

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mr C Allhusen, Mr J Reading, Mr S Welton, Mr P Jarvis, Ms T Frost and Ms K Findlay together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Helen Crane- District Councillor and 14 residents.

APOLOGIES – Mrs L Baxter – Unwell and Edward Connolly – County Councillor

The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

The meeting was taken by the Chairman Mr C Allhusen

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare an interest in any of the following items on the agenda. Dispensation is granted to all Parish Councillors in order to discuss the Precept and other financial matters.

Helen Crane – District Councillor

At cabinet on the 9th of January members approved the endorsement of the local plan issues and documents for public consultation for 8 weeks. Cabinet granted delegated authority to the deputy chief executive, in consultation with the cabinet member for planning to make any typographical or other minor changes to the report prior to going out for public consultation. The document will contain 9 topics: Vision and objectives, Housing development, amount and location, Providing the right type of housing, The economy, The built environment, The natural environment, Climate change, Transport and Infrastructure.

The draft budget was brought to cabinet in readiness for final budget setting in February. Breckland council is proposing a balanced budget with no cuts to core services along with investment in key areas.

In February 2020 the Council invested £1million into a 3 year programme of work focusing on prevention of vulnerability in our district. As a result of the Councils innovative work in this area the NHS had confidence to commission us to deliver social prescribing services, which has seen the team support over 400 residents, and grow from 2 to a team of 4 in its first year of operation.

May Elections- A reminder to return voter registration forms for the local elections in May next year. Photo ID will be needed for the first time in England when going to vote at a polling station. Acceptable ID will be passports (UK, EEA, or Commonwealth), drivers licence (UK, EEA, or Commonwealth), older persons bus pass or Oyster 60+ card. Anyone who does not have one of these forms of ID will be able to apply for a free ID on-line or by completing a paper form.

Kings Coronation-giant screens will be installed in the districts towns to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, and like the Jubilee celebrations grants will be available for community groups of up to £500 to hold local coronation celebrations and events. Town and Parish councils can apply for a match funded grant of up to £200 to help in the purchase of flags and flagpoles to mark the event.

A new high street project called 'Meanwhile-Enterprise grant scheme' is underway. This grant scheme will offer fledgling businesses a grant of up to £10k to take on shops that are empty. The scheme is also open to businesses that are looking to relocate to a Breckland Market town.

Members have voted to approve an investment approach for the Rural England prosperity Fund, which could see the district awarded £1million to tackle some of the challenges facing Breckland's communities and businesses. Funding is expected from 23rd April onwards.

Council members have approved the adoption of five Town delivery plans which set out the 10 year vision for our district towns. Having agreed a shared vision for the next 10 years, with support from key partners, this will help strengthen Breckland's bids for external funding.

Many parishes have their own plan to help in the event of an emergency, there is an emergency planning officer at Breckland that can help if you need it.

Free weekly kerbside battery recycling has been launched. Please place batteries in a clear bag on top of your bin and they will be collected and put in a basket under the lorry body. These batteries will be responsibly disposed of and raw materials reused. The bag will be disposed of as other bags are.

None of our waste goes to land fill. I am aware of a problem at Bradenham, this was a hired lorry with no basket to contain the batteries, however they should not have been put in the bin. I picked this up with officers and SERCO. Moving forward I hope that this will not happen again.

I am pleased to have been appointed to serve on Breckland cabinet as executive member for waste, Environmental health, Environmental protection, food, health & safety, Licensing, Emergency planning and sustainability/climate change. As part of my role I was able to tour the recycling plant at Costessey and see how our recycled waste is separated. The separated waste is baled and sent for reuse mainly in this country, although cardboard at present goes to Asia. I also learnt how a single used nappy in the wrong bin can contaminate a whole load and then this has to be incinerated instead of being recycled. We will continue to engage with residents to increase our percentage of recyclable items. I have also visited the SERCO site at Watton.

Breckland carries out over 1000 inspections of food premises annually ensuring that residents and visitors to Breckland can be confident that the food they eat is safe, and hygienically prepared. Food Law enforcement is a statutory requirement for the council and cabinet has approved the food law enforcement plan. You will see food ratings on food establishment doors and windows. Level 3 is the legal compliance level and we can enforce to that level. We encourage to go above that and many of our food outlets do as this helps to encourage trade.

