

## **MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Mr Chris Allhusen, Mr Paul Jarvis, Mr Julian Reading, Mr Steve Welton and Mr David Bonn. Together with Cliff Jordan (County Councillor) and 10 residents. Apologies were received from the Clerk Mrs Dee Ruppert. The minutes were taken by Mr Chris Allhusen

### **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.

### **NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cliff Jordan, Bradenham's County Councillor commented on the devolution proposals and the budgets. All of Suffolk and some of Norfolk's District Councils are joining in a new devolved Council under a new Mayor. Breckland Council has declined to join. The budgets will be set after the Chancellor has published the grants for Councils, due on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Norfolk County Council is currently a hung Council but the Conservatives have general control.

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### **5 Mill Hill**

Bridget Doyle asked what action the Council had taken over the recent application for 5 Mill Hill. The Chairman said that the Council had objected on the grounds that the windows and patio doors unnecessarily overlooked neighbouring properties. There was also the issue of anti-social behaviour but the Chairman reminded those present that this was not a planning issue, rather for the Police. The Chairman said that he would speak to Chris Curtis at Breckland concerning the application.

#### **Clayland Homes**

Sue Smith updated the meeting as far as the road widening is concerned and said that her last date of contact with Breckland or Highways had been the 6<sup>th</sup> October, following which she had heard nothing. Prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> October, Highways had come out and measured the road and put in markers. The Chairman said that he would speak to Dave Wilson and Mike Brennan.

#### **Defibrillator**

It had been noted that no Councillors and not many residents had attended the training session for the use of the new defibrillator. Therefore it was hoped that another training session might be arranged for those who wished to attend. The Chairman said that he would speak to Chris Smith.

#### **Flooding on Church Street**

Paul Jarvis reported that he had met with Steve Manney from Anglian Water to discuss the sewage emanating from their manholes following heavy rain. All they could offer was to put in sealed lids. Mr Jarvis had also arranged for the ditch by the Pound to be cleaned out. There was no news regarding residents meeting with the Landowner at the rear to discuss the flooding.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Clayland Homes, the defibrillator and flooding**

These had all been discussed under Public Session and there was no more to add.

### **Mobile Post Office**

This is now appearing in Bradenham and the times and dates are published in the Mardle. There appeared to be an issue of it not processing some utility bills. The Chairman said that he would ask the Clerk to find out what they could process, and report it in the Mardle.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Precept**

The precept had been at £8,000 for the past five years at least. The Chairman reported that The Clerk had said that the precept grant from Breckland was being phased out. After discussion it was agreed that the precept should remain at £8,000.

### **Breckland Local Plan**

This was discussed and The Chairman said that it really only affected villages or towns where development was being permitted. This did not include Bradenham, which had been designated as a rural settlement. He reminded the Council that it had always been our policy to support very limited and quality development in the Village. Julian Reading said that he would take the report away and digest its contents.

### **Play Area Gates**

The Chairman reported that, since the last meeting, another child had been hurt by the gates. The gates operate as designed and any interference with them by us would be likely to negate our insurance policy. After discussion it was agreed that we should ask Wicksteed to come out and advise us what action to take.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Village Green Bylaws**

Councillors feel that the current bylaws, which date back to 1966, should perhaps to updated to reflect a more modern approach to the Village Green. In particular, there is nothing in the existing ones about dog fouling or metal detecting. In addition, the maximum fine is £2. The Chairman said that he would investigate the process.

### **Car Repairs on Church Street**

It has been reported that the resident of 11 Church Street is repairing and selling cars from the residence. The main concern was about the noise nuisance coming from the use of angle grinders. The for sale vehicles are encroaching over the pavement and road verge. The Chairman said that he would speak to the resident to see what the situation was.

### **St Mary's Church Path**

David Bohn asked who was responsible for maintaining the path from the road up to the door of St Mary's. The Chairman said that the PCC were responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard but did not know if that included the path. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Bohn would arrange for some fresh gravel to be applied to the path. The Chairman said that he would arrange for the Lime trees to be pollard, when time permitted.

## **PLANNING**

**APPLICATION:** Alteration and extension by Mr Brett Butler, 5 Mill Hill - **OBJECTION**

**APPROVAL:** Single storey extension by Mr Royston Macdonald-Jackson  
Montana, Mill Street – **NO OBJECTION**

**WITHDRAWN:** Erection of new storage barn by Mr Simon Hindry, Westbrooke Barns

**FINANCE:-****FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROJECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017****All the rents, wages need to be reviewed**Balance carried forward from last year   **£13105.81****RECEIPTS**

Precept	8000.00
Precept Grant	601.00
Bradenham Village Hall -Donations	2340.27
Interest	24.90
VAT Refund	1733.37
Cricket Club – Fees	350.00
PCC Grass Cutting Fee	712.16

**PAYMENTS**

Kirkhouse – Tables	606.90
Abbotts – Tree Felling	2700.00
T T S R-Grass Cutting	3420.32
T T S R-Benches	1360.50
Millarwest – Chairs	1080.00
Shipdham Parish-Training	10.00
HeartBeat-Defib+Cabinet	847.75
Clerk Wages	642.40
PAYE	107.60
T T R S-Ditch Clearance	200.00
Mazar-Audit Fee	100.00
Zurich Insurance	666.23
Playarea Inspection	266.26
Norfolk ALC	150.00
Village Hall-Rent	26.00
VAT	1406.79

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£ 13761.70-----  
£ 13590.75

This will leave us an approximate balance at the end of March 2017 of £13276.76.

We are allowed to donate £ 7.42 per resident (593) per year (£4400.06).

**FINANCE: -**Opening Balance   **£ 9649.01****Income**

VAT Refund	1733.37
Interest	7.08
Precept	4000.00
Precept Grant	300.50
Cricket Club Fee	350.00

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£6390.95**Expenditure**

T T S R Ditch Clearance	240.00
Mazar – Audit Fee	120.00
Clerk – Wages	163.80
PAYE	23.40
T T S R Grass Cutting	2052.19

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£ 2599.39**Balance   £ 13440.57**

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

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:****Village Notice Board:** Julian Reading said that the notice board needed some attention and volunteers to do it. This was gratefully agreed.**NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 - 7.30pm****Meeting Ended: 9.00pm**