

Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 21st November 2023**, at the **Town Council Office, The Old Library, 44 Elloughton Road, Brough, HU15 1AE**.

Members Present: Cllr Rennison (Chair), Cllr S Duckles, Cllr C Duckles, Cllr Luckraft, Cllr Blee, Cllr Parker, Cllr Twining, Cllr Kellington and Cllr Harrison.

Meeting Clerk: Philippa Beverley (Town Clerk)

Also in attendance: Danika Lynch (Deputy Clerk), Cllr Meredith (ERYC), Cllr T Gill (ERYC).
Five members of Public in attendance.

PUBLIC FORUM

One member of public spoke for Brough in Bloom and advised agenda item 12 does not need to be discussed.

MINUTES

752/23

To Accept Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Bentham (Vice Chair) and Cllr Trotter.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Bentham and Cllr Trotter.

753/23

To Accept Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest received.

RESOLVED: Council resolved no declarations of interest received.

754/23

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 17th October 2023.

Cllr S Duckles proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed unanimously that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the Full Council Meeting on Tuesday 17th October 2023.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2023.

755/23

To receive and note the following Committee minutes.

755.1	Events Committee – 12 th September 2023 -	NOTED
755.2	Planning Committee – 10 th October 2023 -	NOTED
755.3	Finance Committee – 27 th September 2023 -	NOTED

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RESOLVED: Council resolved to note the approved Committee Minutes.

756/23

To receive reports from external groups and organizations.

756.1 ERNLLCA

Town Clerk advised no updates from ERNLLCA.

756.2 Village Hall

Cllr Rennison gave update regarding the Village Hall and advised they have successfully been awarded a grant for £6,500 from the Postcode Lottery to address energy saving matters including the boiler controls.

756.3 Community Centre

Cllr Luckraft advised Community Centre has number of new potential users. Men in Sheds having some difficulty in securing a location.

756.4 The Burrs

Nothing to report.

756.5 Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council Business Forum

Meetings have been a success, however the last meeting had to be cancelled due to staff illness. No meeting in December as agreed at the last meeting.

757/23

To receive reports from East Riding of Yorkshire Council Members, 5 minutes maximum each.

Cllr T Gill gave various updates including a repair to drain on Cave Road, issues around electric scooters and £150 million to the East Riding over 10 years to surface roads. Further updates on Humber Forest initiative to plant 200,000 trees.

Cllr Meredith gave updates on paths and desire for footpath to go from Brough to Melton. Update on Community Governance Review, increase in Councillors from 2027 from 12 -16 and movement of boundaries. Update on scrutiny topics, recent resignation of ERYC Chief Executive.

758/23

To consider and approve payments and income for the period September 2023 – October 2023.

Proposed by Cllr S Duckles, seconded by Cllr Blee and agreed unanimously to approve payments and income for September 2023 to October 2023.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve payments and income schedules for the period of September 2023 – October 2023.

759/23

To consider and approve bank reconciliations until end October 2023.

Proposed by Cllr S Duckles, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed unanimously that Council approve the bank reconciliation for all accounts up to end of October 2023.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for all accounts up to end of October 2023.

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760/23

To consider strategic topics to be considered for scrutiny in the 2024/2025 Municipal year by the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils Overview and Scrutiny Committee, closing date 8th December 2023.

A robust conversation took place and various topics were debated.

Proposed by Cllr Kellington, seconded by Cllr Twining and agreed unanimously to put forward Public Transport/Community Transport matters, Street Lighting and Leisure facilities.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to put forward to East Riding of Yorkshire Council Strategic topics including Public transport/Community transport, street lighting and leisure facilities to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee 2024/2025.

761/23

To receive feedback on Remembrance Service and resolve decision on Town Councils future involvement.

Clerks advised the Service was successful, and the road closure worked as intended and kept all attending safe. Due to late resolution for the Town Council to facilitate it had proven to be stressful for the available staff. Last minute input from the police meant the Town Council had to pivot and adjust roles, which although we were able to accommodate, caused additional workload to the one member of staff available to be in attendance and realignment of Councillors to man the road closure. Staff noted no one from the Church had been at the location to meet the vicar upon their arrival and direct them to their required location, or to assist with road closure, this needs to be addressed in future years. Deputy Clerk thanked Cllr Kellington for assistance with road signs to close the road and all Councillors who assisted with the road closure.

Cllr Parker thanked Cllr Gill's (ERYC) for the use of their PA for the event.

Cllr Blee proposed, seconded by Cllr Luckraft and agreed unanimously that for next year, if the Town Council are to be involved there needs to be agreement between the Church and Town Council on clearly defined roles. Cllr Rennison agreed to meet with the new Reverend and discuss the event and report back to the Town Council.

After the resolution was agreed, Cllr C Duckles asked he be able to read a personal statement relating to the Remembrance Service, which expressed his personal dismay that the Chair was not in attendance at the service. A heated debate amongst Councillors took place and the item was concluded by the Chair, who prevented Councillors commenting further and closed the item to discussion.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to have Cllr Rennison meet with the new Reverend and discuss the service plans for next year to ensure if the Town Council are involved that a clear plan is in place with specific roles clearly defined and report back to the Town Council after this meeting.

762/23

To consider and discuss request to reinstate path across Town Council land to a property on Main Street, Elloughton.

Council discussed the matter and held a robust discussion. They considered the photo submitted that shows a path to the door, however they questioned when this is from,

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they also considered information from resident that there appears to be a path underneath the grass.

