



## BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Established: May 2000

Mayor – Councillor Cyril Marsburg

**Minutes (subject to confirmation) of the  
ELEVENTH PARISH MEETING  
held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the  
Back Room of the Community Resource Centre,  
Victoria Road, Bridlington**

**Present:** Councillors R Allerston, P Austin, L Chambers, M Charlesworth, S Finlay, J Foster, C Marsburg (presided), and D Metcalf. Five local electors were in attendance.  
In the absence of staff Councillor Finlay recorded the minutes.

**1. Welcome by the Mayor:**

Councillor Marsburg welcomed everyone to the Eleventh Parish Meeting.  
Councillor Marsburg requested all present to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for former Bridlington Town Councillor, Mrs Doreen Clark, who had died suddenly on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.

**2. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors L Dealtry and S Marsburg.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the Tenth Parish Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009:**

Minutes of the Tenth Parish Meeting were available at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Tenth Parish Meeting were approved as a true record.

**4. Actions taken and matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Questions received in writing:**

Mr Felton posed the following questions:-

1. The position of the Clerk with regard to cost, attendance and future implications.
- A. Mr Felton was informed that Bridlington Town Council cannot discuss individual members of staff with the Annual Town Meeting and that the Council is being supported in negotiations to resolve the situation. Mr Felton added that he considered that the situation could not go on. The Council responded that it is taking legal advice with regards to the staff and their contracts.
2. The position of the Skatepark and MUGA facility with regard to cost and usage.
- A. A history of the skatepark was discussed and Mr Felton was then informed that the current situation with the skatepark was that the Council's hands being tied with restrictions from Public Protection and Planning, in that the fence cannot legally be removed due to the proximity to the residential area. Removal and opening up of the site would breach planning permission and the Bridlington Town Council would become liable. The Council are currently considering contracts from companies to open and close the facility on a daily basis for free and the signage, contracts and insurances are being completed along these lines also. This is going to be a facility that will be free to all and one that will have to be opened and closed daily.
3. The Council's policy with regard to the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960.
- A. Mr Felton was informed that the 1960 Act give the public the right of admission to meetings, and that is all. The same Act also gives the council the power to require the press and public to leave a meeting because of a confidential nature of business to discuss. The Council can decide when the public should be required to leave and there is no requirement to have a policy regarding this, simply to implement the Act.

4. Mr Lawer posed questions to the Council on behalf of the Bridlington Youth Council in advance of the meeting but the Mayor suggested that a meeting regarding the issues of the skatepark would be more appropriate. Councillor Finlay is to attend the next Youth Council meeting and a date for a meeting is to be arranged.

**6. Questions from the floor:**

- 1) Mrs Grimshaw informed the Council that on the whole she considered that they were doing the best that they could.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.30 p.m.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Mayor of Bridlington**