrs Winifred Taylor - Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

- 21st March Mayoress Coffee Morning
- 21st March Humber Challenge Presentation
- 22nd March Twinning Association Open Evening
- 28th March Bridlington in Bloom - Cheque Presentation
- 28th March Schools Lifestyle Challenge
- 30th March Bridlington Club for Boys – Boxing Tournament
- 31st March Community Conference – Launching of Neighbourhood Action Plan
- 3rd April Swanhouse Coffee Morning

Councillors Mrs Christine & Raymond Allerston - Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

- 10th March Filey Civic Dinner

The Mayor described how he and the Mayoress had been privileged to meet and enjoy lunch with the Mayor of Lapta during a recent holiday visit to Cyprus.

RESOLVED: For Councillor Mrs Chadwick to convey a Council wall plaque to the Mayor of Lapta, Cyprus.

249/06 Public Participation:

Mr Whittaker requested confirmation of the winter parking charges for residents' - this decision will be reviewed in June. He was also advised of the principal authority's arrangements for the policing of illegally parked motor homes.

250/06 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th March 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th March 2007 are approved as a true record.

251/06 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 12th March 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 12th March 2007 are received.

252/06 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 26th March 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 26th March 2007 are received.

253/06 Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27th March 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Finance & General Committee held on 27th March 2007 are approved.

254/06 To receive items of correspondence:

Feb 25 Bridlington Arts Festival – letter of thanks for the grant

Mar 6 ERYC – Rough Sleeping survey

8 ERYC – response to an Avocet Way resident

RESOLVED: To write to the principal authority to request that the highway lighting on Kingsgate be extended to the revised 30 mph limit and to query whether 30 mph repeater roundels are displayed between the extent of the highway lighting and the end of the 30 mph limit.

9 ERYC – Paula Danby’s response to the policing of motor home parking

12 ERYC – notice of Churches Community Event ‘Hope4Brid’

RESOLVED: The Council wishes to lend its support to the event.

13 ERYC – notice of resurfacing works on Bessingby Road

14 ERYC – Area Forum Agenda 22.03.07

Standards Board for England – acknowledgement of Clerk’s letter

15 ERYC – confirmation of early payment of first half year 2007-08 Precept

20 ERYC – Footway Slurry Sealing on St Chad Road, St Chad Crescent and St Chad Grove

21 Pinkney Grunwells – re: Bridlington Community Partnership Limited

Media Release – Chairman of Scarborough & NE Yorkshire NHS Trust

22 ERYC – Footway Slurry Sealing on Matson Close, Meadow Road, Brett Street, Trinity Avenue and Trinity Close

23 Humberside Police Authority – information regarding the funding of PCSO’s

26 Inspector S Jackson – Police policy regarding the parking of vehicles on King Street

Apr 2 Standards Board – Mr Ashby’s complaint decision notice

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RESOLVED: To note the Standards Board decisions not to refer the allegations to an ethical standards officer for investigation.

Media Release – East Riding of Yorkshire NHS Primary Care Trust

Undated National Assoc of Councillors – 13th to 15th April conference in Scarborough

Humbrella newsletter

Yorkshire & Humber Assembly newsletter

Breakdown of Grounds Maintenance Budget

RESOLVED: This Council respectfully suggests that the incoming Council considers the parks and open spaces element of the Special Expenses in detail.

255/06 Nick Johnson’s report on the Gasworx Skatepark:

Mr Johnson addressed his written report which advised the Council that the success or otherwise of potential major funding bids would not become apparent for some months following the September 2007 deadline set by the Skatepark Management Committee. Mr Johnson therefore recommended that the Council should resolve to waive its financial regulations relating to contracts [Financial Regulation 11.1 (c)] and to give delegated powers to the Skatepark Management Committee to negotiate with the Council’s preferred contractors (Gravity Engineering and Wright Civic Engineering) to agree a design and build skatepark within the Council’s available budget for the project.

RESOLVED: In accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1 (c) the Council agrees to waive its financial regulations relating to contracts because, having invited four contractors to tender, only two tenders were eventually received by the designated date, both of which exceeded the Council's budget for the construction of a skatepark. Having scored the two tenders, the preferred main contractor would have been Wright Civil Engineering Limited supported by the design company Gravity Engineering Limited.

The Council hereby grants delegated powers to the Skatepark Management Committee to negotiate jointly with Wright Civil Engineering Limited and Gravity Engineering Limited to agree a design and build skatepark within the Council's available budget for the project.

256/06 The proposal to improve safety within the Palace car park:

The principal authority has proposed the installation of alligator teeth to restrict traffic leaving the Palace car park via the Springfield Avenue exit. The proposed measure is to restrict the use of the car park as a 'rat run'.

RESOLVED: The Council agrees that there is a major problem of vehicles abusing the through route that the Palace car park facilitates and is concerned for the safety of genuine users of the car park.

The Council rejects the proposal to install alligator teeth at the Springfield Avenue exit as it considers that it may cause more problems than offering a solution.

The Council urges the principal authority to conduct further investigation into alternative solutions to resolve the abuse.

257/06 Proposed traffic management changes in North Street:

A plan of the proposed changes was considered.

RESOLVED: The Council raises no objection to the proposed changes but would query the necessity of retaining the loading bay.

258/06 St. Mary's Primary School Traffic Regulation Order:

RESOLVED: The Council approves the proposed traffic management scheme for the St Mary's School environs.

259/06 Minutes of the Community Forum held on 17th January 2007:

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community Forum held on 17th January 2007 are noted.

260/06 Statement of balances and to approve the accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 31st March 2007:-

HSBC Deposit No 1 Account (Main Balances)	335.78
HSBC Deposit No 2 Account (Skatepark)	115,050.54
HSBC Current Account	1.00
Petty Cash	129.04

Income received since 6th March 2007:-

Newsletter Advertising £624.00

Accounts paid or outstanding since the 6th March 2007:-

Cheque/BACS	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	Personnel	March Salaries	2,549.47
BACS	ERYC	March Pension	837.05
BACS	N Johnson	Expenses	16.00
BACS	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and National Insurance	1,689.08
BACS	BT	Internet	192.20

BACS	Coastal Colour Print	Civic Christmas Cards	193.88
BACS	Paul Scott	Plumbing Repair to Old Town Toilets	99.88
101063	Cash	Petty Cash Imprest Account	<u>100.96</u>
Total			£5,678.52

RESOLVED: The accounts are approved for payment.

261/06 Baptist Place Improvement Scheme:

The Mayor agreed to accept this late item as urgent business.

The Bridlington Regeneration Partnership (BRP) is proposing a £48,000 improvement scheme for the area of Baptist Place where it adjoins St Johns Street. WREN has agreed to part-fund the scheme subject to the Town Council agreeing to financially support the scheme. The principal authority's housing department and the BRP's urban realm budget will provide the balance of funding.

RESOLVED: The Council agrees to vire the £1,500 grant, already approved, from the Bessingby Gate play area project to the Baptist Place refurbishment project, on the basis that the Bridlington Regeneration Partnership agrees to support the Bessingby Gate play area by a similar sum, subject to the *on-going maintenance of the Baptist Place planted areas not being added to Bridlington's 'Special Expenses'*.

Prior to the Mayor closing the meeting Councillor Harrap, on behalf of his fellow members, thanked Councillors Leslie and Wyn Taylor for their work, as Mayor and Mayoress, during the past year as representatives of the Bridlington Town Council and the town at the many civic events and public invitations.

Signed: *Raymond Allerston*

Date: 15th May 2007

Mayor of Bridlington