

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURTON LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT BURTON LATIMER CIVIC CENTRE ON 03 JULY 2018**

Present: Town Councillors: D. Miles-Zanger, C. Groome, R. Groome, N. Padget, M. Roche, S. Watts

County Councillor: C. Smith-Haynes

Police: None

Members of the Public: 1 no.

Kettering Borough Council: G. Holloway and R. Griffin

Cllr R. Groome proposed that Cllr Padget Chair the meeting, in the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. The Proposal was unanimously approved.

Public Forum:

J. Baynham (spokesperson for Church Street Residents on traffic matters) included (i) possibility of Wind Farm grant funding a traffic survey (ii) lorry park adjacent to J.10.

BLTC Responses: (i) Cllr Macdonald to discuss this matter with JB (ii) Cllr R. Groome confirmed that the lorry park will be located off the A6 near Rothwell, not near J.10

07/18/01 Apologies (absence)

Cllr Davies (holiday) – Cllr C. Groome proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

Cllr Smith (work commitments) – Cllr Watts proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Miles-Zanger. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

Cllr Jerram (illness) – Cllr Padget proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

Cllr Brereton (work commitments) – Cllr Watts proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr Padget. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

Cllr Currall (work commitments) – Cllr Miles-Zanger proposed that the absence be approved, seconded by Cllr R. Groome. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

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Additionally, Cllr Macdonald submitted apologies for lateness.

07/18/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

**07/18/03 Resolution: Approval of Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of
05 June 2018**

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

07/18/04 Police Matters

No police presence. Clerk referred to BL crime statistics being accessible to Cllrs on KBC's website (A6 Towns Forum reports).

07/18/05 Town Mayor's Report (Cllr Macdonald)

Noted.

**07/18/06 Public Realm Improvements & Sports Hall – Presentation by Guy
Holloway & Ross Griffin (KBC)**

Public Realm Improvements

GH tabled a draft document headed 'Burton Latimer- Proposed Improvements to the Town Centre'(Churchill Way car park and play area); when completed the document will be door-to-door mail dropped in BL (by KBC) and available on KBC's website. The document was generally agreed by Cllrs. There was some discussion around BLTC's wish to retain the currently disused public conveniences block. GH advised Cllrs that the future of the PC block would be dependant on the funding available, public expectation must be carefully managed at this time, comments regarding the PC block will be more specific in the final document.

The 'final' document (finishing touches yet to be made by KBC) to be emailed to the Clerk tomorrow, and he will forward it to Town Cllrs for any additional comments they may wish to make – **comments to be emailed to the Clerk by noon Friday 06 July latest.** GH stated that the final document would then be submitted for planning approval; with work planned to commence in 2019 prior to the summer holidays, stopped during that period and re-commenced for completion before Christmas 2019. KBC has £248,000, plus some potential additional funding from developers, available to fund the improvements.

Community & Leisure Facility in BL

GH – above is incorporated in KBC’s Draft Corporate Plan, KBC still looking at the options, a condition survey of the site (King George Vth Recreation Ground - community area) being undertaken, subsequently detailed plans of the site/structure will be drawn up, options appraisal to be carried out.

Funding Available – extract from BLTC Minutes of meeting in August 2017, which GH attended and gave a presentation:-

“At present, the total amount of funding available is in the region of £1.5 million. £248,000 of this is earmarked for ‘public realm’ improvements in the town centre. Out of the remainder, in the region of £1.2 million should be spent inside the boundary of Burton Latimer (subject to the detailed interpretation of the s106 agreements).

A large proportion of this funding is allocated for indoor sport activities. There are also agreements allocating funding for other sites, some of which are specifically named in the S106 agreements, such as, Greys Field, King George V and the Civic Centre”

GH advised Cllrs that, as Section 106 Agreements are already in place, they should not be affected by any changes in local government structures (Unitary Authorities) in Northamptonshire.

Cllr Padget thanked Guy and Ross for attending the meeting and the presentations

07/18/07 Borough Council Matters of Interest

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

Cllr R.Groome added that she had had discussions with KBC re: advise on how BLTC’s Farmer’s Market could be improved (report to BLTC’s August meeting).

07/18/08 County Council Matters of Interest Report (Cllr C. Smith-Haynes)

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

07/18/09 Town Councillor Reports

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

06/18/10 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

None.

07/18/11 Policies & Priorities

11.1 Resolution: Approval of Civic Centre Management Board Report

No report submitted.

11.2 Resolution: Approval of Pocket Park Management Board Report

No report submitted.

11.3 Pride of Burton Latimer Award Update

Cllr Roche volunteered to join the PoBLA group (Cllrs R. Groome, J. Davies, M. Jerram)

11.4 Local Government Reform in Northamptonshire

The Clerk talked Cllrs through the website ‘www.futurenorthants.co.uk’ which has been set up by the local authorities involved in the above process (Corby, Daventry, East Northamptonshire, Kettering, Northampton, Northamptonshire County, South Northamptonshire and Wellingborough). The website contains a number of documents, including the consultation document, Central Government’s invitation to form unitary authorities in Northamptonshire, NCC’s Best Value Report, frequently asked questions and a questionnaire that BLTC is required to complete and return by 22 July which was duly completed by Cllrs present at tonight’s meeting (see below).

Completed questionnaire: (Q1 to Q4 - options range through ‘strongly agree’ to ‘strongly disagree or don’t know, via 6 levels of response)

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree that we need to make changes to respond to these challenges? (the Government’s invitation to the 8 directly involved authorities to forward proposals by 31 August 2018 to restructure local government in Northamptonshire)

A1. Strongly agree

Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that there is a need to reduce the number of council’s in Northamptonshire?

