

MINUTES BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council meeting was attended by Mr Chris Allhusen, Mr Paul Jarvis, Mr Julian Reading, Mr David Bohn, Mr Denis West and Mr Steve Welton.

Together with the Clerk Mrs Dee Ruppert, Theresa Hewett- District Councillor and 13 residents.

Apologies were received from Ms Martine Brigstock – Due to working away

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

Alex Chrusciak Director of Planning and Building at Breckland should have been at the meeting today but due to the weather could not attend. He sent his apologies.

Clayland Footpath – Still on going. They have now asked for the refund of the Recreation Fund mentioned on the 106 agreement to be discharged. It was decided that the PC will object. Clayland still need to honour the promises made in their application, in respect of footpath, road widening and speed reactive signs. We need to find out if the recreation fund and the bond for highways had ever been paid by Clayland.

Flooding - Hale Road near the Lord Nelson, floods constantly. Rain water will not drain away and in the winter turns into ice. There have been several accidents in the past month and Highways decline to act, as it does not currently meet their intervention criteria, however they will monitor the situation. Flooding of this kind has only occurred in the last couple of years, since planning permission was given to Clayland to build homes without upgrading the drainage.

S.Welton Commented that the section of the ditch behind the Hale Road sign is unable to take the flow of water and overflowing back into the road adjacent Lord Nelson, the continuation of this ditch (behind the Church Street sign) runs relatively freely discharging into the stream bordering the Green. I am told that there is a pipe under the crossing linking these two sections of ditch, although I have been unable to locate this.

Residents feel that the PC need to be more proactive to solve the above two problems.

The PC felt that the residents should also contact local media regarding the two items above.

Theresa Hewett – District Councillor – At a recent Overview and Scrutiny Meeting it was agreed that all Councillors should be kept informed of all news regarding their wards. This is not happening otherwise Cllr Hewett would have been aware of the application to discharge the recreation fund by Clayland. Cllr Hewett has been requesting more stringent efforts to bring the plans approved for Hale Road to a close for nearly a year since being elected and is frustrated by the lack of movement.

At the February District Council Meeting the budget was approved and the Council Tax for Breckland agreed. District Council tax is the lowest in the country with Band D properties still paying below £80 per year for District Council services.

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – This is still under review.

Clayland Homes Road Widening – See above

Gym Equipment – This is now installed with safety notices. The total cost including VAT £4539.72

Grass Maintenance – TTRS are willing to hold their prices for three years, we have now awarded them a 3-year contract.

CORRESPONDENCE

Zurich Insurance renewal – Total cost £1134.76 – Gym Equipment has been insurance at no extra cost for this year.

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – Requesting a donation to help support their service. The PC decided not to donate.

Gary Lake – Letter received regarding an outstanding amount that was held back due to ringing of two trees on the green when Mr Lake was the Parish grass cutter. C.Allhusen has consulted a specialist regarding the damage and the trees have survived but have suffered serious damage. Mr Lake has been advised that the £150 will not be paid.

Highways – Already discussed above. The Clerk will speak to Highways regarding a Flood and Narrow road sign.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Forms. These only need refilling if any circumstance has changed. The existing forms were handed out and all PC present confirmed that these are still correct.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Defibrillator Course – It was confirmed that there is no interest at present. We will once again ask residents in the June Mardle

Footpath - See Above

Sam2 Reactive Speed Signs – Due to Clayland not installing these, the PC have decided to pay for them. We can apply for funding but this is not available until Nov/Dec 18. It was decided not to wait. Cost: £2800 for sign and batteries, £50 for extra pair of brackets, £89 if extra posts required. Delivery 4-6 weeks, but we do need to have a site meeting with Westcotec and Highways. Funding is available but not until December 2018.

PLANNING

APPLICATION:- Planning Obligation on 3PL/2010/1333F Recreation S106 Agreement Bradenham; Land South Side of Hale Road- Clayland Estates
Comments by 8th March - **OBJECTION**

APPROVAL:- None

FINANCE:-

Opening Balance **£10784.38**

Income		Expenditure	
Interest	3.61	Clerk Wage	181.60
Donation Village Hall (included in last agenda but not in total)	861.73	PAYE	5.60
		Zurich Insurance & Play Area Inspection	1134.76
		Gym Equipment	4539.72
	----- £ 865.34		----- £ 5861.68

Balance **£ 5788.04**

We will need to keep a close eye on our spending, Half of the Precept will be received by April 2018. The PC will review precept amount in November 2018.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Sue Smith asked if the PC were aware that there are courses for Clerks. The Clerk is and unable to attend.

NEXT MEETING Monday 14th May 2018 7.30pm AGM, Open and Parish Council Meeting

Meeting ended: 8.45pm