

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mr C Allhusen, Mr J Reading, Ms K Findlay and Ms T Frost with Helen Crane and Tim Birt– District Councillor, the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert and 5 other attendees

APOLOGIES –Les Baxter and Steve Welton– Unwell, Paul Jarvis – work commitments and Edward Connolly – County Councillor

The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the 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.

None declared

Helen Crane – District Councillor

Breckland Councils Cabinet has agreed to submit an investment plan for the UK shared prosperity fund, which if approved by the Government would see over £1.6 million national funding brought into the district as part of the levelling up programme. The investment programme would see the money spent on: Investing in skills, particularly for the vulnerable and for people looking to build a career in high growth sectors. Furthering the council's inspiring communities programme. Helping businesses to reduce their costs and their carbon footprint. Helping businesses grow and investing in town centre amenities.

At cabinet on 25th July it was agreed to publish the local plan partial review and invite representations over a 6 week period (reg 19). The statement of community involvement was approved as part of the plan making process. The character assessment of Breckland is now complete and we start work on the design code. As executive support for planning I am working alongside members and officers to produce a guide that will raise the bar for housing development and give a nod to Breckland Characteristics.

The results of the call for sites process will be published on the council's website. It should be noted that these are sites for consideration only and each will go through a process of suitability. Parish Councils and district councillors will be informed of sites put forward in their ward villages.

Nutrient neutrality-some 80 planning applications involving 770 dwellings in Breckland are on hold. There is impact on the greater Norwich Local plan and the North Norfolk plan. Local authorities including Breckland have lobbied government detailing economic and social issues arising from this advice and the lack of support to address those issues, especially around the provision of mitigation to allow applications to start to be determined. The Norfolk authorities are continuing to work together and have a consistent approach to the determination of planning applications. A Norfolk Nutrient Neutrality group, using government funding, has appointed Royal Haskoning, who have created a nutrient calculator specific to Norfolk which reduces the nutrient burden on development, refined river maps with outlet information and a risk based map.

Breckland Council has received a gold award for armed forces support-The gold employer scheme was received in recognition of the Council's work, offering a high level of support to members of the armed forces.

Breckland Councils website is now ranked 9th out of 440 councils a sharp leap from 343rd 2 years ago.

Tim Birt - District Councillor

Cabinet Public Questions

Public Q at Cabinet on 19 September in the Carnegie Rooms, Cage Lane, Thetford IP24 2EA
This is an opportunity for anyone to ask questions of Cabinet. I plan to attend, so if you are unable and would like a question posed, I am happy to do so.

Local Plan

The call for sites is closed and the Council has received more than sufficient potential housing development to cover its requirement over the plan period (subject to central Govt not moving the goal-post), so it will be a matter of which are suitable and can go into the plan.
The 'Nutrient Neutrality' regulation might mean development is biased away from the Wensum area.

All Members had a private briefing 8 July where some lists were presented and that information should have been published by now on the Council web-site but late last week we got a message:

"Unfortunately, there has been an exceptional amount of manual work required to meet all of our accessibility requirements for publishing the Call for sites documents. This has proven particularly complicated ...No date given, just "as soon as possible". I checked the web-site at 18:00 and it still says "Submissions will be made public in due course".

ICO – Barnham Broom

I have been pursuing this 'test case' for 18 months and the Decision Notice has been published by the ICO, it can be found at https://icosearch.ico.org.uk/s/search.html?query=IC-114973-F7D3&collection=ico-meta&profile=_default or I can send you a hard copy.

Breckland Council have breached FOI_5(1) and Environmental Information Regulations_(14), they failed to demonstrate an exception in 12(5)e. The Council have been ordered to publish the information I requested, but have 28 days to take the decision to tribunal.

I was blocked from asking a question at Full Council on 7 July because Breckland were taking the opinion of a barrister. We have no idea what that advice says but Breckland are going to Tribunal, which effectively delays everything considerably. Considering that the Nolan principle of openness is crystal clear, is fighting to hide information proper use of public money?

Public Session

Mrs Dewing attended the meeting on behalf of the Cricket Club and asked what action could the PC and the Cricket Club take regarding the vehicle damage to the green by unknown drivers at night. The PC have met PC Austin Clarke and several methods were discussed.
Paul Jarvis has spoken to Farmwatch and we have received a quote for cameras approx. £2500.00. two cameras would be needed and Wifi. Chris will speak to Farmwatch. The PC also agree to fund the project and the Cricket Club offered to make a donation .
The PC thanked the Cricket Club for repairing the damage.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – Still on going, last email I received from them did go direct to junk, so I'm afraid I didn't notice it until recently. They have requested a report, which I will prepare.

