

Brigg Town Council Meeting
Tuesday 26th November 2024
Angel Suite, Exchange Place, Brigg, DN20 8LD

Chair – Cllr Carl Sherwood – Mayor of Brigg

Present – Cllrs Carl Sherwood, Nigel Sherwood, Penny Smith, Brian Parker, Jane Kitching, Paul McCormick, Rob Waltham, Sharon Riggall.

Also Present – Kerry McGrath – Clerk
Two Brigg residents
Keith Simpson

2024/078 Cllr C Sherwood welcomed everyone

2024/079**To consider the suspension of the Meeting for the purpose of Prayer.**

Proposed Cllr N Sherwood
Seconded Cllr Smith
Agreed – All Councillors present

Keith Simpson led the Council in prayers

b) **To Resolve that Standing Orders be reinstated**

Proposed Cllr Riggall
Seconded Cllr Smith
Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/080 Public Participation

Chris Darlington, on behalf of Brigg Live Arts, thanked Brigg Town Council for their continued support, financially and in the community. With the grant received from Brigg Town Council they are able to keep their ticket prices low for the events they hold. Chris presented the mayor with a certificate of appreciation.

The second resident made two complaints.

1) The pigeon mess on the pavement outside Morrisons on Wrawby Street. – Cllr C Sherwood the Council would try to contact the owners of the building to ask them to deter the pigeons from roosting there.

Cllr Waltham advised that he would contact Environmental Health and ask them to take action.

2) The mess left after the horse fair on Station Road. He stated it took 6 weeks for the mess to be cleared. Cllr Waltham explained the difficulties regarding this area, but did advise on the regeneration plans for this area, which will prevent this from being an annual problem. The responsibility lies with those who leave the mess but the Council, and ultimately the tax payer has to pay for.

Cllr Waltham also added that the bat survey on Hewson House is to be revalidated, and that Hewson House will demolished by July 2025, making way for the older person housing proposals.

Cllr Kitching arrived at the meeting.

2024/081 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gibbons

2024/082 Declaration of Interests

a) To Record any Declarations of Interest by any member of the council in respect of the

agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the Agenda Item and the type of interest being declared.

Cllr Waltham declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 8d as a trustee of the AVHT. Cllr Riggall declared a personal interest in agenda item 9c as a member of staff at Brigg Primary School.

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

None requested

2024/083 Minutes of previous meetings

a) To **approve** the minutes of Brigg Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2024,

Proposed Cllr N Sherwood

Seconded Cllr Kitching

Agreed – All Councillors present

b) **Council received** an update on matters from the minutes not appearing anywhere on the agenda from the clerk.

Update on grave – following loss adjustors' visit to Brigg Cemetery it was found that JB Rural Services Ltd is not at fault. There can be no proof that the grave was damaged by their operatives. The Loss adjustors have looked at other graves throughout the cemetery and general wear and tear over time can cause the graves to sink. The claim was refused. Martin Vickers MP has been updated, as the complainant had asked him to raise this with Brigg Town Council.

2024 Poppy Appeal went well. To date we have figures from Contactless devices of over £3000 and the cash banked at the post office totalling a further £3000. Thanks to everyone volunteers.

The graffiti on the notice board and Holocaust Memorial has been removed to a satisfactory level. Thanks to JB for working on this. Unfortunately, no action taken by the Police.

2024/084 – Ward Councillors report

Cllr Waltham

Following a site meeting prior to the Remembrance Sunday parade, NLC made remedial fixings to the roads to prevent trips and falls.

Bollards issues was discussed and a plan resolved. New bollards have been ordered and drop-down bollards will be installed at the entrance of Market Place from Bigby Street. Existing bollards will be reutilised and relocated, and a permanent bollard will be installed on Exchange Place.

Following contact from visually impaired residents a new crossing will be installed on Bigby Road. The design will be done by January with installation completed during 2025.

Working closely with Brigg Town FC to deliver the 3G pitch. Liaising with Lincs FA

Despite Government increasing the bus ticket threshold, NLC have fixed the bus prices on a Saturday to £1.00.

Following the Government Winter Fuel payment cut, all pensioners on low income will receive a £200 payment. Also to help out this winter, everyone of pensionable age will be able to

receive a 2-person capacity air fryer.

Lung checks and smoking cessation program available, with ongoing support. Working closely with ONGO – as evidence shows those on low-income smoke more with more health risks.

Launched the White Ribbon campaign to stop violence against women and girls.

Cardio – vascular health screening and blood pressure monitoring sessions at The Pods on Tuesday 3rd December. 10am – 6pm

Major Road works planned for Bigby High Road in 2025. There may be 10-11 months of disruptions and diversions.

