

MINUTES OF BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 8TH December – 7.30pm in Village Hall

All Covi19 rules were followed, names and addresses of all who attended were taken.

Mr C Allhusen, Mr J Reading, Mr S Welton, Ms M Brigstock, Mrs L Baxter Ms T Frost and Ms K Findlay together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Tim Birt (District Council) plus 1 resident

APOLOGIES – Ed Connolly – County Councillor and Helen Crane – District Councillor

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any 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.

Julian Reading declared an interest in one of the planning applications.

PUBLIC SESSION -

Report read out from Helen Crane – District Councillor

Breckland Council have launched a second confidence campaign for our Market Towns. Enjoy, Discover & Explore. Please be encouraged to shop in our local high streets in safety. The Council is trailing an evening support service via dedicated telephone appointments to support residents who need help in completing online applications and forms outside office hours, Mon-Friday until 8.30pm until the end of December. Residents can book their telephone call appointment on 01362 656870.

£1 million has been distributed in LSRG (local restriction support grants) to businesses during the latest restrictions. Further funding is available. The Council has written to more than 1400 businesses that are eligible, encouraging them to apply.

The Council is asking residents to use public bins correctly and not dump their household rubbish in or next to them, as this constitutes fly tipping. The Council will investigate and fine and has done so. Breckland Leisure centres have reopened to the public.

Residents are asked not to use sky lanterns over the Christmas and New year period. The release of both these and fireworks are banned on all council owned land. There has been an Avian flu outbreak in Breckland and there is guidance on restrictions, movement and housing of all poultry.

A fixed term Environment and Climate change officer has been appointed to help with Brecklands Sustainability strategy since announcing a climate emergency in 2019. The Council is no longer using the district valuer. A private company that does work only for councils is going to do valuations for planning purposes. I hope this will give much more confidence to residents regarding valuations that are done when S106 obligations are removed or affordable housing lowered. The planning committee had a training session with the company and I am confident as a member of the planning committee that this is a real improvement.

Housing land supply figures-the 5 year housing land supply stands at 6.95 years. The details of how this is calculated are on the agenda of the Overview and scrutiny meeting 3rd December 2020.

Report read out from Ed Connolly – County Councillor

I thought it would be good to end the year on some good news from Norfolk County Council and keep you up to date with what's happening throughout Norfolk. Whilst Covid-19 is playing a considerable role in everything NCC is involved with, I wanted to highlight the other important things NCC is doing across the County. I will of course continue to send the weekly updates via email to Dee and Chris.

Norfolk County Council and Beryl extend free ride initiative to help essential journeys

Norfolk County Council and Norwich's micro mobility provider Beryl have bolstered and extended their free ride initiative to keep the city moving during the pandemic.

Having commenced in November, Norfolk County Council and Beryl offer 30 minutes free on Beryl pedal bikes and 15 minutes free on the Beryl e-Bikes between 7.30-9.30am as well as 3-4.30pm. The extension of this initiative will allow students and essential workers to continue traveling in a safe and sustainable way. Hundreds of Beryl Bikes have been hired out each week since the beginning of the free-ride initiative in mid-September, and it's hoped the extension will inspire those across the city to take part in Norwich's green recovery, that will also help to ease the burden on other public transport.

Household hazardous waste drop off events during September and October across Norfolk

A series of free drop off days took place to allow people to dispose of hazardous waste at some of Norfolk's recycling centres.

Search for creative names launched as seven new high-tech gritters prepare to keep Norfolk's roads safe this winter

Seven new high-tech gritting vehicles will be helping keep Norfolk's roads safe this winter, and Norfolk County Council has launched a competition to find seven creative names from Norfolk school children. The seven new vehicles are being rolled out this winter as part of Norfolk County Council's plans to update and replace its fleet of gritters. Over the winter months Norse highways crews are available every day to grit 49 routes that cover more than 2,200 treated miles across Norfolk.

Tim Birt – District Councillor

Due to avian flu on 14th all chickens will have to be kept indoors or netted away from wild birds.

Breckland are offering discretionary grants (aimed at those who have fallen through the gaps in the national support schemes). I will forward on the information so it can go into the village magazine etc.

The council needs to find saving of 1 million. The budget will be looked at in January 2021.

The small assets (building) owned by Breckland are doing ok at present and surviving better than the large business. Helen's email has said most of what I would say.

MATTERS ARISING

Grass Contract – TTRS's contract will be coming to an end at the end of this year.

The Clerk will send out tenders and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Speed Sign for Bins – These are selling slowly, we will continue advertising them in the Mardle and always advise residents that they can be positioned elsewhere. Sales so far are £145.00.

Gate Speed Signs – Application completed, we will find out in March 2021 if successful.

