

## **MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Chris Allhusen, Mr Paul Jarvis, Mr Julian Reading, Mr Denis West, Mr Steve Welton and Mr David Bonn

Together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert and 11 residents. Apologies were received from Ms Martine Brigstock and Mr Charles Carter.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No interest was declared in the agenda.

A dispensation was granted to all Parish Councillors in order to discuss the Precept and other financial matters.

**The owners of The Lord Nelson** attended the meeting and wished to make a complaint which is detailed below. The following is an extract from the minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting 12/5/15 and recently posted on the Bradenham Parish Website.

“Clayland Homes – C.Allhusen spoke to Dave Wilson at Breckland regarding the uncompleted footpath, flashing signs and road widening. The delay is due to the new home that Ed Sorrell is building and also by Mrs Sue Smith at the pub. Clayland have in other areas not always completed items that were included in the original applications. Hopefully this will not happen on this occasion. C.Carter will speak to planning.” Ends

The Lord Nelson’s understanding is that the Parish Council has been informed by Mr Wilson that Mrs Sue Smith’s only connection to the road widening and footpath is, along with various others that have not been mentioned here, to sign the S278 agreement when it is presented and that he did not in any way state she was delaying the works. We are at present, still waiting to be informed when the S278 will be ready for signing.

Mrs Sue Smith said that the long term members of the Parish Council will be fully aware since work commenced on the Hale Road development the delay in the provision of the road widening and pathway has been an emotional issue with a fair number of villagers. Many of whom have serious concerns over the safety of this piece of road and have personally experienced difficulties when either walking or driving past the pub. Therefore, it will be no surprise to them that this misinformation back lashes in her direction and not the Parish Council’s. We are concerned about the possible ‘knock on’ effect that this could have on her business. She added that people that are annoyed with you don’t tend to spend their money at your establishment. She felt that the delay was due to Clayland and Mr Ed Sorrell’s new build.

C.Allhusen stated that he could not remember exactly what was said at the previous meeting but the way it was written could have been construed to suggest that Mr Wilson was blaming the delay in the construction of the footpath, by Clayland Homes, partially on Mrs Sue Smith. This was not the intention of the minutes, It was agreed that an apology would go into The Mardle.

Mrs Sue Smith also asked, which PC or resident commented regarding the windbreaker they have built. Breckland came to inspect the structure and have yet to advise us if planning is required. She had to cancel events and this has been costly. C.Allhusen commented that he could not recall who ask but Charles Carter (District Councillor) was asked to look into it and he would have spoken to planning.

Mrs Sue Smith asked why the Clerk was not paid? She suggested this may mean that the Clerk would not be covered by PC insurance. The Clerk explained that it was her decision not to be paid, although she does claim for expenses. The Clerk will look into this.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

C.Allhusen suggested that we should have a public session at the beginning of each meeting for approx. 20 minutes. All PC members agreed.

**Planting** – Pam Walker reported that the note in the Mardle to recruit helpers for planting has gone well. Application for planting on the triangle has been applied for, however, permission has not yet received. Pam needs to order the plants should she include the triangle? Before and after photographs will be taken of all areas. Pam handed out a list of the plants needed and the approx costs. It was agreed by the PC that all plants for all the areas should be ordered and the invoice should be sent to the Clerk for payment.

**Ecotricity**- has withdrawn their appeal to the High court judgement upholding Brecklands refusal of P.P.

A rumour fuelled by the EDP is that Ecotricity is going to apply for a Solar Farm. However, this could be a ploy and they might resubmit in 2 years’ time with a community turbine scheme, which is encouraged by Government policy.

If we wanted to ‘close the back door on this’ a suggestion is to form a ‘Parish Development Plan’ to indicate what and where would be acceptable and encouraged or discouraged.

At the moment planning is governed by the ‘Village Boundaries’ and outside of that by Brecklands planning policies. Bearing in mind that all decisions are ultimately judged by the Secretary of State through appeals, whatever we do needs to be robust.

The Chairman felt this did need further discussion at a future meeting. We would like to thank all those that worked and fought so hard against the applications.

**Benches for Green** – P.Jarvis – 10 benches have been ordered and paid for. They should be delivered in the next couple of weeks to Bradenham Hall Farms. One of the benches will be installed in St Andrews Churchyard..

**Village Green Ditches** – Paul Jarvis advised that TTSR may do the work but at present we need a dry period and then the work can commence.

The Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Complaint Procedures were discussed and a copy of each was handed out to all of the PC. The Breckland Code of Conduct was adopted and signed by the Parish back in July 2012. It was agreed that the Standing Orders should be read by each member and then approved and signed at the next meeting. Both agreements will go onto the PC website.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Crime Stats**- The following crimes have been reported to the Police in the month of May- Lead stolen from the roof of St Marys. It seems this is the third time this as happened.

