

MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL **THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2016**

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Chris Allhusen, Mr Paul Jarvis, Mr Julian Reading, Mr Denis West, Mr Steve Welton, Mr David Bonn and Mr Charles Carter (District Councillor)

Together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert and 12 residents. Apologies were received from Ms Martine Brigstock and Mr Cliff Jordan (County Councillor)

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.

PUBLIC SESSION

One of the residents present asked if the Council had been informed regarding the changes in the way the external audit will be handled from 1st April 2017. The PC need to decide if they wish to opt in (stay as now for the next five years and the auditor will be appointed by SAAA) or opt out (we would have to appoint an independent audit panel). This discussion needs to be made by 31st March 2016. The Clerk has not received any notification of this and will contact SAAA and NALC.

MATTERS ARISING

Benches for Green – P.Jarvis – Received other quotes and the difference is only about £20, so Wil Smith has been give the contract to fit the new benches on the green. This will involve resetting the concert slabs.

Village Green Ditches – Paul Jarvis advised that all the work had now been completed and the area will be seeded at a later date. The old cherry tree has also been removed from the green and we may consider a replacement in the near future,

Clerks Wages – This is still on going.

Ford – At present neither Highways or Norfolk County are interested in clearing the ford. It was agreed that Paul Jarvis would ask Wil Smith if he can do the work.

CORRESPONDENCE

Zurich Insurance – The PC also agreed to renew for a further five years. £1049.04 paid which includes the playground inspection.

Fibre Broadband – This is now available to only residents on the 01362 std and the rest of the village will receive it in 2017. All residents on 01362 will need to contact their supplier in order to connect to the fibre at a cost. A note will go into the Mardle.

Breckland Local Plan: This is a document that guides development in the District over the next 20 years. It sets out how the council will deliver its vision through the planning process and the policies against which planning applications will be assessed. Land has been put forward by residents in Bradenham for future development. We are a rural village so major development would not be possible only infill would be allowed.

Enforcement: An appeal made by Mr & Mrs A Smith regarding an enforcement notice. It appears to Breckland Council that a building/extension was erected at the pub within the last 4 years without planning permission. The appeal has now been withdrawn, Mr & Mrs Smith have no written evidence of when the building/extension was erected, but residents living nearby have confirmed the building/extension was built over 4 years ago, however, Breckland will not accept this evidence. Charles Carter said he would speak to enforcement to see if he can help solve the situation.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Rents: The PC confirmed that the rent of £350 payable by the Cricket Club for the use of the green would stay unchanged. The clerk will write to the Cricket Club confirming this. The surveyors land is no longer rented out.

NALC: All Parish Councillors agreed that we should join the Norfolk Association of Local Councils. The cost for the year is £147.23.

Street Lighting: P.Jarvis was asked by a resident why one part of the village has street lighting. It was confirmed that this lighting is only in Haggards Close and this is paid for by the housing association that owns the homes and not by Bradenham.

Clayland: Road widening, speed sign and the footpath are all now long overdue. Most of the work in Hale Road on the new homes has now been completed. There is no reason why the other work can now not begin. Parts of Hale Road are now very dangerous for pedestrians. Charles Carter will speak to planning.

PLANNING

APPLICATION:- **None**

APPROVAL:- Erection of a single storey rear extension by Mr & Mrs R Woolf
18 Hale Road Bradenham - **No Objection**

REFUSAL:- Land adjacent The Haven Daffy Green by Mr P Bush Oak Leafe
Daffy Green

Finance:-

Opening Balance **£14312.00**

Expenditure		Income	
Clerk – Sundries	93.62	Interest	8.97
		Cricket Club-Rent	350.00
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	93.62		358.97

Balance **£14577.35**

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Lord Nelson have been fund raising by holding regular quizzes for a defibrillator, the amount raised so far is approx. £600. It should cost approx £1000 but a locked cabinet with a key pad would also be required and that would be another £1000. It could be fitted to the outside wall of the village hall. Once it has be installed we can consider training etc . The PC were willing to contribute. The Lord Nelson also asked if the PC would consider, along with other village groups, entering a quiz team for a future quiz. This will be put onto the next agenda

NEXT MEETING Thursday 12th May 2016 – Open Meeting and AGM

Meeting Ended: 8.45pm