

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURTON LATIMER CIVIC CENTRE ON 06 FEBRUARY 20188**

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

County Councillor: C. Smith-Haynes

Police: None

Members of the Public: 31 no.

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.

The Chair asked those present to hold a minute's silence in remembrance of former Town Councillor Peter Bettles, who recently passed away.

Public Forum: N/A

02/18/01 Apologies

Cllr Smith (work commitments) - Cllr Currall proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Miles-Zanger. Votes: For 5 (Cllrs: Currall, C. Groome, Miles-Zanger, Brereton, Macdonald), Against: 4 (Cllrs: Jerram, R. Groome, J. Davies, Watts), Abstentions: 1 (Cllr Padget). **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved

Cllr Roche (bereavement) - Cllr Macdonald proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Jerram. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

02/18/02 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jerram – Personal interest Item 10.1 Planning Minutes KET/2018/0012

The Chair brought forward Agenda Item 10.13 KET/2017/0902 (Planning Application).

10.13 KET/2017/0902 Mr W. Redden Gardener Road (land off), BL

Outline Application: Proposed up to 84 no. dwellings with means of access

Karen Keem (spokesperson for c. 28 of the members of the public present) spoke against the approval of the above planning application. Alan Bros, Gareth Coombs, Alan Bros and Keith Kline also spoke against the application. All present were advised to, individually, submit their views in writing to Kettering Borough Council's Development Services Department by 08 February and attend KBC's Planning

Committee when the application was being considered. Town Cllrs thanked the speakers and commended the points raised.

BLTC's Observations on Planap KET/2017/0902:-

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the Council's list of grounds for objection, with reference to the wildlife aspects added, be submitted to KBC, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.(see below)

“Objection for the following reasons:-

1. Contrary to clauses 7, 9 and 35 in relevant planning policies of the Joint Core Strategy reinforced by Kettering Borough Council's Site-Specific Draft policies
2. The town Council is completely against any further development in the Ise Valley
3. There is insufficient open space allowed in the proposal
4. Distances from the main amenities in town are very misleading and quoted 'as the crow flies'
5. How can 'greenfield' be described as redundant? It supports a wide range of wild life. There are reports of badgers, bats, hedgehogs, great crested newts, reed buntings, dunnocks and woodpeckers.
6. The fact that Bridle Road is one-way seems to be ignored, as are traffic problems in Queensway and other local roads.
7. Upgrading UA4 to a hard surface path is of doubtful benefit
8. Cannot be considered an infill site and offers no benefits to the town
9. The proposed LAP and LEAP are far too small for a development of this size
10. The potential benefits to Kettering Borough Council can be better met from other possible sites
11. After public consultation Burton Latimer Town Council has agreed that any future developments in Burton Latimer should be on the south side around Higham Road, as enshrined in the Parish Plan and the draft Site-Specific Plans for Burton Latimer

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12. Any future developments should reinforce the town centre by encouraging pedestrian access to shops and amenities rather than use of the car to access external facilities
13. A development in Higham Road would possibly lead to the re-routing of all HGV traffic from Higham Road to Finedon Road
14. Such a development would also facilitate an expansion of the Medical Centre, more allotments and the creation of a footpath link to UA5

In conclusion the Town Council believes that this application should be rejected in that it does not comply with various planning policies and that it in no way provides any benefits to the town. If however Kettering Borough Council is minded to approve the application, the Town Council would wish to be consulted on potential Section 106 obligations”.

02/18/03 Resolution: Approval of Town Council Minutes of 02 December 2017

Cllr R. Groome proposed that the above Resolution be approved, seconded by Cllr Miles-Zanger. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved. The Action Tracker was also updated.

02/18/04 Police Matters

No police presence. Cllr Jerram urged Cllrs to sign up to the police ‘alerts’ system. Also agreed that the current police crime statistics format is acceptable.

02/18/05 Town Mayor’s Report

None submitted.

02/18/06 Borough Council Matters of Interest

Reports were noted and included in the ‘Reports to Council’.

