

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mr J Reading, Mr S Welton, Mr P Jarvis, Mrs L Baxter and Ms T Frost together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Helen Crane- District Councillor and 10 residents.

APOLOGIES – Chris Allhusen – Work and Edward Connolly – County Councillor

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

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

The inspiring communities programme continues to support The food bus and it is proving to be valuable in the current climate of pressures on food and fuel. The mobile food store now has 296 member households, serving over 900 beneficiaries and through this service over £5,000 of free groceries has been provided to members. We are using this service as a way to identify those in our community who are most in need, with 380 cases being referred on to information, guidance and services that they need. The food bus is open to everyone, and even if it doesn't come to your village there is opportunity to use it in another village. If Bradenham feels at anytime they would like me to investigate the possibility of it coming here please let me know.

Only 11 Councils have distributed the £150 rebate on behalf of the government, 5 of those including Breckland are under the umbrella of ARP (Anglia revenues Partnership).

The Council has made the finals in two award categories of the Association for Public Service awards. The Worksmart Project for the best workforce initiative and secondly The Elm House project at Thetford, temporary accommodation, for Best housing, regeneration or New Build initiative category.

I am pleased to inform that our 5 year housing land supply figure stands at 5.5 years.

Nutrient neutrality will continue to cause problems with all planning authorities in Norfolk. The nutrient neutrality calculator for Norfolk has been allowed by Natural England and can be used by developers if they wish or they can use the Natural England one.

I continue to work on the design code for the local plan with officers at Breckland. There will be opportunities for public engagement.

Review of potential housing sites is underway after the call for sites process. The call for sites has been extended until 1st December to ensure the maximum number of sites possible are considered. This includes residential sites, commercial sites and green spaces. The sites are on the website, but these sites are for consideration only and will be put through a rigorous filtering process. A new website has been launched called 'common place'. Residents can sign up to Common place and receive updates and be able to comment on sites

Breckland Council is investing 1.6 million to provide emergency housing for homeless residents. The money will be used to purchase up to 11 homes in the district. These houses will provide short term homes whilst suitable accommodation can be found.

More than £324k will be invested in projects in Breckland to help tackle health inequalities, particularly those exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Awards have been given to Norfolk Libraries, Active Norfolk, The Charles Burrell centre, the GYROS charity, Menscraft and Norfolk and Waveney integrated care board which will deliver a support worker for Watton, and Creative Arts East.

A reminder to check voter register details and return or complete on line.

The newly refurbished Queen Mother's garden has been opened in Dereham. I was pleased to support a community grant for the refurbishment of the toilets and access to the club house at Bradenham cricket club with a match funded sum of nearly £5 thousand pounds.

Public Session

Resident asked if anything had happened regarding the debris etc on the footpath of School Road. The Clerk did speak to the owners of the land and they have no intention of installing a fence. The PC stated that they do not legally need to do this. We will just keep monitoring the situation and ask the Rangers to regularly clear the area.

Resident comments that back in September Highway men had marked out all the potholes in Southend but since then no further work has been carried out. Clerk will go onto the Highways site to report the situation.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Wells for organising the litter pick and for all their hard work to make the village look so well cared for.

Resident stated that on the Breckland website the local plan mentions 4 pieces of land that could be used for development in Bradenham. Helen Crane advised that the land could be considered but the landowner would have to agree to sell. It is also possible for residents to make comments on the website

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – C Allhusen is awaiting a letter from the Secretary of State.

Highways - The PC would like to thank Edward Connolly for arranged the bollards on Hale Road, hopefully this will stop lorries climbing the kerb.

Email from Trevor Nelson was discussed. The PC thanked Trevor and his team for speed watch. More 30mph signs would not help but the clerk will contact Ed Connolly regarding 'narrow road' signs for near Lord Nelson and at the bottom and top of Littleproud Hill.

Speed Bin Signs – No new sales.

Bin for Green – Ordered and received. TTSR to fit this month.

Bench for Pound – T Frost will contact Mrs Rant again.

Standing orders etc – These have not been reviewed and need to be done asap. PC will look at them before the next meeting.

Hedge on Mill St – This has now been cut back.

Damage on Green – No decision has yet been made regarding cameras etc

Trees for Queens Jubilee – J Reading thanks P Jarvis for helping him water the trees. They have been watered 26 times and we have used 150 litres of water per tree each visit. The Norway Maple is still not doing well but hopefully it will perk up by spring.

Play Area – T Frost spoke to Tufts regarding the black sand, there are a few varieties and the sand may transfer colour onto clothes etc. It would just be best to buy plain sand. T Frost will send links to the clerk for the black sand.

CORRESPONDENCE

Precept – This was discussed and the PC agreed to keep it at the same level as last year, which was £8000. Parish Council election will be held next May 2023

Dog Bin request - Email received from Ms Izzard asking if a dog bin could be put at High Green. This was requested a couple of years ago and Highways and Serco both refused, claiming that the road was too narrow and they would not install bins on private land. Dog poo can be bagged and put into the green bin at the Church. The Clerk will ask again for a bin and also ask Mrs McMullen if we can put a sticker on the bin at the church.

Warm Spaces at Village Hall – Residents would still have to leave their heating on at home. The village hall is used most days and all groups that use the hall would be happy to welcome residents, if they need company, a hot drink or just to keep warm.

PLANNING

APPLICATION :- None
APPROVAL:- None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROJECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

All the rents, wages have been reviewed and it was decided to keep the rents the same but the clerks wages will be increased by 10% from today.

Balance carried forward from last year **£9333.35**

RECEIPTS

Precept	8000.00
PCC Grass Cutting Fee	890.00
Interest	0.47
VAT Refund	2866.02
Cricket Club – Fees	350.00
Bradenham Charity – Donation	2173.00

PAYMENTS

Village Hall-Rent	55.00
T T S R-Grass Cutting	3683.12
Zurich Insurance	975.00
Glasdon – 2 x Bin	686.16
Clerk Wages	696.00
PAYE	154.00
Playarea Inspection	250.00
Community Heartbeat Pads	46.00
Bradenham Hall Farm - Footpath	368.00
Ward Signs – Jubilee Trees	100.00
Defib with Cabinet Football Pitch	2173.00
T T S R – Bench & Bin Fitting	650.00
Tufts – Cement & parts	220.69
Karl Hagan – Bench & Bin	1735.17
BMS – Bench for Pound	410.00
Camera System for Green	2083.93
VAT	2318.30

£ 14279.49

£ 16604.44

This will leave us an approximate balance at the end of March 2023 of **£7008.37**

We are allowed to donate £8.82 per resident (590) per year £5203.80

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance £7235.37

Lloyds Account

Expenditure

TTSR Ltd- Grass cutting	1104.94
Glasdon – Bin	411.70
Clerks Wages	173.90
PAYE	38.60

£ 1729.14

Income

Precept	4000.00
VAT – Refund	2866.02
Interest	0.47

£ 6866.49

Balance £ 12372.72

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

T.Frost asked if Helen Crane could ask if the Food Van could visit Bradenham. The village hall is normally open for 2 hours on Tuesday .Helen will contact Kickstart.

T.Frost commented that the owners of the Forge Cottage have been running extension leads & hose pipes etc over the entrance of the village hall carpark to clean cars on the green. Healthy and safety risks are a concern. The Clerk will speak to the Chairman.

They have also used the village hall bin for their rubbish in the past. Helen Crane said that this can be classed as fly tipping.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 7th February 2023

Meeting Ended : 8.45pm