**Zurich Insurance** – The playground inspection report was received and the following comments were made:-

Fenced play area- One of the swing seats is damage but remains serviceable.

Outside play area- One of the supports to the climbing frame is corroded and needs renewing. Suitable impact absorbing safety surface is recommend. Both sets of swings need suitable impact absorbing surface installed. C.Allhusen will look into this matter.

Letter received from Zurich regarding the settlement involved in the court case regarding Miss H Spalding.

Total cost £23262. The majority of the funds went to the claimants solicitors.

**Broadband** – A new communications cabinet (reference Shipdham PCP 2) is to be installed on the verge in front of Green Farm, Church Street, Bradenham, in the near future to serve residents & businesses in the immediate surrounding area. People can check to see which cabinet they are served from and the available speeds, using this link: <https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm> Please note, the cabinet (reference Shipdham PCP 2) will only appear on the website once implementation is complete. When operational, residents will need to contact an Internet Service Provider (ISP) of their choice in order to upgrade their broadband package. A detailed planning survey and design work will begin this autumn.

**Email from resident Ms Anita Fortes** - The Lane (High Green) is increasingly being used by dog walkers and there is regularly dog mess on the road and verges. Is there something that can be done, as there are no signs or bins? The Clerk will email Ms Fortes and advise that this is something the PC will look into and they will have to approach the land owners on High Green to seek permission as there is no public footpath for the sign or the bins to go on.

## PLANNING

**APPLICATION:-** Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installation by Mr Edward Raker  
Huntingfield Farm, Mill Street - **No Objection – comments**

Mr Welton's objected on the grounds that the additional panels advance up the slope in front of the existing panel increasing the collective height, as view from Church Street, and would obscure views of the valley bottom.

Mr Welton also felt the procedure dealing with planning objections by councillors should be different.

This would be discussed in any other business.

Proposed office extension by W C Littleproud & Son Hale Road – **No Objection**

**APPROVAL:-** Proposed office extension by W C Littleproud & Son Hale Road – **No Objection**

## FINANCE:-

Opening Balance

**£18955.68**

### Expenditure

T T S R Grass Cutting	2011.96
Banks Pottery-Crockery	1283.65
For Village Hall Kitchen	
Donation for Village Hall	2500.00
BMS 10x Bench for Green	3105.00
Breckland-Uncontested	75.00
Election	
The Verderers-Tree (Green)	34.80 *

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£ 9010.41

### Income

P.Bradley – Tree Donations	174.00
Bradenham Charity- Donation	1069.71
towards Crockery	
Interest	11.10

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£ 1254.81

### Balance

**£11200.08**

\*Last minutes should have read £208.80 in error read £174.00. The payment made to The Verderers was £208.80.

It was confirmed that all cheques written out in the last quarter were agreed by the Parish Council.

C.Allhusen reported that the PC agreed a few years ago to help support the Village Hall by funding certain repairs etc.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The PC wanted to thank Mr Oliver Deeming for dealing with two wasps nest in the hedges on the green at his cost.

**Julian Reading** reported that the muck heap at Leys Farm has now been moved onto a temporary site on the east side of the lane which is much better for the residents living nearby. Charles Carter was looking into this but had not reported back.

### Planning

All agreed that any applications for Planning Permission received by the Parish Clerk will be dealt with as follows –

1. Any application for planning permission, received by the Clerk, will be forwarded to all Councillors by e-mail, giving a date, ten days hence, by which comments should be returned to the Clerk. Councillors should indicate/vote whether they approve, object or wish to abstain from a decision. Councillors should also be reminded to add any “personal” comments through Breckland’s website portal and not via the planning email that is sent to them. In addition, Councillors should be reminded that, should they feel that they may need to refer this to other potential interested parties or Parishioners, now is the time to do that.
2. Initial comments are received by the Clerk from Councillors.
3. If the votes received from Councillors are unanimous, the Clerk should report this back to Breckland, with any appropriate comments, and go to item 6.
4. If the votes from Councillors are not unanimous, the Clerk should e-mail all Councillors with the votes received, together with any comments the Clerk intends to give to Breckland, from either the yes, no’s or abstentions, and ask Councillors for any further comments within seven days.
5. Upon receipt of any further comments, the Clerk can then either officially comment on the application to Breckland or refer it back to Councillors for further discussion, or forward it to the next Parish Council meeting. This may entail asking Breckland for an extension.
6. The Clerk should e-mail Councillors with details of action he/she has taken.

It would be helpful if the Parish Clerk and all Councillors used the “reply to all” on e-mails when responding to items relating to planning applications.

**NEXT MEETING Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Meeting Ended: 8.55pm**