

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th March 2007 in the Council Chamber Bridlington Town Hall

Present: Councillors R. Adamson, R. Allerston (Presided), Mrs. M. Chadwick, M Charlesworth, Mrs. D. Clark, D Grange, R Harrap, C Marsburg, and J. Wilkinson (9).
Nick Johnson (Skatepark Project Manager) also attended and Christopher Smith (Clerk) recorded the minutes.

224/06 Welcome by the Deputy Mayor:

Councillor Allerston welcomed everyone to the penultimate meeting of the Council.

225/06 Apologies for absence and Code of Conduct declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

RESOLVED: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. C. Allerston, L Taylor and Mrs W Taylor.

Councillor Allerston declared an interest in Min. 240/06 and retired from the room while it was debated.

226/06 Civic Duties:

Mayor and Mayoress of Bridlington

9 th February	Beverley Big Band Dinner Dance
10 th February	Humber Night Challenge
11 th February	Great Gale Service
14 th February	Community Warden Valentines Day meeting
17 th February	Boys Club Coffee Morning
18 th February	Beverley Civic Communion Service
1 st March	Annual Luncheon of the Yorkshire Section of the Showmen's Guild

Mayoress & Deputy Mayoress of Bridlington

2 nd March	Women's World Day of Prayer
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Deputy Mayor & Mayoress

6 th March	Fabulous Forties & Fifties Show
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227/06 Public Participation:

Mr Hillerby remarked about the reply he had received regarding the flooding on Quay Road adjacent to column number 12 opposite the garage. The Clerk agreed to advise the ERYC.

Mr Thompson referred to his receipt of a draft poster advertising the forthcoming Council election with a hand written slogan along the bottom. He regarded the slogan as a breach of the standard expected of councillors and an insult to the public and the freedom of speech. Mr Thompson was advised that the matter would be discussed later on the agenda.

Mr Ashby expressed his endorsement of Mr Thompson's comments.

Mr Whittaker raised the matter of the overnight parking of motor homes on the highway and car parks. He was advised that the principal authority had instructed its officers to enforce the policy of non-parking after dark. The Clerk would write to the ERYC to confirm that this issue had been raised by a member of the public.

Mrs Grimshaw raised the issue of damage to grass verges. She was advised that the Council had raised the problem with the highway authority and would write again to stress the public and the Council's concern.

Mr Whittaker enquired if there would be winter parking concessions offered to residents of the East Riding. He was advised that the issue of parking throughout the East Riding would be the subject of a review and that his concern had already been highlighted by elected members and would be included within the review.

228/06 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th February 2007:

It was noted that at Min. 219/06 the loan remained outstanding.

RESOLVED: Subject to the above note, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th February 2007 are approved as a true record.

229/06 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 12th February 2007:

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

230/06 Minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 15th February 2007:

It was noted that Mr C Oliver was present at this meeting but was not recorded within the minutes.

Cllr Grange questioned under Min. 78/06 whether the Council had seen a business plan for the proposed Skatepark. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had included a negative first year figure for the Skatepark of £22,418 within its 2007-08 budget.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Skatepark Management Committee held on 15th February 2007 are approved.

231/06 Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 26th February 2007:

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

232/06 Correspondence:

- Jan 29 Yorkshire & Humber Assembly Digest
 ERYC – response to Bridlington rangers Junior Football Club
- Feb 6 Defra – Review of the Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme
 9 Audit Commission – Appointment of the External Auditor
 ERYC – Democratic Services advice on administrative and procedural matters
 10 Mr G Baverstock – East Yorkshire NHC Primary Care Trust
 13 Mr L Dealtry – letter of resignation from the Skatepark Management Committee
 14 Delia Smith – letter of complaint regarding the lack of a hearing loop in the Town Hall Council Chamber
 19 Bridlington in Bloom – list of issues requiring ERYC’s attention
 The Lords Feoffees – confirmation of the £30,000 Skatepark grant
 21 ERYC – response to Delia Smith confirming that the Town Hall was equipped with a hearing loop
 22 Revd J Wardle – Bridlington’s litter problem
RESOLVED: *To write to the ERYC endorsing Revd Wardle’s concerns and those of Bridlington in Bloom.*
 27 Post Office – review of Sewerby P.O. closure
RESOLVED: *To write to the Sewerby Resident’s Association to ask if they have a proposal for an alternative location for the post office.*
- Mar 2 ERYC – Special Expenses 2007/08
RESOLVED: *To write to the ERYC to request a breakdown of the Parks & Open Spaces charge.*
 5 ERYC – notice of NHS Overview & Scrutiny Committee at Leisure World 5.30 p.m. 7th March 2007
RESOLVED: Cllr Allerston agreed to represent the Council at the meeting.