2024/085 – Financial

To approve the Payments for Brigg Town Council to 31st October 2024

Date	Payee Name	Ref	Ex Vat	£ VAT	£ Total Amnt	Transaction Detail
02/10/2024	Water Plus	DD	£ 7.48		£ 7.48	WP Allotments 105
03/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00	3rd Cadney PROW
03/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00	3rd Brigg PROWs
03/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00	3rd Wrawby PROWs
03/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 860.00	£ 172.00	£ 1,032.00	watering September
03/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 1,150.00	£ 230.00	£ 1,380.00	September Handyman
03/10/2024	Brigg Office Supplies	BACS	£ 29.36	£ 5.60	£ 34.96	Post & Stationery
03/10/2024	Blachere	BACS	£ 1,740.00	£ 348.00	£ 2,088.00	Infrastructure Repairs
03/10/2024	Google	BACS	£ 12.00	£ 2.40	£ 14.40	Licence
03/10/2024	Little Enchantments	BACS	£ 315.00		£ 315.00	1/2 christmas entertainment
03/10/2024	Phoenix Accounts	BACS	£ 19.50	£ 3.90	£ 23.40	Payroll Services
03/10/2024	Sissons Gardening Services	BACS	£ 176.00		£ 176.00	Cademy & Howsham Verges
03/10/2024	HMRC	BACS	£ 687.43		£ 687.43	September Tax/NI
03/10/2024	ERPF	BACS	£ 666.19		£ 666.19	September Pension
10/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 650.00	£ 130.00	£ 780.00	Brigg Cemetery JB2260
10/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 150.00	£ 30.00	£ 180.00	Woodbine 2259
10/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 87.50	£ 35.00	£ 210.00	Memorial Cut
			£ 87.50			Millenium Cut
10/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 500.00	£ 100.00	£ 600.00	9th Wrawby Cut
10/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 3,000.00	£ 600.00	£ 3,600.00	9th Brigg Cut
17/10/2024	Brigg Angels	BACS	£ 500.00		£ 500.00	Annual Grant
17/10/2024	Brigg Rotary	BACS	£ 350.00		£ 350.00	Annual Crocus Grant
23/10/2024	JB Rural Service	BACS	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 300.00	removal of Barrier Baskets & Deliver to Allotment
25/10/2024	BT	DD	£ 52.45	£ 10.49	£ 62.94	Telephone & Internet
28/10/2024	Staff Cost	BACS	£ 1,865.04		£ 1,865.04	October Salary
29/10/2024	O2	DD	£ 12.99	£ 2.60	£ 15.59	Mobile
30/10/2024	Water Plus	DD	£ 6.03		£ 6.03	WP 190 Water
31/10/2024	Nat West	DD	£ 17.50		£ 17.50	Bank Charges

Proposed Cllr Riggall

Secoded Cllr Parker

Agreed – All Councillors present

b) Council **received and noted** the receipts and bank reconciliations to 31st October 2024 and budget monitoring report to 21st November 2024 **for information. There were no comments.**

c) The clerk's NJC pay award was noted and approved – back dated to 1st April 2024

Proposed Cllr N Sherwood

Secoded Cllr Smith

Agreed – All Councillors present

Cllr Waltham left the meeting.

d) The Grant Application from Brigg Heritage Centre / AVHT for £500 to help cover costs of the VE Day display was approved.

Proposed Cllr Kitching
Seconded Cllr McCormick
Agreed – All Councillors present

Cllr Waltham returned to the meeting

2024/086 Environmental items

a) **Japanese Sakura Trees**

Following the vandalism of the trees on the grass bank by Lidl, it was agreed to delegate the purchase of 6 new ones with cage protection to the Clerk and Mayor, within the environmental projects budget.

Proposed Cllr Waltham
Seconded Cllr McCormick
Agreed – All Councillors present

b) **Cemetery**

Received news that Paul Johnson will be supplying the information for the boards at the cemetery.

It was agreed to approve a payment of £1000 for JB Rural services Ltd to replace the four gate posts, rather than trying to repair the existing ones, as the repair would only be a remedial one and more costs would eventually be incurred.

Proposed Cllr Waltham
Seconded Cllr Kitching
Agreed – All Councillors present

c) **Road Safety Signs at the Primary Schools**

It was agreed to work with NLC highways and the schools and to budget £200 to purchase life sized child warning signs re parking and speeding. Delegate the project to the Ward Councillors and the clerk.

Proposed Cllr Waltham
Seconded Cllr N Sherwood
Agreed – All Councillors present

d) **Band Stand**

Council were informed that JB Rural services would paint the band stand during handyperson hours. Brigg TC will purchase the paint.