Public Session

Chris Allhusen congratulated Helen Crane on her appointment to serve on Breckland cabinet as executive member for waste,

Trevor Nelson asked why more 30mph signs were to be considered for the village at the last meeting. The speeding of cars in Hale Road and Church Street is very dangerous. The PC advised that they felt that there were more than adequate signs in the village and more would make no difference to the drivers that speed. Other forms of signage etc was discussed. Kim Findlay proposed that a letter of all our requests should be sent to Highways and then they can advise us on what they would consider.

Mr Fegan said that the pot holes he had mentioned at the last meeting were filled in a week later. The clerk had spoken to highways and also sent them pictures of the pot holes.

Resident asked if the Football Club was up for sale. Chris Allhusen said no. Mattishall football club were giving up their ground and were going to share with Bradenham. Also the pot holes to the entrance of the club will be repaired.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – C Allhusen is awaiting a decision

Highways – The trod footpath edging was removed because it was too high and lower edging was installed. The Clerk requested narrow signs for near the pub and Littleproud Hill. These are being processed and will be fitted soon..

Bin for Green – This has now been fitted and can be used for dog poo as well.

Bench for Pound – We have received the bench and the Clerk will contact Wil of TTSR to fit. Clerk will find out when he can come down to visit the site.

Standing orders etc – These have been reviewed by the PC and signed by the Chairman at the meeting and these will be uploaded to the website.

Green & Cricket Club – The CCTV is now up and running. 2 cameras at the Village Hall and 2 at the Cricket Club. Les Baxter and Teresa Frost have access to the footage. A sign is needed to state that CCTV is being used in both areas. Removable railing also have been considered to go the edge of the green. The Cricket Club lease is up for renewal and they have been contacted.

Play Area – Black sand is very expensive so at present some of the mats have normal coloured sand. This will be monitored to see how long it lasts in the gaps.

Food Van – The Van is not working at present. When it is up and running then Helen Crane will look into whether it can visit Bradenham

Forge Cottage – They have been seen again running extension lead etc over the drive to the Green, since the last meeting in November

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation – Les Baxter sent an email signing from the PC has from today. Due to elections coming up in May 2023, anyone interested in applying can do so in March. The PC thanked Les for all her commitment to the PC for over 4 years.

Zurich Insurance – Renewal 10th Feb - £1322.37 increased by £75.88. PC agreed to renew

Damage on Green – This was not vandalism but done by someone visiting the Village Hall and skidding on the icy grass

Play area – Paint peeling from Climbing Frame. This will be redone at a later date

BCG – Are arranging a King's Coronation event and will use the Village Hall but if other organisations were interested in joining in, could the green be used. PC states that was not a problem and Zurich Ins would cover the use for this automatically for up to 2000 residents. A risk assessment would be needed and ensure that third-party suppliers have their own Public liability Insurance. Something can be put in the Mardle and on the Hub

PLANNING

APPLICATION :- Conversion of existing barn & outbuildings into 3 dwellings at Green Farm 49 Church Street by GCF Hillier and Sons – **NO OBJECTION**

The clerk will register the PC's comments and also mention that the new homes would enhance the historic setting in a sensitive position for the benefit of our village and it will ensure that the Barns don't fall into disrepair and become an eyesore

APPROVAL :- **NONE**

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance £12372.72

Lloyds Account

Expenditure		Income	
TTSR Ltd- Grass Cutting	1104.94	Cricket Club-Rent	350.00
BMS – Bench-Mrs Rant	492.00		
Clerks Wages	190.95		
PAYE	42.80		
TTSR Ltd-Bin on Green	240.00		
FarmWatch-Camera's for Green	2554.87		
Nbb Outdoor – No Butts Bin	149.40		
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	£ 4774.96		£ 350.00

Balance £ 7947.76

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Smoking Bin for Village Hall – Now installed near the defibrillator and a light will also be installed.

NEXT MEETING AGM Tuesday 16th May 2023 7.30pm

Meeting Ended : 8.59pm