

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURTON LATIMER CIVIC CENTRE ON 03 JANUARY 2017

Present: Town Councillors: N. Padget (Town Mayor), M. Jerram (Deputy Town Mayor), J. Currall, J. Davies, C. Groome, R. Groome, F. Macdonald, J. Smith, S. Watts, D. Zanger

Police: PCSO C. Duggan

Members of the Public: 3

The Chair (i) informed those present that the meeting was being audio recorded, to be subsequently accessible on the Town Council's Website (ii) requested all present to switch their mobile phones to silent.

Public Forum:

No matters raised.

01/17/01 Apologies

Cllr Roche (holiday) – Cllr Padget proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Macdonald. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

Cllr Brereton (work commitments) – Cllr C. Groome proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Davies. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

01/17/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Zanger – Item 9.12 (KBC's Discussions with KTFC re: Football Stadium in Kettering)

Cllr Smith – Item 9.12 (as above)

Cllr Padget – Action Tracker (Bovis Homes delay in Road adoption)

01/17/9.12 KBC's Discussions with Kettering Town FC Re: Sporting Stadium in Kettering

Cllr Padget brought forward this item on the Agenda and introduced KBC Cllr Michael Brown who had asked to attend this meeting to talk about the KTFC discussions at KBC.

Cllr Brown's 'presentation' included the following points:-

Cllr B. has campaigned locally for c. 5 years to get Councils and other people involved in this matter, KBC are currently considering a short list of possible sites for a football stadium in Kettering but, in his view they are likely to be rejected, KTFC has (twice) unsuccessfully submitted an application to KBC for the existing KTFC stadium at Rockingham Road (Kettering) to become an Asset of Community Value,

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AoCV decisions at KBC are delegated to KBC officers, Latimer Park (BL) remains one of KTFC's main options (25 year lease), very happy to see a sports facility develop in BL and thanked BLTC for the positive information he has received from the Sports Trust, would be happy to take part in any Sports & leisure Survey that BLTC carry out with BL residents, a sports and leisure facility in BL will provide opportunities for other sports/activities and other football clubs.

When asked by Cllr Macdonald who was he representing – KTFC supporters, KTFC management, or whom? Cllr Brown stated that he has the support of KTFC and its fans.

Cllr Watts said that, whilst he fully supported a football ground for KTFC in Kettering, he felt that Burton Park Wanderers, BL's football team, was being overlooked/pushed out of the way and he felt that BPWs should be getting the support in BL, not KTFC.

Cllr Smith, re: KTFC's application to have Rockingham Road stadium classed as an Asset of Community Value, KBC has gone through due process and taken advice on the matter before rejecting the application.

Cllr Padget thanked Cllr Brown for his input.

Cllr Brown and another member of the public left the meeting at this point

01/17/03 Resolution: Approval of BLTC Minutes of 01 November 2016

Cllr Jerram proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Macdonald. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved. The Action Tracker was also updated.

Agreed that Cllr Currall will arrange a meeting of the Farmer's Market Steering Group and that a couple of stall holders will be invited. Cllr Zanger undertook to attend the meeting.

01/17/04 Police Matters

PCSO Duggan presented the December crime statistics (previously emailed to Town Cllrs). Cllrs confirmed that they accepted the current crime statistics format, but that improvement over time was hoped for. Cllrs to email the Clerk (by Friday 06 January) with any matters they wish to raise with the police.

01/17/05 Town Mayor's Report

I attended the start of the St Mary's Church Christmas concert on 2nd December in aid of the Samaritans, but as I couldn't stay, Cllr Maureen Jerram kindly stood in for

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me. I attended the Service Six youth counselling service Target presentation on cyber bullying and abuse held in Northampton on 9th December.

I attended the KCU AGM at the Fuller Church in Kettering on 7th December and gave the closing remarks. KCU run the food bank that operates in Burton Latimer through St Mary's and the Baptist churches.

Unfortunately I had to cancel the Carols around the Tree on 23rd December due to the risk of high winds and rain resulting from Storm Barbara. It turned out pretty windy, but the rain did stop about 6.15pm, however I think it was best to err on the cautious side. My thanks and apologies for all those who had advertised this event and were planning to take part. Hopefully we can do this again next year!

My wife Sue took our GD puppy Brandy to do some fund raising for Guide Dogs at Morrisons in Kettering during December.

I attended and chaired the BLTC full council and planning meetings during December. I also sent out an email Christmas Greeting from BLTC to the local 'chain gang' instead of sending cards.