02/18/07 County Council Matters of Interest Report (Cllr C. Smith-Haynes)

Report noted and included in the ‘Reports to Council’.

02/18/08 Town Councillor Reports

Reports noted and included in the ‘Reports to Council’.

Cllr C. Groome's report – Library 'Task Group'- Cllr Jerram proposed that Cllrs Currall, Miles-Zanger and Davies be the BLTC's representatives and Cllr C. Groome to be a member of the Group in an ex-officio capacity, seconded by Cllr Currall. Votes: For: 8, Abstentions: 2 (Cllrs C. Groome and Watts). **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved

02/18/09 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Cllr Jerram (Twinning) Cllr R. Groome (BL Ancient Parish Charity)

Reports noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

02/18/10 Policies & Priorities

10.1 Resolution: Approval of the Planning Committee Minutes of 25 January 2018

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

10.2 Resolution: Approval of Civic Centre Management Board Report

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

"Unsatisfactory" electrical certificate– agreed that the wording be withdrawn and a new certificate issued by the contractor involved.

Outside light – referred back to CCMB.

10.3 Resolution: Approval of Pocket Park Management Report

No meeting held.

10.4 Fire Risk Assessment Update

Referred back to CCMB; recommendations to BLTC to be made and dealt with online.

10.5 Youth Group Update

Agreed (i) that no further action be taken on his matter at this time (ii) if and when Youth Group becomes viable this item will be reinstated.

10.6 Civic Centre Lease Renewal/Roof Repairs Update

Roof Repairs (i) Skylights – grant application submitted (ii) Roof – Specification and quotes submitted to and agreed by KBC, awaiting further feedback.

10.7 KBC Town Centre Grant Projects Update

Cllrs Currall and Macdonald to obtain quotes for a PA system and Christmas trees (lamp posts on High Street and Churchill Way); quotes to be submitted to March meeting of BLTC. (see also Item 10.15 – Bus Shelter)

10.8 BL Public Library Update

(See Cllr C. Groomes’s Town Cllr’s Report)

10.9 New Website Update

Making good progress.

10.10 Wind Farm Grants

Cllr Macdonald to periodically (quarterly) update on Funds and applications received.

10.11 Duke Street/Alexandra Street Update

Agreed that BLTC had committed to hold a public meeting on this matter; Cllr Jerram to arrange.

10.12 NCC – Proposed 30/40 MPH Speed Limit – Higham Road

Cllr Macdonald proposed that his comments (previously distributed to Town Cllrs) objecting to the above proposal be approved, seconded by Cllr Padget. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

**10.13 KET/2017/0902 Mr W. Redden Gardener Road (land off), BL
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Discussed earlier in the meeting.

10.14 Kettering Town Football Club – Parking Station Road

No improvement, no evidence of KTFC patrolling/supervising parking. Agreed that another ‘stronger’ letter be sent to KTFC (3DR). Also consideration be given to posts being sited in the grass areas.

10.15 Bus Shelter – Churchill Way

Agreed Clerk to complete BLTC part of NCC's Empowering Cllrs Scheme Grant Application Form, attach 3 quotes and return form to Cllr Smith-Haynes for submitting to NCC.

The cost of the bus shelter is c. £2,000, Cllr R. Groome has committed £1000.00 from KBC's Ward Initiative Fund. Cllr Macdonald proposed that BLTC should proceed with the installation of the bus shelter in Churchill Way, provided the balance of £1,000 will be contributed from Cllr Smith-Haynes' NCC Empowering Cllrs Fund; if not the Town Council should reconsider this project, seconded Cllr Davies. Votes: For 8, Abstentions : 2 (Cllrs Currall and Watts). **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved.

10.16 Civic Centre – New BT Contract

Cllr Macdonald proposed that BLTC accepts the terms of the above, seconded by Currall. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

10.17 Latimer Arts College – Complaint Against BLTC- Update

Cllr Macdonald reminded Cllrs of LAC's complaint against the Council and that, in an endeavour to resolve this matter, Cllrs Jerram, C. Groome and Macdonald, along with the Clerk, had met with LAC's Chair of Governors and Vice-Chair of Governors on 18 January.