Highways including Church Street – Les Baxter and Steve Welton met with Darren Walmsley (Senior Technician Highway Projects Design Team) in October regarding the work carried out on the pavement earlier in the year. The pavement does have some issues and it was decided that Darren would have discussions with their contractor and their surfacing contractor to establish when this issue can be resolved. We have not received any further news, the clerk will email Darren Walmsley.

Footpath – Clayland – An email received from Helen Crane 10th November - NCC have removed the maintenance fee they had put into the S278 agreement and refunded some of the fee back to Clayland, so we have made significant progress in getting this back to looking deliverable. Since then it has gone quiet.

Village Green Bylaws – C.Allhusen has started work on these and will report further at next meeting.

Bank Account – No News from Nationwide re closure of account. Lloyds and other banks are still not opening small business/Parish accounts due to Covid.

CORRESPONDENCE

Precept – It was discussed and decided that we would keep it at £8000.00. The precept has not been raised since January 2009.

Bench for New Lane – The bench is now in a poor condition and was donated years ago in memory of Elsie in Feb 1984. The PC will replace the bench with a plastic to match the ones on the green. The cost is around £360 including delivery and installation would be extra. The Clerk will arrange this is in the New Year.

Tree and Ditch on Green – The tree has been dealt with and we have only had one resident volunteer to clear the ditch. This will be looked at again in the spring.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Archivist Computer – A lockable cupboard upstairs in the Village Hall has been allocated to the archives. The issue is the computer and where to keep it. Les will speak to Alan Green the archivist.

PLANNING

APPLICATION:- Bungalow The Pightle by Reverend Jane Atkins – **No Objection**

Proposed single storey dwelling and detached garage by Mr & Mrs Bush Oak Leaf, Daffy Green – **No Objection**

First floor rear extension by Mr & Mrs Yeoman 10 Hale Road – **No Objection**

Re-roofing the south aisle and the north porch west roof slopes in lead, improvements to the rainwater gullies, repainting rainwater goods, internal wall decorations. St Marys Church – **No Objection**

Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2020/0823/F - Increase in overall width of property by 1000 mm to increase the utility room to 2700 mm width; Proposing a sunroom to the rear elevation of the proposal and reposition the dwelling by 2500 mm in a northerly direction, by Mr & Mrs Bush Oak Leaf Daffy Green – **No Objection**

Single storey garden room, to side of dwelling by Julian Reading 1 Leys Farm Cottages – **No Objection**

APPROVAL:- Proposed single storey dwelling and detached garage by Mr & Mrs Bush Oak Leaf, Daffy Green – **No Objection**

Conversion of Farm Office to residential dwelling (permitted development) by Gibbet Farm Ltd – **No Objection**

First floor rear extension by Mr & Mrs Yeoman 10 Hale Road – **No Objection**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROJECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

All the rents, wages have been reviewed and kept at the same level.

Balance carried forward from last year **£9539.34**

RECEIPTS

Precept	8000.00
PCC Grass Cutting Fee	880.00
Interest	8.00
VAT Refund	953.75
Cricket Club – Fees	350.00
Village Hall Donation	2533.81
Speed Signs Sales	105.00

£ 12830.56

PAYMENTS

Village Hall-Rent	55.00
T S R-Grass Cutting	3675.40
Zurich Insurance	1000.00
Brightowl Stickers	500.00
Clerk Wages	599.20
PAYE	149.60
Playarea Inspection	300.00
Kevin Sadd – Painting	2533.81
Community Heartbeat	186.00
Bradenham Hall Farm - Footpath	368.00
NALC Membership	161.64
Bench for New Lane	395.00
VAT	1498.74

£11422.39

This will leave us an approximate balance at the end of March 2021 of £10947.51
We are allowed to donate £8.32 per resident (561) per year £4667.52

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance **£10703.19**

Income

Speed Sign Sales	105.00
Interest	2.91
VAT Refund	953.75
Precept	4000.00
Speed Sign Sales	40.00

£ 5101.66

Expenditure

Clerks Wages	149.80
PAYE	37.40
Brightowl Ltd – Bin Stickers	500.00
TTSR-Grass Cutting	1072.62
Heartbeat – Defib Battery	223.20
TTSR-Grass Cutting	1072.62

£ 3055.64

Balance £ 12749.21

Other Business

M.Brigstock asked what the PC thought of having a concrete Table Tennis Table on the green. Prices start from around £1300 plus delivery and installation. Insurance could be expensive. The Clerk will look into the insurance and M.Brigstock will send details to all PC.

No news about the cricket club, not keen on cameras. They had decided on netting around the square. Netting around the green is a NO.

The house next to the village hall has had a large wooden structure built on the side. We have not seen a planning application for this. Tim Birt advised that he would send technical guidance on 'Outbuildings' mini-guide from the planning portal. I suspect the issues will be where is the boundary and what is the building's principle elevation.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 9th February 2020