

MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council meeting was attended by, Mr Julian Reading, Ms Martine Brigstock, Mr Steve Welton, Mr David Bohn and Mrs Les Baxter

Together with the Clerk Mrs Dee Ruppert, Mrs Theresa Hewett (District Councillor) and 20 residents.

Apologies were received from Mr Chris Allhusen (Away on business overseas) and Mr Ed Connolly (County Councillor)

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were signed by the Vice Chairman-Julian Reading as a true record

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interest was declared in the agenda. A dispensation was granted to all Parish Councillors in order to discuss the Precept and other financial matters.

Theresa Hewett- District Councillors Report – Local Plan: We are waiting for the Inspector's advice regarding changes. Once received we will have to consult again. Dates will be forwarded once we have them. 3000 planning applications for homes have been given permission but apart from a hole being dug, no further work has been done.

Council Tax: Committed to keeping this low, it has been the lowest in the country for several years now. Details of specific charges will be given once we have heard from the final few parishes and the County.

Waste Contract: Serco have been awarded the contract. Overall reports are very positive about their level of service, do let me know if you have any concerns.

Norfolk's Warm Homes Fund: If a resident is suffering with no central heating or has health issues which are affected by the cold, they may be eligible for grants. Visit the page on Breckland's website for details.

Public Forums: Town and Parish Forum at 5:45pm at Elizabeth House in Dereham on 21st February. Topics for discussion include: Regeneration, community reserves, food safety, Lottery and grants, housing budget, Local Plan and Garden Waste. Great opportunity to shape the services of the Council – do go. Landlords' Forum, the first, will be in early June. More details will be sent to the Parish Council.

Silver Social: Do make the most of these events: they are great fun, offer company, entertainment and activity and have been very well received. Upcoming events include a dance workshop, The Opera Dudes and a mosaic workshop. All details and booking forms are available on the Breckland website.

Breckworld App: As part of the Market Town Initiative we have devised an app, with Stephen Fry's help, to encourage people to visit our market towns and surrounding areas. Take a look!

One electric power point for a car will soon be available in Dereham. 3000 planning applications for new builds have been given permission but apart from a hole being dug, no further work has been done.

PUBLIC SESSION – No comments or question were asked by any resident.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – Still ongoing

The Future of Bradenham Permissive Footpaths –All up and running, details and map in December Mardle. Thank you to Chris Allhusen for pioneering this project.

Footpaths re Clayland and Road Widening – Jo Berry has not been very helpful so far. We have objected to the application. Received an email from the Highways Development Management and they have also objected. The Clerk was asked to invite Jon Berry to the next meeting which is the AGM.

Defibrillator Course – Chris Smith confirmed that a course will be held on Friday 22nd Feb at 6.30pm

Sam2 Flashing Signs – The PC thanked Trevor Nelson and Steve Welton for agreeing to look after the signs. The signs will need to be moved every four weeks but cannot be put back in the same position for eight weeks. Could the spare equipment be stored in the village hall. The Village Hall Community will be consulted.

Highways – They have advised us that the promised 'slow icy road' sign is not possible for legal reasons. From a practical and legal point of view the sign should only be erected and visible when ice was present at all other times the signs would be illegal. Since Paul Jarvis unblocked the drain, water on the road has not been an issue. The PC thanked Paul Jarvis.

Speed Watch – PC thanked Trevor Nelson and his helpers. They have speed watched a couple of times and a few drivers have been recorded as speeding. Feedback from other residents is good and we have noticed traffic slowing down but this may also be because of the Flashing Signs.

Lord Nelson – The pub is temporarily closed for maintenance. No date was given for reopening. The license was renewed in Dec 2018. The pub has been registered has an asset of community value by the PC. The Lord Nelson have not received any notification of this at present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Traffic Survey – Sue Smith advised at the last meeting that she had spoken to someone from Highways who were compiling a traffic survey. Highways confirmed that they are unable to find any Highway Officer that has undertaken any such survey.

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – Donation request – PC decided not to donate.

Sign for Village Green – Horticultural Society have asked if posts can be put up near the Village Sign on the Green so banners can be hung i.e. to advertise function in the village hall. The posts would be permanent This may make it difficult to mow and look unsightly when not in use. It was decided that the best outcome would be to have permanent holes in the ground so that the post could be inserted when needed.

Parish Council Election - Parish elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. This will be in conjunction with the District Council election. Theresa Hewett will be standing again. The cost of the parish election is In the region of £704. Uncontested elections will be charged at a flat rate of £75 to cover administration costs. Deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday 3 April – **4pm**.

Vattenfall & Boreas Off Shore Wind Farm – An email forwarded by Jane Kenny from Alison Shaw of Oulton PC asking if Parish Councils would consider a joint letter to all the MPs representing rural constituencies in Norfolk, recommending that they take joint action to promote to the Secretary of State the proposal of an Offshore Ring Main, as an alternative to the current plan for connections to the National Grid inland at Necton and Swardeston. Were such an approach to be adopted, then it would eliminate at a stroke the need for the digging up of 110 km of Norfolk countryside and the construction of any onshore substations or booster stations. The PC agreed to support. The Clerk will write back to Ms Kenny and Ms Shaw.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Bradenham Hub & Community Pub – David Horsey - Using the village hall is very successful. Most of the functions have been sold out. Future plans are to build onto the village hall with a separate toilet block. We will need to raise approx. £100,000 and hope the PC can help.

PLANNING

APPLICATION:-

Utility, garden room extension and detached garage by Mr Hill
1 Manor Farm Cottages Bradenham – **NO OBJECTION**

Single storey extension on side of existing dwelling by Mr & Mrs S Smith
Willow Farm West End – **NO OBJECTION**

Revised Footpath by Clayland Victory Court Bradenham – **OBJECTION**

APPROVAL:-

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FINANCE:-

Opening Balance **£11015.47**

Receipts

VAT Refund	3928.93
Cricket Club Fee	350.00
Match Funding Sam2	3094.00

£ 7372.93

Payments

TTSR- Grass Cutting	2145.24
Clerk Wages	178.60
PAYE	8.60
Westcotec – SAM2 Signs	7353.60
Zurich Ins + Play Equipment	1218.10

£10904.14

Balance **£7484.26**

It was confirmed that all cheques written out in the last quarter were agreed by the Parish Council

NEXT MEETING **TBA**

Meeting Ended: 8.40PM