



**BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th March 2013 in the**  
**Council Chamber, Bridlington Town Hall**

Present: Cllr's Carder, Charlesworth (Chairman), Dixon, Finlay, Foster, Marsburg, Metcalf & Milns total of eight (8). There were four (4) members of the public, two (2) members of the press and Inspector Taylor in attendance. Mrs Paula King, Town Clerk took the minutes.

**203.12 Mayors' Welcome:**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared with the meeting the recent plaque presentations from Humberside Police and Crime Stoppers.

**204.12 Apologies for absence:**

**RESOLVED:** *Apologies from Cllr's Allerston, Chambers, Copsey & Dealtry were received & accepted.*

**205.12 Declarations of Interest:**

a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in report of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

**RESOLVED:** *There were none.*

b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

**RESOLVED:** *There were none.*

**206.12 Public Participation session to include items on the agenda (two minutes per person - maximum of fifteen minutes):**

Mr Ashby           Wished to raise an issue he had with item 18 – Mayors Cadet in that he considered that the role should not be limited to a military group and that local scout and guide groups should also be included.

Mr Felton           Wished to seek clarification about the manner in which the Skatepark Coordinator had been contracted by the Bridlington Town Council. The Mayor asked if Cllr Finlay would respond on the Council's behalf considering that she is the current Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Cllr Finlay informed Mr Felton that the Bridlington Town Council had contracted in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and at which Committee meetings of the Finance & General Purposes and Full Council these matters were discussed and approved. Cllr Finlay reminded Mr Felton that all meetings of the Town Council are public and that all the information is freely available on noticeboards and the website. Mr Felton considered that his interpretation of Financial Regulations was therefore different to the Council's.

Mr Guildford       Requested the Town Council's assistance regarding the increase in parking charges in Bridlington. Mr Guildford informed that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) claim that they are not making any profits with car parking charges but that the charges are simply to cover costs. However there is a 25% increase in costs for residents parking passes and the visitors parking passes have increased by 100%. Mr Guildford requested that the Bridlington Town Council help to appease this situation. Cllr Milns suggested that the Council offer support and to write to the ERYC to object to the increase in car parking charges in Bridlington as the effect will be very detrimental to Bridlington as a tourist resort.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to write to the ERYC to object to the increase in car parking Charges with a majority vote.*

### 207.12 Update from Inspector Grant Taylor from Humberside Police:

Inspector Taylor commenced the briefing by thanking the Town Council for the wonderful support with Crime Stoppers in Bridlington and informed that Bridlington provides the most crime intelligence than any other town in the East Riding. The Police consider that the work with Crime Stoppers will really make a difference to Bridlington. The Inspector then briefed about how the Senior Management Team supports the South Ward Initiative and informed that there will be an increase in staffing in Bridlington that will be here for a considerable amount of time. He said that the Initiative will be focusing on drugs and aiming to reduce crime overall and that there will be campaigns and an increase in staff over the Bank Holidays in Bridlington to assist with this. The Inspector informed that he was very pleased to have the high visibility foot patrol and positive staffing in Bridlington. The Inspector then shared the recent performance figures for Bridlington and it was recommended that the next newsletter could contain a Police update and statistics. Inspector Taylor said how the standard of policing in Bridlington exceptionally good as all involved were very proactive. He went on to say that Bridlington really benefits from the support it receives from organisations like the Town Council, the Cop Shop and BridLink and that he considered that the Bidsafe initiative is looking good too.

Clr Carder asked if the police were to patrol in pairs. Inspector Taylor informed that this would not be the case and that there was no reason for anything other than single crew during the day.

Clr Milns shared that he considered the recent Crime Stoppers event in Bridlington a very informative event and that he had learned a great deal which he was able to share at subsequent meetings. Clr Milns enquired about the extra staffing being drafted into Bridlington over the Bank Holidays and the Inspector informed that the manpower will come from other areas of Humberside Police which did not require extra staffing over specific times.

Clr Metcalf asked about speeding and road safety as Bridlington has sadly recently witnessed a couple of deaths. The Inspector informed that the Police could not safely always monitor speeding as there is the issue of not being able to get a motorist to stop safely without causing a potentially hazardous situation on the road. He informed that the Local Authority has the ability to monitor a designated area and if it is then proven to require further road safety measures this can be then implemented. The Inspector urged Clr Metcalf to contact the Local Authority to highlight the areas he considered dangerous.

The Mayor thanked the Inspector for his attendance and the Inspector left the meeting.