Subsequently, a joint statement has been agreed by Cllrs Jerram and C. Groome and this was now read out by Cllr Jerram and 'captured' on the recording of this evening's meeting, in line with the recording of the initial comments during the BLTC meeting of 01 August 2017. The statement will be available on the recording of this evening's meeting which, in compliance with normal practice, will be placed on the Town Council's Website. Additionally, as agreed with LAC, a copy of the statement will be sent to Guy Holloway (KBC).

10.18 NCC – Burton Latimer Waiting Restriction Review – Corners St Crispins Close

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the above proposal be approved, seconded by Cllr Davies. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

10.19 Church Street Traffic Issues Update

A closed meeting to take between place with small number of Church Street residents 7.00 pm in CC Council Chamber on Wednesday 14 January to discuss Church Street

traffic issues. Cllr Jerram, (to Chair the meeting) to send an Agenda and background papers to Jeff Baynam (Church Street residents' spokesperson).

02/18/11. Correspondence

11.1 Street Naming

Acknowledged that BLTC has a substantial list of BL persons killed during WW1 and significant number of potential 'themed' street names in reserve. Cllr Jerram to respond to the request.

02/18/12 Highways Report (Cllr Macdonald)

Report was noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'. Cllr Macdonald advised that he will be meeting with NCC representatives in March to discuss the potholes problem.

02/18/13 Urgent Matters (to be agreed by the Chair)

13.1 Unadopted Roads in Burton Latimer

Cllr Macdonald explained that not all roads (national situation, not just in BL) are not adopted (developer not signed up to a Section 34 Agreement at the planning application stage) and that in these circumstances the occupiers pay a yearly sum to the developer for the roads to be maintained. Occupiers should be informed of this by their solicitors when they acquire the property. Cllr Macdonald has raised this issue with Rob Harbour (KBC's Head of Development Services) and awaits further information from him (within next 2 weeks). Subject to acquiring this information Cllr Macdonald will raise the issue with Philip Hollobone (MP). Matter to be placed on BLTC's March Agenda.

02/18/14. Resolution: Approval of Accounts for Payment

Cllr Macdonald proposed that the following payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Currall. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

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Cheque No. 102596 Down 2 Earth Services (FRA -ramp to rear of CC)	590.00
Cheque No. 102597 G.Sneddon (Clerk's salary February 2018)	994.60
Cheque No. 102598 HMRC (Tax & NI February 2018)	326.32
Cheque No. 102599 1 st Burton Latimer Scout Group (Duck Race)	300.00
Cheque No. 102600 Cllr Jerram (Reimb. licence fee)	21.00
Cheque No. 102601 Cllr Macdonald (Reimb. emerg. gas cut off box & key)	29.98
Cheque No. 102602 G.Sneddon (Reimb. printer paper)	27.00
Cheque No. 102603 S.E.Gunn (cleaning CC January 2018)	146.00
Cheque No. 102604 Drage Electrics Ltd (CC replacing faulty tube & starter)	55.32

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Cheque No. 102605	Lamb & Holmes (Pocket Park -Transfer of land)	664.00
Cheque No. 102606	I. Partridge (cleaning CC windows)	30.00
Cheque No. 102607	KBC (printing services Feb)	29.38
Cheque No. 102608	A. Baillie (Hygiene) & Co (toiletries/cleaning mats.)	7.78

(DD's TG&P: Electricity Nov 17 £20.86, Dec 17 £21.60, Gas Oct-Jan £1485.58)

02/18/15. Media Releases – Press/Website/Facebook/Twitter

None.

02/18/16. Private and Confidential Items (Public & Press will be excluded)

16.1 Annual Rent Review - NCC (Olympus Care Services)

16.2 Annual Rent Review - Burton Latimer Heritage Society

Members of the public were excluded from the 'Private & Confidential' business of the meeting on the grounds that it involves items of business which include the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraphs 1-7 of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 in respect of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.