A2. Strongly Disagree (votes: Strongly disagree: 4, Tend to disagree: 2)

Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that a number of unitary councils should be introduced in Northamptonshire?

A3. Strongly agree

Background to Q4. - 8 Northamptonshire councils should be abolished and replaced by 2 new single-tier or unitary councils: **North Northants**: which would comprise the areas of East Northamptonshire, Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough councils **West Northants**: which would comprise the areas of Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire councils.

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the specific proposal above, to replace the existing councils with 2 new unitary councils: North Northants and West Northants?

A4. Tend to agree.

Background to Q4. - There are many factors for the councils to consider when thinking about the restructure of local government, including:

Accountability: democratic decision making that can be locally influenced and ensuring residents know how to raise issues to their local councillor and how to have a say on future service delivery

Quality: frontline services that are sustainable, cost-effective and equipped to deliver good local services in the long-term

Local identity: a recognised local area that reflects how residents live their lives and how businesses operate

Access: keeping services as local as possible for as many residents as possible

Value for money: reducing duplication, increasing economies of scale and improving efficiencies

Q5. Please rate how important you think each of the above factors is using a whole number between 0 and 10, where 10 means that it is critically important and 0 means that it is of no importance

A5. Accountability: 10

Quality: 10

Local identity: 10 – expressed through Town & Parish councils, including parishing areas that are currently not parished

Access: 10 – flexibility required/review of current boundaries (reference to

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Walgrave's situation in previous local government reorganisation)

Value for money: 10

Background to Q6 -As public bodies, councils have a duty to take into account the impact of their decisions on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation, as well as the Human Rights Act 1998,

Q6. Are there any groups protected under the Equality Act 2010 who you believe will be positively or negatively affected by our proposed changes? If so, what could we do to enhance positive or reduce negative impacts?

A6. No. The Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998 to be complied with in all circumstances.

'Parish and Town Council Consultation Event' – Wellingborough 12 July

Cllr Macdonald will be attending the above event to learn more about the proposals and to respond to the consultation questions.

11.5 Workplace Pension Scheme Re-Enrolment

Clerk updated Cllrs on the above.

11.6 Kettering Borough Council – Wind Farm Report

Noted.

11.7 Planning Application: KET/2018/0362 Mrs Brown 23 Regent Road, BL Full Application: demolition of house and outbuildings and construction of 7 no. Bungalows.

Cllr Watts proposed that the Council's responses be the same as before (November 2014), seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be Approved.

BLTC's Response: "Objection on the following grounds:

- (i) overdevelopment of site.
- (ii) density of development is out of keeping with the area.
- (iii) not clear where the 10 no. Garage spaces will be located.
- (iv) dangerous access to the development".

Other comments: the garage widths are very restrictive to a family sized car

11.8 Councillors' 'Register of Interests' – Updating

The Clerk reminded Cllrs that they are obliged by law to keep their statutory Register of Interests up to date and to inform Kettering Borough Council's Monitoring Officer (cc Clerk to BLTC) of any changes within 28 days of the change occurring. Cllr Macdonald has a supply of RoI forms.

07/18/12. Correspondence

12.1 BL Participation Group (email from Canon Roger Knight)

Cllr R. Groome proposed Cllr Milles-Zanger as the Town Council's representative on BL's new 'Patient Participation Group', seconded by Cllr Watts. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved. Clerk to write to BL Health Centre to that effect.

07/18/13. Highways Report

Noted and included in the 'Reports to Council'.

07/18/14. Urgent Matters (to be agreed by the Chair)

None.

07/18/15. Resolution: Approval of Accounts for Payment

Cllr Padget proposed that the following payments be approved, seconded by Cllr C. Groome. **Resolved:** unanimously that the proposal be approved.

	£
Cheque No. 102654 Natalie Irons (Duck Race 1 st Prize)	100.00
Cheque No. 102655 Hannah Taylor (Duck Race 2nd Prize)	75.00
Cheque No. 102656 Charlotte Warren (Duck Race 3 rd Prize)	50.00
Cheque No. 102657 Cristine Mitchell (Duck Race 4th Prize)	25.00
Cheque No. 102658 G. Sneddon (Clerk's salary July 2018)	1013.94
Cheque No. 102659 HMRC (Tax & NI July 2018)	331.42
Cheque No. 102660 G. Sneddon (Reimb. postage April-June 20178)	25.82
Cheque No. 102661 KBC (Refuse collection June-Aug 2018)	106.61
Cheque No. 102662 A. Baillie (Hygiene) & Co (cleaning & toiletry mats.)	83.18
Cheque No. 102663 Mower Repair Shop Ltd (PP strimmer maint.)	46.51
Cheque No. 102664 SE Gunn (cleaning CC May (£5.00, June £133.00)	138.00
Cheque No. 102665 Information Commissioner (Data Protection Annual Fee)	40.00
Cheque No. 102666 KBC (BLTC papers July)	22.61

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Cheque No. 102667 I Partridge (cleaning CC windows)	30.00
Cheque No. 102668 G Sneddon (Reimb. 3 no. Stihl Strimmers)	666.00
Cheque No. 102669 Natalie Irons (Duck Race 1 st Prize – additional £50)	50.00

07/18/16. Media Releases – Press/Website/Facebook/Twitter

None.

07/18/17. Private and Confidential Items (Public & Press will be excluded)

17.1 Civic Centre – Potential New Tenancy

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.