Report noted.

01/17/06 Borough Council Matters of Interest Report

Reports from Cllrs Ruth Groome, Jan Smith and Derek Zanger were noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

01/17/07 County Council Matters of Interest Report (Cllr C. Groome)

The report was noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

01/16/08 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

None.

12/17/09 Policies & Priorities

9.1 Resolution: Approval of Planning Committee Minutes 24 November 2016

Cllr Padget proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Watts. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

The Clerk updated Cllrs on KBC's proposal to discontinue sending planning application papers to Parish and Town Cllrs with effect from 03 January 2017, to which the Town Council had strongly objected to, in writing. KBC has confirmed that the planned changes have been postponed so that KBC can explain its intentions

at Parish and Town Council Forums in early February.

9.2 Resolution: Approval of Civic Centre Management Board Report

No meeting held.

9.3 Resolution: Approval of Pocket Park Management Board Report

No meeting held.

9.4 Town Cllrs' Reports Submitted to BLTC

None.

9.5 Resolution: Approval of Budget Monitoring Statement (April 2016 – Jan 2017) & Precept Setting 2017/2018

The Clerk presented the updated Draft Budget for 2017/2018, as discussed at December's Town Council meeting. With regard to the Precept for 2017/2018, discussions revolved around (i) reducing the 2017/2018 Precepting (£32,200) by 2 %, (ii) Precepting for £31,750, the shortfall between the budgeted Income and Expenditure for 2017/2018 (iii) Precepting for £32,200, the same as for 2016/2017.

After considerable discussion Cllr Padget proposed that the 2017/2018 Precept should be set at £31,750, seconded by Cllr Watts. Votes For the proposal: 5, votes Against: 5, Abstentions: Nil. Cllr Padget (Chair) gave his casting vote in Favour of the proposal. **Resolved:** that Burton Latimer Town Council will Precept for £31,750 for 2017/2018.

9.6 Resolution: Approval of Bank Reconciliation Statement - Saver Account (April- Nov 2016)

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

9.7 Resolution: Approval of Bank Reconciliation Statement - Cheque Account (April- Nov 2016)

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

9.8 Resolution: Approval of Cash Book (01 April 2016 – 02 January 2017)

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

9.9 Community Speedwatch 2017 Update

Cllr R. Groome undertook to be the Lead Cllr for the 2017/18 Speedwatch campaign. Cllr Macdonald offered to support Cllr Groome in this role.

9.10 Assets of Community Value Update

The Clerk made reference to Cllr Watts' email of 06 December – 'BLTC Community Asset Suggestions'. Agreed to defer decision until the February meeting of BLTC. Cllrs to prioritise (1 to 11) the 11 properties on Cllr Watts' list. Clerk to email Localism Act 2011, Part 5, Chapter 3 (AoCV background information for Cllrs).

9.11 Sports & Leisure Group Notes

No meeting held; next meeting 30 January.

9.12 KBC's Discussions with Kettering Town FC Re: Sporting Stadium in Kettering

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Dept. for Communities & Local Govt.– Response on Town Council Precept Capping

Noted.

11. Highways Report (Cllr Macdonald)

The report was noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

12. Urgent Matters (to be agreed by the Chair)

None.

13. Resolution: Approval of Accounts for Payment

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the list of accounts for payment below be approved, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

	£
Cheque No. 102423 G.Sneddon (Clerk's salary January 2017)	992.01
Cheque No. 102424 HMRC (Tax & NI January 2017)	310.99
Cheque No. 102425 G.Sneddon (Reimb. phone & postage Sept-Dec 2016)	76.65
Cheque No. 102426 G.Sneddon (Reimb. envelopes & labels)	34.98
Cheque No. 102427 Cllr Jerram (Reimb. CLSO & carols licences)	42.00

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Cheque No. 102428	Glasdon (Seat slats – Pocket Park)	66.57
Cheque No. 102429	Cllr Macdonald (Reimb. petrol Pocket Park strimmer)	6.23
Cheque No. 102430	S.E. Gunn (Cleaning CC December 2016)	129.00
Cheque No. 102431	A.P. Lewis & Sons Ltd (install park benches to 3 sites)	571.20

(Expenditure Powers LGA 1972 s.111/133/LG (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976)

14. Media Release – Press/Website/Facebook/Twitter

None.

15. Private and Confidential Items (Public & Press will be excluded)

None.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.35 pm