Cllr C Duckles proposed, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed unanimously to instruct the Town Council Grounds man to investigate the ground and establish if there is an old path in existence underneath the grass and return to December 2023 Full Council meeting with an update.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to instruct the Town Council Grounds man to investigate if there is a path in existence under the grass and report findings back to the Town Council in the December 2023 Full Council Meeting.

763/23 To consider request from Brough in Bloom for Town Council to purchase new gardening gloves for their four new members.
Item no longer required to be discussed.

RESOLVED: Item no longer required since publication of the agenda.

764/23 To consider request from Ground Maintenance contractor for additional payment for cutting of allotment hedge.
Deputy Clerk advised the allotment hedge cut is now complete, however the work required was much greater than the original quote due to the additional growth. The contractor has asked the Town Council if they could assist with the shortfall of £550 on the quote.

Council held a robust discussion and agreed that as he is a long standing contractor with the Town Council and has never come to us with such a request before that this request be considered.

Cllr C Duckles proposed, seconded by Cllr Luckraft and agreed unanimously that the Town Council pay the additional £550 to the Grounds Maintenance Contractor for completion of the allotment hedge cut.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to pay the additional £550 to the Grounds Maintenance Contractor for completion of the allotment hedge cut.

765/23 To consider request from Cllr Bentham to complete Salt Bin audit, around Elloughton cum Brough.
Council held an in depth discussion around salt bins and the request and agreed that this is not an area for which the Clerks are qualified in to make an assessment. Councillors agreed although there may be a requirement for additional salt bins this audit and assessment is something that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council officers should be tasked with.

Cllr Blee proposed, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed unanimously that this be passed to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council via Cllr T Gill (in attendance) for them to consider undertaking such an audit in the Town.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to ask Councillor Terry Gill (ERYC) who was in attendance at the meeting to take this matter up and ask East Riding of Yorkshire Council to consider undertaking such an audit.

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766/23

To consider request from Brough in Bloom to discuss site location of Sunflower Sculpture commissioned by the group.

Cllr Gill (ERYC) provided an update on the Sunflower Sculpture and proposed its location to be on Moor Road roundabout. Cllr Gill advised that Brough in Bloom would like the Town Council to consider indemnifying the sculpture so that Brough in Bloom could install as permitted development and would not have to complete a planning application.

Town Clerk advised Councillor's to make sure they consider their interests in the matter and whether they needed to declare an interest or not. Councillors reminded of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and the section of the code of conduct relating to prejudicial interests.

A heated conversation took place between Councillors with various concerns highlighted over the Town Council indemnifying the sculpture.

Cllr Blee noted that two residents had contacted him directly with concerns about the Town Council taking responsibility for the sculpture and using public funds to indemnify it. Additional concerns had been raised with him as to whether members of the Town Council who are also members of Brough in Bloom would declare their interest in the matter or be able to act without bias. As a result, Cllr Blee noted that perhaps the best way to pursue the installation of the sculpture would be for Brough in Bloom to apply for planning permission and to follow this process, therefore enabling all relevant checks to be completed and the sculpture to be installed without the Town Councils involvement, thus avoiding any questions about the Town Councils impartiality.

Town Councillors who are members of Brough in Bloom, vocalised that they are able to be impartial in the subject and any resulting decisions.

No resolution could be agreed, the item was closed.

RESOLVED: No resolution agreed.

767/23

To consider request from East Riding Of Yorkshire Council to consider the Local Transport Plan's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) and provide feedback on their suggestions to support cycling and walking.

Council held an in-depth discussion on transport around the Town.

Proposed by Cllr Rennison, seconded by Cllr Kellington and agreed unanimously to feedback to ERYC that a cycle path from Brough to Melton be considered. Surfacing and lighting be considered for improvement around the town.

RESOLVED: Council resolved that they would feedback to ERYC that they would like to see a cycle path created between Brough and Melton and that surfaces and lighting be considered for improvement around the town.

768/23

To receive verbal update on final preparations for Christmas Light Switch On.

Town Clerk provided an update on the Christmas Light Switch on, including roles and responsibilities and timings.

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RESOLVED: Council resolved to note verbal update on Christmas Light Switch On.

769/23

Exclusion of the press and public

Due to the confidential nature, Members may resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the next item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The next item on the agenda can be treated as confidential because it relates to confidential staffing issues, such as terms of service, contractual arrangements and the engagement of staff.

770/23

Council to receive applications from four eligible candidates to be considered for Co-Option to Council. Candidates are invited to speak for 3 minutes each.

770.1 Council to note there is one vacant seat following the election held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

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Candidates gave details of their background and qualifications and experience and reasons for wanting to be a Town Councillor.

770.2 Council to ask candidates to leave the meeting in order for Council to make a decision.

Cllr Rennison asked the candidates to leave the room for the Council to discuss and make their decision and advised the candidates that the Town Clerk will call with decision tomorrow.

A detailed conversation took place on candidates and their applications.

Cllr Rennison proposed, seconded by Cllr Twining and agreed unanimously that Anne Bentley be Co-opted to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: Council resolved to co-opt Anne Bentley to the Town Council.

771/23

To note the next full Town Council Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19th December 2023 in the Town Council Office, The Old Library, 44 Elloughton Road, Brough, HU15 1AE.

Council noted the date and time of the next Full Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: Council noted the time and date as 7pm on Tuesday 19th December 2023 at the Town Council Offices, The Old Library, 44 Elloughton Road, Brough, HU15 1AE.

Meeting ended: 21.55

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