### 208.12 Civic Duties:

#### Deputy Mayor and or Deputy Mayoress:

21.02.13	Humberside Rock Challenge – Juniors at the Bridlington Spa
02.03.13	Filey Civic Dinner – Kindly accompanied by Clr Cyril Marsburg
08.03.13	Free Press Sports Awards at the Bridlington Rugby Club
12.03.13	Springtime Variety ERYC at the Bridlington Spa
15.03.13	Club for Young People Boxing Event at the Bridlington Spa
17.03.13	Hessle Civic Service

#### **Total of 6 Civic Duties attended by the Deputy Mayor**

#### Town Crier

13.03.13	Wolds Expo Launch at the Bridlington Spa
19.03.13	Burlington Probus Club 40th Anniversary event at the Expanse Hotel

#### **Total of 2 Civic Duties attended by the Town Crier**

**209.12 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Council meeting on 20.02.13 were received as a true record.*

**210.12 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee meeting on 04.03.13 are approved.*

**211.12 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 06.03.13 are approved.*

**212.12 RESOLVED:** *The minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting on 19.03.13 are approved.*

**213.12** Bridlington Twinning Associations pages to the Council website – Cllr Finlay:

Cllr Finlay asked permission of the Council to have the Bad Salzuflen & Millau Twinning Associations pages on the Bridlington Town Council website it would enable the Town Council to support local organisations and also keeping the residents up to date with local events in Bridlington.

**RESOLVED:** *To Council approved details of the Bridlington Twinning Associations to be uploaded as pages on the Bridlington Town Council website.*

**214.12** Location of future Full Council Meetings:

The issues of having to find a suitable location for future Full Council meetings for the Bridlington Town Council were outlined.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to contact the ERYC to ascertain if the Town Hall Council Chamber could be made available to the Bridlington Town Council for the public council meetings during working hours during the day.*

**215.12** Mr David Hockney – Cllr Marsburg:

Cllr Marsburg updated the meeting with the current situation with regards to Mr Hockney and the invitation of Honorary Freeman of the Town of Bridlington. He proposed considering the recent very sad events that the Town Council put this matter to one side at present and simply send Mr Hockney a sympathy card.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council unanimously resolved to send a sympathy card to Mr Hockney.*

**216.12** Town Crier Competition Sunday 7th July 2013 – Update:

**RESOLVED:** *The information was noted and the council motioned a vote of thanks to Mr Hinde for his exceptional organisation of this event which was carried unanimously.*

**217.12** To consider the Council's Spring Newsletter and approve for printing:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council newsletter is approved for printing.*

**218.12** Seagull Issues – Cllr Dealtry:

**RESOLVED:** *Due to the fact that Cllr Dealtry was not at the meeting the Council resolved to place this as an item on April's Full Council agenda.*

**219.12** Report from Skatepark Coordinator & RFO:

**RESOLVED:** *The information was noted.*

**220.12** Mayors Cadet – Cllr Dealtry:

In the absence of Cllr Dealtry the council were still able to discuss the matter of the Mayors Cadet from the information provided and considered that this should be something that other youth organisations of the Town were able to be involved with and that a position of this nature should not be limited.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved not to proceed with a majority vote that this matter in its current form due to the limitations of the criteria for the role.*

**221.12** Oliver's Lane Rail Crossing Closure – Cllr Charlesworth:

Cllr Charlesworth briefed the meeting about the closure of Oliver's Lane rail crossing. He informed that the crossing was very well-used and that they were not aware of any incidents at this crossing to incite a closure of this walkway. He also informed that there were maps dating back to 1771 which clearly showed this route as a pathway before the rail line was introduced.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to write to Network Rail to inform that the Bridlington Town Council opposes the closure of the walkway through Oliver's Lane into Moorfield Car Park and to enquire the following:*

1. *How many recorded incidents there were at particular walkway over the past five (5) years?*
2. *What consultation occurred prior to the closure?*
3. *On what grounds has the closure been implemented?*

**222.12** Honorary Citizen – Working Group feedback:

The Council discussed the working group feedback regarding the implementation of an Honorary Citizen for Bridlington and the information provided by Cllr Dealtry. The Council considered that the addition of five (5) sponsors to support an application would be appropriate in addition to a nominee and seconder. Clarification of a total of four people could be chosen over a four year period of the council was added.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to bestow Honorary Citizen awards to select individuals over a four year period of the Council and to add the requirement of five (5) sponsors to support each application in addition to a nominee and seconder.*

**223.12** Armed Forces Day – Working Group feedback:

The council discussed the working group feedback regarding the Armed Forces Day in Bridlington. The Council considered it a very good idea and would be one that could be built upon for next year.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to support the Armed Forces Day in Bridlington.*

**224.12** Draft Local Plan – Working Group Progress:

The council considered the working group progress so far and further information provided by Cllr Charlesworth.

