

BROUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm at the Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Scawby Road, Broughton, DN20 0AB.

Present: Cllrs Lee, Price, Ross, Portess, Senior (Chair), Simpson & Taylor.

Also Present: Town Clerk - Deb Hotson and 1 resident.

To Elect Committee / Working Group Representatives

1. To elect a chairman and to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
Cllr Senior was elected as Mayor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. To elect a Deputy Mayor.
Cllr Price was elected as Deputy Mayor.
3. To elect a representative for Neighbourhood Action Team (NATs).
Cllr Price and Cllr Portess were elected as representatives.
4. To elect a representative for Village Hall Committee.
Cllr Ross & Cllr Lee were elected as representatives.
5. To elect a representative for the Broughton Community & Sports Association.
Cllr Simpson was elected as representative.
6. To elect a representative for the Broughton Allotment Association & Leisure Gardeners.
The Town Clerk & Deputy Clerk are elected as representative.
7. To elect two Councillors to represent this Council at ERNLLCA District Committee meetings.
Cllr Portess & Cllr Price were elected as representatives.
8. To elect a representative for the Wressle Wellside Community Liaison Group.
The Town Clerk was elected as representative. A report will be provided to the Council as and when received and the item will be removed from the main agendas.
9. To elect members to the General Purposes Committee.
Cllr Lee, Cllr Ross Cllr Senior, Cllr Simpson & Cllr Taylor were elected on to the Committee.
10. To elect members to the Finance & Audit Committee.
Cllr Senior, Cllr Price, Cllr Portess & Cllr Simpson were elected on to the Committee.
11. To elect members to the Personnel Committee.
Cllr Price, Cllr Lee, Cllr Portess were elected on to the Committee.
12. To elect members of the Communications Working Group.
Cllr Ross, Cllr Senior, Cllr Portess & Cllr Price were elected on to the Committee.
13. To elect members as Snow & Flood Wardens.
Cllr Price & Cllr Portess to cover the Broughton area and Cllr Taylor to cover the Watersedge area of the town.

Resolved – all of the above appointed were approved.

To review Procedures and Policies

14. To review and approve Standing Orders.
Resolved – the Standing Orders were approved.
15. To review and approve Financial Regulations.
Resolved – the Financial Regulations were approved.

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16. To review and approve the Community Emergency Plan.
The Plan will be reviewed at the July meeting.
17. To review and approve the Asset Register.
Resolved – the Asset Register was approved with the agreed amendments to the value of the mayor’s chain & regalia.
18. To review and approve the Health & Safety Policies and Procedures.
Resolved – the policies were approved.
19. To review and approve the Terms of Reference (TORs) for Committees / Working Parties.
Resolved – the TORs were approved for the following:
 - General Purposes Committee.
 - Personnel Committee.
 - Finance & Audit Committee.
 - Communications Working Group.
20. To review and approve an Equal Opportunity Policy.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
21. To review and approve a Child Protection Policy.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
22. To review and approve the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults Policies.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
23. To review and approve a Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure & a Grievance Policy.
Resolved – the policy and procedure were approved.
24. To review and approve a Members and Officers Protocol.
Resolved – the members and officers’ protocol were approved.
25. To review and approve the CCTV Policy.
Resolved – the members and officers’ protocol were approved.
26. To review and approve the Clerks A-Z Guide.
Resolved – the members and officers’ protocol were approved.
27. To review and approve the Environmental Sustainability Policy.
Resolved – the members and officers’ protocol were approved.
28. To review and approve the NLC Code of Conduct Policy.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
29. To review and approve a Reserves Policy.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
30. To review and approve a Scheme of Publications Policy.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
31. To review and approve the Freedom of Information Right of Access Policy.
Resolved – the policy was approved.
32. To review and approve the use of the General Power of Competence.
Resolved – the use of the Power was approved as and when required.
33. To set the dates of the ordinary Parish Council Meetings 2023/24.
Resolved – the dates were approved.
34. All Councillors to declare a pecuniary interest for the setting of the annual precept.
Resolved – a blanket dispensation was granted to allow business to be transacted as without the dispensation business would be impeded. This will also be resolved at the meeting when the precept is set.

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35. To confirm that all members have reviewed their Register of Interests.
The majority of Cllrs provided their ROIs to the Clerk. The remaining Cllrs to do so by the end of the week.
36. To resolve that this Council utilizes its powers under the Local Government Act 1972, section 101, to devolve to the Clerk the authority to make decisions on planning applications where:
- a. The application falls between meetings, and it is not possible to obtain from the Planning Authority an extension of time to consider the matter; or
 - b. The Chairman is unavailable to convene an extra-ordinary meeting or particular circumstances are such that the convening of an extra-ordinary meeting is impractical.

In both circumstances the Clerk shall have authority to respond on the Council's behalf, taking into account the Local Plan; the content of any planning policies; community plan or Neighborhood Plan adopted by the council; and precedent. The Clerk is to contact ALL Councillors to confirm they are content with the response to the specific Planning Application requiring this action.

This authority will not apply to applications where there are known objections by neighbours; multiple housing development; and new land allocations.

Resolved – approval of item 36.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm