

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 7.30pm in the 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 and Ms K Findlay together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Tim Birt (District Council)

APOLOGIES — Teresa Frost – Due to work, Edward Connolly (County Councillor)
Helen Crane (District Councillors)

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.

PUBLIC SESSION – No residents attended the meeting.

The Chairman went through the May 2020 Agenda and minutes. This meeting was held via email.

Tim Birt – District Councillor – I would firstly like to thank everyone who helped residents over the last couple of months. Elizabeth House has been closed through COV19 but staff have been working remotely. Grants have been offered to villages. C.Allhusen confirmed that the village hall had received £10000.00. This is the first face to face meeting I have attended, the District have been using Zoom very successfully. Breckland have been speaking to locals to find out whether villagers are coping or need help. It was confirmed that Teresa and Les had both received call, which was appreciated.

The local plan needs a review. A good local plan is very important. The neighbourhood plan can take up to two years to complete. Norfolk needs more single person dwellings. The Government White Paper encourages owner properties rather than renting. By 2025 gas will no longer be used in new homes.

C.Allhusen and S. Welton both agreed it would be a good idea to discuss the neighbourhood plan or a similar project at the February 2021 meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Highways – The pavement is finally finished. Not impressive quality as the tarmac is coming up in some places. The Clerk will write to Highways.

Village Green Bylaws – Residents have made no further comments so these will now be finalised. More news at the next meeting in November 2020

PC Bank Account – No news from Nationwide regarding the closure. It was decided that the Clerk should look into what account Lloyds Bank would offer a Parish Council. Tim Birt advised that a couple of PCs had used Lloyds and seemed happy with the service. We may need to set out rules regarding how payment would be authorised etc. This would be discussed at the November meeting.

Speed Gates/Wheelie Bin Stickers – The speed gates could be considered and Ed Connolly may offer a grant towards their purchase. We could have them installed by the Ford and at Hale Road on entering the village. To be discussed further at the November Meeting.

J Reading had suggested wheelie bin sticker with 30mph signs. Samples were handed out. All thought this would be a good idea and maybe we could charge residents for these. It was agreed to proceed and order 400 for £500. It was also agreed to have the words Please Drive Carefully Through Bradenham included. J.Reading will get these ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Audit – This needs to be completed and signed off. Please note I am again applying for the exemption due to our low expenditure and income being less than £25,000. All paperwork has been completed because the Auditors could decide against the exemption. The paperwork was sent to all PC via email in May for their approval. The Chairman signed and the PC approved.

Zurich Insurance – Playarea – The inspection took place on 30th June 2020. The following items were mentioned: One of the cradle seat rubber has perished, gate latch is not aligned and one of the flat seat swings seat should be renewed. This will be looked into. They recommended that the gates should open outwards but due to the previous incidents with the gates, the gate latches have been tied in the open position

Items for Discussion

The Chairman thanked Teresa Frost and her team for all the work they did during COV19. Handing out food (supplied by Morrison FOC), shopping for others, collecting prescriptions etc. Even though things are getting back to normal slowly, some residents still require help.

PLANNING

APPLICATION:- Conversion of farm office to residential dwelling (permitted development) by BRADENHAM: Gibbet Farm Office, Green Lane – **NO OBJECTION**

Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2017/0908/F

- 1, Double Door Position Revised from East to the South Elevation
2. Window Position revised from South to the East Elevation
3. The Roof pitch has changed from 30o to 35o

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FINANCE:-

Opening Balance **£ 9629.91**

Income

Bradenham Village Hall Donation	2533.81
Interest	3.05
Precept	4000.00
PCC – Grass Contribution	870.64
Interest	2.63

Expenditure

Kevin Sadd – Painting Hall	3040.57
Clerk Wages	182.80 – Paid in March
Paye Tax	4.40
T R S Grass Cutting	1072.62 – Paid in May
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Village Hall – Rent	55.00
Clerk Wages	149.80 – Paid in July
PAYE	37.40
NALC Membership	161.64
Cricket Club – Donation	560.00

£ 7410.13

£ 6336.85

Balance £ 10703.19

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Bradenham resident has been letting his dog out on the green without any control. The dog is messing on the green and very aggressive. On occasions it has entered the village hall, without the owner. The owner does not control or clean up after the dog.

The Breckland dog warden will be contacted to see what can be done.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 10th November 2020
Tuesday 9th February 2021

Meeting Ended 8.50pm