Council were also informed that NLC will be isolating the electricity to the band stand once the new bollard that will be the source of electricity, next to the band stand, has been installed. Cost to be covered by NLC.

e) **Plants and Planting**

Unfortunately some of the planters are no longer supported by the community groups who they were originally assigned to.

It was agreed to dedicate a page in the next edition of Brigg Times to the “in Bloom” project. – promotion and asking for volunteers.

Winter plants and bulbs are in all the planters in the centre of Brigg. Planters need weeding.

Need to improve upon the sustainable planting in the Monument Flower beds (raised beds next year).

Suggestions grassing the Hewson House flower bed.

Cllr Kitching asked for the planter that is just inside the cemetery to be relocated for bigger impact.

Remove the broken planter outside Shipleys.

Agreed a site visit with small working group to finalise.

Proposed Cllr Waltham

Seconded Cllr Riggall

Agreed – All Councillors present

Cllr Sherwood thanked Cllr Riggall for all her hard work with the planters that goes on unseen at the allotment, prior to the installation of the planters in the town.

f) **Bench Plaque**

It was agreed that the family who approached Cllr C Sherwood can install a small plaque as per policy on an existing bench in Wrawby Street.

Proposed Cllr N Sherwood

Seconded Cllr McCormick

Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/087 VE Day / VJ Day

VE Day- 8th May 2024

Working group to meet in January – Clerk to email all the community groups again to ask for their involvement. Idea is to replay the DDAY event as it was very popular with the residents. The swing dancers have been booked already. Other suggestions are more upbeat, celebratory musicians.

Lighting of the Beacon at 9.30pm. Clerk has contacted Brigg Singers to lead “I vow to thee my country” – being performed by choirs all over the country that day.

VJ Day – 15th August 2025

Suggestions of an afternoon Tea, followed by a church service and “Last Night of the Proms” style concert. Clerk to contact Barnetby Silver Band.

It was agreed that the community group meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 6pm. Clerk to email Janice G to book St Johns Church Hall.

It was agreed that the Clerk will apply for the NLC community grants of £250 per event.

Proposed Cllr McCormick

Seconded Cllr N Sherwood

Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/088 Remembrance update.

Cllr C Sherwood thanked everyone for their support at all the remembrance events from 8th – 10th November. Particular mention to the CCWG event that surpassed all expectations. An excellent event that he hope will be repeated during the annual CWWG week in May. Cllr C Sherwood encouraged everyone to take the time to visit the display in the Brigg Cemetery. Cllr C Sherwood also thanked the Clerk for the organisation of the Remembrance Service and Parade.

It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the Bugler, who everyone considered was excellent.

Proposed Cllr C Sherwood
Seconded Cllr N Sherwood
Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/089 Correspondence

A letter addressed to Cllr Smith was received by Council regarding the pricing of markets stalls in Brigg.

Cllr C Sherwood advised that a response to the writer was being produced by NLC and was being delivered at the next Thursday Market, who also received the same letter, as the markets are the responsibility of North Lincs Council

Cllr Waltham, leader of North Lincs Council, said that all parts of the letter would be looked into and addressed. An update to Brigg Town Council would be provided at the next meeting.

2024/090 Community Awards

Discussion took place regarding community awards and the proposals of individual awards for young volunteers/community groups/environmental awards etc rather than the one JJ Magrath Award that is presented annually at the moment.

It was considered more inclusive and celebrating the community as a whole.

It was agreed that options and viability would be discussed at the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr Waltham
Seconded Cllr N Sherwood
Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/091 – Policies

- a) Work Based Risk Assessment.
- b) Health and Safety
- c) Volunteers Risk Assessment.

Policies approved en bloc.

Proposed Cllr N Sherwood
Seconded Cllr Parker
Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/092 Interim Internal Audit

The Interim Internal Audit was received and approved. Thank you to the clerk for another excellent audit.

Proposed Cllr N Sherwood
Seconded Cllr Waltham
Agreed – All Councillors present

2024/093 Christmas

The Clerk updated on plans for the Christmas Market and Light Switch on. 29th November. Volunteers needed for the Mayor's Charity Tombola Stall, from 4pm.

Following confirmation that the cost of all trees could not be spread over 5 (or 3 years) It was agreed that one tree would be wrapped at East Park in 2024 and to accept the cost of £2095.00 plus VAT.

*Proposed Cllr N Sherwood
Seconded Cllr Riggall
Agreed – All Councillors present*

2024/094 To receive any councillor comments or requests and agree for future agenda items.

Millenium Green Planting

**2024/077 Date and time of next meeting (Budget setting and Precept) Tuesday 28th January
2025at 7.15pm**

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8.40 pm