

MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council meeting was attended by Mr Chris Allhusen, Mr Paul Jarvis, Mr Julian Reading, Ms Martine Brigstock, Mr David Bohn and Mr Denis West

Together with the Clerk Mrs Dee Ruppert, Theresa Hewett- District Councillor and 14 residents.

Apologies were received from Mr Steve Welton – Due to illness

The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman 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.

PUBLIC SESSION

Clayland Footpath – Still on going. Residents are putting pressure on the council, as is Theresa Hewett. Progress is very slow. The Development Control Committee are still awaiting documents from Clayland.

White road lines have appeared on parts of the road towards Swaffham. They have been painted in error, The road is not wider enough for two vehicles. These will be removed.

Theresa Hewett – District Councillor – Report

At a recent meeting Chief Inspector Wheatley presented the new model of policing following the decision by NCC to remove the posts of PCSOs. **Norfolk** will lose 115 PCSOs and gain 64 POs, 16 Sergeants, 1 Chief Officer. **Breckland** will lose 15 PCSOs and gain 14 PCs and 4 Sergeants. All will have powers to arrest. Police Stations in **Dereham and Thetford** will be manned 24/7, this includes a response team.

Crimes involving safeguarding of children have increased 350%, violent crime has also increased. Gangs are targeting rural areas from urban areas (London, Essex, Kent) particularly crimes associated with burglary and drugs. We were asked to be vigilant in terms of suspicious behaviour (eg driving up and down streets repeatedly) by high end cars with 4 people in them, particularly Subarus and BMWs.

A further decision was taken at Council which may have an impact at some point in the future – a Breckland parish recently had a series of resignations which led to the Parish Council being inquorate which meant they couldn't carry out their normal business. Because they were inquorate neither could they co-opt new members. In this circumstance, there is a section of the Local Government Act (Section 91) which allows the District Council to appoint a sufficient number of Parish Councillors on a temporary basis in order for normal business to be continued. In order to minimise any delay should this happen in the future, Council agreed to delegate the authority to make Section 91 orders to the Returning Officer of BDC, so that a parish would not have to wait for the next Full Council meeting to be able to continue.

We also received a presentation on Leisure provision in recognition of the tenth anniversary of the PFI agreement between Parkwood and BDC – all good news: lots of new members at both Thetford and Dereham Leisure Centres, swimming particularly good and some good news for the over 65s who can join the gym for £15 pcm, and swim with paying grandchildren for free.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – This is still under review, 2nd draft to be sent out to Parish Councillors. It will be advertised in the Mardle for comments from residents before finalising.

Clayland Homes Road Widening – See above

PC Attendance – This has been looked into and the two PC's concerned have disputed two of the dates for non-attendance. All PC members have been told that attending meetings is very important and can only be missed due to work commitments or illness

Dog Bin – Now installed outside Bowls & Football Club. Please note this is to be used for rubbish and dog mess. A sign will be put on the bin regarding this by Highways.

Gritting – Well done to Julian Reading for persisting with Highways. The road will now be gritted from Bradenham up to Holme Hale and Ashill. Julian thanked Councillor Cliff Jordan for his help and influence also Paul Jarvis, Dee Ruppert and Paul Sellick (Highways) for their help.

Gym Equipment – It was decided that two pieces of equipment could be purchased and installed on The Green. M. Brigstock stated that five Councillors (M Brigstock, J Reading, D Bohn, D West and S Welton) together with the Clerk went to have a look at the equipment in Scarning on 25th August 2017. M. Brigstock will look into it further as regards costs etc.

Speeding – Email received from Watton Police station stating that they would carry out speed checks. The problem is that they do this at the wrong time of the day. T. Hewett advised that Cliff Jordan may help with funding for speed flashing signs. T. Hewett will speak to C. Jordan.