Clayland Footpath – Both parts of the paths are completed. Highways will take over the maintenance. Helen Crane reported that the residents of Admiral Close are planning to have a meeting at the Village Hall regarding this. Paul Jarvis mentioned to the Clerk that heavy lorries have been climbing the new trod path. The PC will monitor this and discuss again.

Speed Bin Signs – No more sales. It was also decided that the full page advert in the Mardle will be removed and a smaller version will go in now and then.

Benches and Bins– These are now fitted and the ones on the Ford look good

Picnic Table – This was also fitted in time for the Queen's Jubilee. The rough edges was sorted out by the supplier.

Standing Orders, Code of Conduct & Complaints – These still have not been looked at. The PC asked the Clerk to approach Steve Welton to see if he would look over the Complaint Procedure, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct and see if he thinks we need to change anything.

Register for GDPR – We do not store any details, so do not need to do this.

Hedge on Mill Street – Due to birds nesting, this is being tackled in September.

OTHER MATTERS

Damage on Green Police ref 36/52325/22 - Already discussed at Open Session

Jubilee Trees – The Norway Maples leaves are dying. Julian has spoken to Barcham and they recommended watering and changing the mulch. PC decided to leave it until the Spring

Bin on green near notice board – This needs to be replaced and we could also remove the dog bin. The new topsy bin can be used for rubbish and dog poo.

Bench for Pound – Mrs Pauline Rant approach Teresa Frost to ask if the family could place a bench on the pound in Church Street dedicate to her late husband Colin. The PC agreed this would be okay. Teresa will speak to Mrs Rant, if agreed the Clerk would order one to match the existing benches. The family would pay for the bench and the PC would pay for the installation.. It would also be an idea to grow some wild flowers around the area.

Defib for Bowls Club – This will shortly be fitted to the Football club wall. Thank you to the Bowls Club and the PC.

Inter Village Meeting Shipdham Road Network new date 10am 19th August – Steve Welton is not sure if he will be able to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

Audit Exemption approved – The exemption certification was approved and there is no fee to pay.

Nationwide Bank Account – Letter received stating that the account will now be closed. The Clerk advised that all the Parish money had already been moved to Lloyds Bank. Chris Allhusen signed the letter for the closure of the Treasurers account.

Zurich Insurance Play Equipment Report – The inspection took place on 20th July 2022. The following items were mentioned. Gaps between the safety tiles should be sealed. The gate latches do not align and the gates should both open outwards. Both seats on the large swings are beginning to perish and should be renewed. The provision of a suitable impact absorbing safety surface is recommended. These will be looked into. Black sand for the gaps will be considered. We have noticed that paint is flaking off some of the repainted play equipment. Les Baxter will be discussing this with Kevin Sadd on Saturday who did the painting to see what is causing the issue. The paint used was purchased from Wicksteed who originally supplied the equipment.

PLANNING

APPLICATION :- None

APPROVAL :- The Extension of A Mansard Roofed Steel Framed Barn To Provide Additional Storage – Manor Farm – RW Hall Farms

Variation of condition No2 on 3PL/2021/0893/F – Amended plans – Top Farm New Lane – S E Salmon Ltd

REFUSED:- Conversion of existing barn and outbuildings into 3no. dwellings
Green Farm (49 Church Street) Church Street GCF Hillier and Sons-
The PC were very surprise about the decision made by Breckland and Julian will inform

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance	£12559.72	Nationwide - £0.47	Lloyd - £12559.25
Expenditure		Income	
		Interest	0.47
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	£ 0.00		£ 0.47

Balance **£ 0.47 TRANSFERRED TO LLOYDS**

Lloyds Account £12559.25

Expenditure		Income	
TTSR Grass – 2xInvoices	2209.88	Bradenham charity	2173.00
Tufts – 2xInvoices	264.83	Nationwide	0.47
Heartbeat pads	55.20		
Defib-Bowls Club	2607.60		
Karl Hagan – 2xInvoices	1735.17		
Glasdon – Bin	411.70		
Clerk Wages	174.10		
PAYE	38.40		
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	£7496.88		£2173.47

Balance **£ 7235.37**

Any Other Business

Stump – The resident that asked about the stump on the green, was not present, but the PC discussed. It would be interesting to hear about all the owls etc that nest in the stump. We have no plans to remove the stump at present, unless it becomes under safe.

Diana MacMullen's email was read out regarding using the hall for winter warm space. Many in our community will be facing real hardship this winter, particularly with rising fuel costs. The idea that we set up a warm space in the Village Hall, perhaps two or three times a week from say 10.30 until 2 pm to cover coffee and a very simple bowl of soup. I believe that there will be people in the village that will step forward as volunteers to help run it.

The PC felt that at present this was not needed, but would speak to Les Baxter to see what the retirement Club and the Coffee Morning Club thought. We should revisit this later in the year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2022 – 7.30pm