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to add the further information to the compiled report and to submit the consolidated response to the ERYC as the official response from Bridlington Town Council.*

**225.12** The following items of Correspondence were commented upon or otherwise noted:

- a) 20.02.13 ERYC – Car Parking Questions Response & BTC Letter:
- b) 20.02.13 Burton Agnes Parish Council – Parish Council Network Group Set up:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council resolved to join the Parish Council Network Group.*

- c) 21.02.13 ERYC – Bridlington Churches Together Walk of Witness – Road closure.
- d) 21.02.13 ERYC – YORSwitch Energy Switch Over Scheme.
- e) 22.02.13 ERYC – Parked Vehicles Thornton Road Area:

**RESOLVED:** *Cllr Milns proposed that considering that there was still a dangerous problem with this matter that the Council write to East Yorkshire Motor Services (EYMS) to share the Council's concerns and to enquire what EYMS thought of the current situation.*

- f) 27.02.13 NALC – Retirement of Chief Executive.
- g) 28.02.13 ERYC – Temporary road closures for Bridlington Scouts Annual Parade.
- h) 04.03.13 ERYC - Heritage Open Days.

- i) 05.03.13 ERUC – Guide Dogs for the Blind – Mobile Exhibition Unit notification.
- j) 06.03.13 ERYC – Survey of Residential Properties in central Bridlington.
- k) 10.03.13 Sir James Reckitt Charity – Skatepark Coordinators Successful Grant Application. The Mayor enquired if a letter of thanks had been despatched to the Sir James Reckitt Charity and the Clerk confirmed that the Skatepark Coordinator had already despatched a Bridlington Town Council card of thanks.
- l) 12.03.13 ERNLLCA – Quality Parish Status – Online Survey Details.
- m) 13.03.13 ERYC – Temporary Road Closure – St Martins Drive.
- n) 13.03.13 ERYC – Receipt of Homelessness Strategy Comments from BTC & comments.
- o) 14.03.13 Forewind – Dogger Bank Creyke Beck – Consultation.
- p) 15.03.13 ERYC – Special Expenses – 2013/2014 & an updated list of Special Expenses:

**RESOLVED:** *The Council noted that the special expenses charges were to remain the same due to the Council Tax freeze and resolved to request a breakdown of the costs of the Bridlington Special Expenses from the ERYC and to enquire what exactly is "paved and pebbled".*

**226.12** The following Newsletters/Agendas & Minutes were noted:

- i. Umbrella – Winter 2012/2013 (available on request):
- ii. Bridlington Regeneration Partnership – Town Improvement Forum notes of 15.01.13:
- iii. Bridlington Regeneration Partnership – Board Meeting note of 24.01.13:
- iv. Priory 900 Planning Group meeting notes of 30.01.13:
- v. Credit Union – February 2013:
- vi. Bridlington Millau News – February 2013 & meeting notes of 18.02.13:
- vii. ERNLLCA Newsletter – February 2013:
- viii. Bridlington & Driffield Local Links Community Forum notes of 28.02.13:
- ix. Sewerby Village Residents Association notes of 25.02.13:
- x. Priory 900 Planning Group meeting notes of 27.02.13:
- xi. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine – March 2013 (available on request):
- xii. East Riding Parish News – March 2013:

**227.12** To receive a statement of balances and to approve the schedule of accounts for payment:

The bank balances at 15th March 2013 stood at:

Account Name	Account Number	Account type	Balance £
Town Council	51385488	Business A/C	£1.00
Town Council	93662969	Deposit A/C	£104,371.59
Town Council	70985333	Deposit Bond A/C (Community Projects Reserve)	£100,000.00
Town Council		Petty Cash	£163.01

Accounts paid since: 20th February 2013

**Bridlington Town Council:**

**Receipts In:**

Cheque/BACS	Date	Payer	Description	Amount
6	06-Mar	Co-op Funeral care	Sponsorship for Town Crier Event	£250.00
CR	13-Feb	HSBC Sir James Reckitt	Gross Interest - Bond Maturity	£100.82
12	13-Mar	Charity	Skate park grant award	£700.00
12	13-Mar	Co-op Stores	Sponsorship for Town Crier Event	£250.00
			<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£1,300.82</b>

**Payments Out:**

Cheque/BACS	Date	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS 78	26-Feb	Biobag Ltd	Doggy Bags	£216.84
		Spiers Framing	Mayor and Town Crier pictures framing	£102.00
		Play Inspection	Skatepark Annual safety inspection	£78.00

		Company		
		MM Cleaners	Skate park, shelters, office, repairs - Nov-Jan	£1,494.00
BACS 79/80	28-Feb	Staff Costs	February staff costs	£2,408.38
BACS 81	05-Mar	BT	Phones and Internet	£459.28
		ERYC	St John's Feb & March	£2,373.80
		PCC Humberside	Crimestoppers Initiative	£5,000.00
		K Wardle	Feb-13	£444.38
		SM Welding	Grind rails - height adjustment & refit	£297.87
		ERNLLCA	Spring Conference - 2 places	£168.00
101412		Pocklington TC	Civic Eng - Charity evening tickets	£8.00
			<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>£13,050.55</u></b>

**RESOLVED:** *The accounts are approved for payment.*

**229.12** To receive notice of items for inclusion on the next agenda 17.04.13:

- Seagulls
- Town Council venue for meetings

**Signed:**

**Mayor of Bridlington**

**Date:**