

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 in the Village Hall.

Mr C Allhusen, Mr J Reading, Ms T Frost, Steven Parker, Lisa Johnstone and Michael Bell with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Pete Bate (District Councillors) plus 6 Residents.

APOLOGIES – Ed Connolly (County Councillor) & Helen Crane- District Councillor

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interest in the following items on the agenda.

Dispensation is granted to all Parish Councillors in order to discuss the Precept and other financial matters.

PUBLIC SESSION

A resident ask if action could be taking regarding the flooding near Daffy Green. The water does get very high and small cars should avoid the area. Chris Allhusen will email the owners of the land – Mr Hill and Mr Salmon and if they can unblock the ditches etc.

Blockage also in Southend. Chris will have a look and dig out.

Resident asked if a diversion sign could be added before the ford, so when it floods car drivers can avoid getting struck. The PC agreed that would not be possible. A resident mentioned that highways have installed a new sign at School Road regarding the Ford.

Chris read out the report Helen Crane sent via email

At Cabinet on Monday 27th November it was resolved to approve the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for those on a low income, whilst maintaining the principal that everyone contributes at least a small amount to council tax. I would like to make residents aware of this fund that is available for those residents that are in financial hardship. The scheme will be maintained for year

At cabinet 8th January the draft budget for medium and long term planning was presented ahead of the final budget setting in February.

The final quarter of the household support fund has now begun. The remaining funds are for the January to March 2024 period. The fund is there to support residents unable to afford essential costs, which could include utilities, food, housing related costs and other essential costs such as clothing and the purchase of fridges and ovens. If there is a resident who is in need and gives consent I can make a referral.

I was very pleased to be able to plant the first tree, an Oak at Oxburgh Hall. 2400 trees will be planted by volunteers. This is a joint project, with the National Trust providing the land and Breckland Council the trees. D-Day 80 grants to commemorate 80 years since the D-Day landings have been made available and are similar to those we ran for the Jubilee and coronation and a further one for beacons.

The person of interest page is now live on the Breckland website, located under 'My Environment' section. There will be new fixed penalties for environmental crime which includes fly-tipping and littering. The persons of interest page will show photos of offenders that we can identify as having committed a crime but we have no name to put to the face. We are asking for residents help in identifying these people. Alongside this is the new deployable mobile camera policy which was approved at cabinet on 12th February. 10 cameras will be used in hotspots and where required to gain information needed regarding fly-tipping, littering and other anti-social behaviour.

Inspiring communities part 2 has been launched. Over 1 million £ will be used over 3 years to support our most vulnerable residents. To date support has been given to over 1,000 survivors of domestic abuse, helped 2,000 people access low cost food, trained 300 mental health champions. Over the next 3 years this money will also help enhance the social prescribing service which has been successful, working with GP surgeries.

Peter Bate – District Councillor

As part of the council meeting on 22nd February, the budget was voted on.

The opposition suggested an amendment which could continue the household support fund for struggling families. The funding for this is being withdrawn by the government. The ruling party argued that they were already doing this and that using our own funds would inhibit government help and they voted against it.

The opposition also suggested an amendment that would create a food waste reduction campaign. The ruling party felt that the government might fund it and voted against it.

The vote on the budget was supported by the independent and green group and opposed by Labour.

MATTERS ARISING

Highways – The Clerk reported two pot holes online. The one on School Road will be repaired in approx. 6 weeks. The one on Squire Oak will be monitored

Speed Signs – One of the poles need moving. Highways have agreed to let us do this. TTSR are accredit to work on the highway. The PC ask Michael Bell and Phil Hayward to advise the Clerk of where it needs to be installed

Cricket Club Lease – This is all prepared. The Clerk will order a seal with the parish's name, which is needed for the lease. The seal will also be used one the new Bylaws and a copy will be given to each PC, original to the Clerk and also be published on the back page of the Mardle

TTSR – Have completed the work on the green. Removing leaves and cutting off lower branches from the trees. The green looks very tidy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Highways – See public session above

Dereham Cancer Care Letter – Donation request – PC agreed not to donate

BCG – Will hold a Picnic on the green in July/August. Risk assessment required. Zurich are happy to cover the function at no extra cost

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Playford – Cars for sale have been parked on the pavement again. The Clerk will email the County Council and the Police

Ditch Issues – on High Green near Church Street. Julian took picture of the water, the Clerk reported this to Highways. No response from them yet.

PC Website – The original developer no longer supports the site. At present it cannot be updated. The Clerk has found a new developer Ever Web at £25 (one off fee). We should be back online in a couple of weeks.

The Village Sign – Michael Bell advise the PC that the gibbet was missing from the village sign. Having looked into this he has ask David Bohn if he would arrange for two gibbets to be made to the correct size. The PC agreed. It was also commented that we were the last place in Norfolk to have a hanging.

The Lord Nelson Pub – Asset of Community Value will expire on 4th April 2024. Last time the Bradenham Community Group applied. The PC agreed that they would do it this time. The Clerk will look into which forms need completing and when the day expires of the previous ACV

PLANNING

APPLICATION :- Proposed removal of existing side extension and construction of new single storey side extension and detached garage Manor Farm **No Objection**

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Listed Building Consent No Objection

APPROVAL :- Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic & erection of wood store, garage, carport and store at Squires Oak West End by Miss Lydia Raven. **OBJECTION**

APPEAL :- Proposed Dwelling by Mr Shaun Mower Garden Lane number 3 – **REFUSED**

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance £10644.92

Lloyds Account

Expenditure

TTSR Ltd- Trees work on Green	480.00
Clerk Wages	209.52
PAYE	47.60
ICO Data Protection	30.00
Zurich Insurance & Inspection	1167.92
Wickstead – Paints	443.69
TTSR Ltd – Grit Bin- Mill Hill	240.00
EDP – Public Notice	565.09

£ 3183.82

Income

Cricket Club	350.00
30mph Signs	10.00

£ 360.00

Balance £ 7821.10

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 14TH May 2024 Meeting Ended: 8.30pm