Village Green – R & I Builders have carried out the following work on the green. Levelled grass in play area. Re-newed timber edges to swings in play area. Laid safety surfacing under two sets of old swings. Renewed two support bars for large climbing frame and painted. Provided concrete base and fitted bin by football ground.

CORRESPONDENCE

Precept - This was discussed and the PC decide to keep it the same as last year £8000.00

M. Brigstock – Will not be attending the next meeting February 2018 due to work overseas

Norfolk & Suffolk response team – Asked for support. Wholly voluntary organisation and helps in areas affected by flooding and extreme weather. The PC decided not to support this charity.

T. Hewett commented that Citizen's Advice had lost support from local Parish Councils over the last few years. It was agreed that if we could find out if the residents of Bradenham do use them on a regular basis, then we would be happy to help.

Audit – Email received advising us that the newly appointed auditor for 2017-2022 is PKF Littlejohn.

Vattenfall – Email received from East Ruston residents asking if we would support them in asking Vattenfall if they would help to bring better broadband service to their area. The PC had no problem supporting them.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Grass Cutting Tenders – Three tenders were received from TTRS, Top Garden Services and The CGM Group East Anglia Ltd. The PC decided that the contract should go to TTRS. If they are willing to hold their prices for three years, we will then award them a 3-year contract. The Clerk will speak to TTRS.

PLANNING

APPLICATION:- Construction of a new storage barn by Ms L Raven West End – **OBJECTION**

Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2017/0089/VAR (Infilling of porch to provide an entrance lobby by MB Structures Ltd 14 Mill Hill – **NO OBJECTION**

Erection of a single storey side extension by Mr Kerrison 24 Southend - **NO OBJECTION**

Replacement Storage Barn by Mr D Murrell Marles Farm West End – **NO OBJECTION**

APPROVAL:- Construction of a new storage barn by Ms L Raven West End – **OBJECTION**

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Ground Floor Extension at Rear 27 Mill Street by Ms C Brown **NO OBJECTION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROJECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018

All the rents, wages need to be reviewed

Balance carried forward from last year **£12598.09**

RECEIPTS

Precept	8000.00
Precept Grant	411.00
Bradenham Village Hall -Donations	9240.00
Interest	14.48
VAT Refund	1410.87
Cricket Club – Fees	350.00
PCC Grass Cutting Fee	740.00

£ 20166.35

PAYMENTS

Norfolk ALC Membership	159.09
Glasdon – Dog/Bin	273.34
T T S R-Grass Cutting	3488.72
R & I Builders – Village Roof	9240.00
Clerk's Wages	695.20
PAYE	41.20
Donation Village Hall	2000.00
Mazar-Audit Fee	100.00
Zurich Insurance	850.00
Playarea Inspection	273.00
Village Hall-Rent	45.00
VAT	2675.40

£ 19840.95

This will leave us an approximate balance at the end of March 2018 of £12923.49.

We are allowed to donate £7.57 per resident (583) but they do need to be on the electoral register 2017/2018 per year this is £4413.31.

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance **£10519.85**

Income

VAT Refund	1410.87
Interest	3.70
Precept	4000.00
Precept-Grant	205.50
Donation-Village Hall	861.73
Cricket Club-Rent	350.00

£5970.07

Expenditure

Mazar Audit	120.00
Glasdon Dog/Bin	328.00
Clerk Wage	181.80
PAYE	5.40
R&I Builders-Playarea	1942.99
Repair	
Gopak – 8XTables	1034.08
T T S R -Grass Cutting	2093.23

£ 5705.54

Balance £10784.38

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

All rents and wages were reviewed and the PC decided to keep them at the same rate for the following year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

J Reading on behalf of the PC thanked C Allhusen for all his work on keeping the Japanese knot weed at bay. C Allhusen advised that if anyone else sees any in the village, please let him know.

D Bohn advise that there is a flashing red light at St Marys and this has been reported and will be fixed in due course.

NEXT MEETING Monday 12th February 2018 7.30pm

Meeting ended: 8.49pm