233/06 Response to the East Riding of Yorkshire NHS Primary Care Trust’s consultation – ‘A new start for community health services’:

Cllr Adamson proposed and Cllr Charlesworth seconded the motion:

This Council has no confidence in the East Riding of Yorkshire NHS Primary Care Trust in respect of its consultation by not including the option of the ‘status quo’.

An amendment was tabled by Cllr Grange and was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson:

This Council objects to the proposals of the East Riding of Yorkshire NHS Primary Care Trust in the manner of which the consultation has been conducted and that no ‘status quo’ was given as an option.

A recorded vote was requested and with the exception of Cllr Adamson who voted against the amendment it was carried by 8 votes to 1.

RESOLVED: This Council objects to the proposals of the East Riding of Yorkshire NHS Primary Care Trust in *the manner in which the consultation has been conducted and the fact that no 'status quo' was given as an option.*

234/06 The proposal by the principal authority to install a lockable gate on the Danes Dyke car park:

The Clerk advised that the Flamborough Parish Council objected to the proposal and the Police were not convinced that this proposal will resolve the abuse of the car parking facilities.

RESOLVED: To refer this matter back to the principal authority in the light of the views of the Flamborough Parish Council and the Police.

235/06 Nick Johnson's report on the Gasworx Skatepark:

Mr Johnson presented his report and answered questions from the members.

236/06 Consultation on amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members:

RESOLVED: The consultation is noted.

237/06 Allocation of Commuted Sums:

RESOLVED: To defer making a recommendation pending reports on the progress of the Sewerby Heads and West Hill play schemes to be presented to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee.

238/06 RESOLVED: To following minutes were noted:-

- i) Police Authority Neighbourhood Panel held on 6th December 2006;
- ii) Town Improvement Forum held on 9th January
- iii) Community Form held on 17th January 2007;
- iv) Business Forum held on 24th January 2007;

239/06 The parking of vehicles at the Manor Street end of King Street:

RESOLVED: To write to Inspector S Jackson and Traffic and Parking at the principal authority.

At this juncture Councillor Allerston vacated the room and Councillor Harrap was nominated to chair the following item.

240/06 Consideration of an allegation of bringing the Council into disrepute:

The allegation refers to copies of a draft local election promotional poster which was posted anonymously to three residents with the slogan 'Put up or shut up' hand printed along the bottom. Councillor R Allerston has subsequently admitted to the deed in a letter addressed to the editor of the Bridlington Free Press which was copied to the members.

- RESOLVED:**
- i) The Clerk is requested to report Councillor R Allerston to the Standards Board for England for allegedly damaging the office of Deputy Mayor and the reputation of the Bridlington Town Council;
 - ii) The Council disassociates itself from the actions of the Deputy Mayor.

241/06 A budget report on the Christmas 2007 lighting display:

The Clerk advised that he had invited the existing contractor and competitors to quote for a new three-year lease for new lighting displays to commence at Christmas 2007 and that he would be presenting a further report to the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED: To note the report.

242/06 The Advance Bridlington Neighbourhood Programme:

RESOLVED: To note the programme and to welcome the further investment in Bridlington.

243/06 RESOLVED: In accordance with the power granted by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Media are excluded from the meeting on the grounds that confidential matters will be discussed:

244/06 Statement of balances and to approve the accounts for payment:

The Clerk referred to the late repayment of the loan facility by the Bridlington Community Partnership Limited. He advised the Council on a range of actions, which in the circumstances would be prudent.

- RESOLVED:**
- i) *To instruct the Council's legal firm to take out a second charge on the property owned by Bridlington Community Partnership Limited;*
 - ii) To request the Trustees of the Bridlington Community Partnership Limited to consider the nomination of a member of the Council to serve on its board of directors.

Signed: *Leslie Taylor*

Date: 3rd April 2007

Mayor of Bridlington