

**MINUTES  
BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Bradenham Parish Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

The Clerk welcomed all the newly elected councillors

All Councillors sign and dated the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Forms. The Clerk will take copies and hand them into Breckland.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The PC had a secret ballot for Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr C Allhusen was re-elected as Chairman and Mr P Jarvis was re-elected as Vice-Chairman,

Julian Reading was elected as Village Hall Committee member, this was agreed by the rest of the PC

Mr P Jarvis was elected as Trustee to Bradenham Charities, this was agreed by the rest of the PC

It was agreed that a planning sub-committee is no longer required, Breckland now email all planning applications and the Clerk will forward these to all Parish Councillors for their comments.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015**

**RECEIPTS**

Precept	8000.00
Eastern Power Network	238.50
VAT Refund	504.84
Interest	27.00
PCC Grass Contribution	681.84
Cricket Club Fee	350.00
Precept Grant	822.74

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10624.92

**PAYMENTS**

Village Hall – Rent	30.00
Wickstead – Access for repair	369.10
Mazars – Audit	100.00
Steward Safety – Playarea Signs	82.32
Clerk – Sundries	45.04
Donation Dereham CAB	100.00
Bradenham Village Hall-Donation	2500.00
Zurich Insurance	1277.37
Playarea Inspection	259.75
M.Lahodny- Playarea Repair	1512.00
T T S R – Grass & Mole	3148.52
DAC – Injury Claim VAT only	00.00
VAT	1074.92

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10499.02

**SUMMARY**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	£	£	£	£	£
Precept	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00	8000.00
Interest Credited	0.97	1.25	1.52	1.59	27.00
VAT Refund	151.75	188.25	108.93	151.95	504.84
Other Income	1041.00	946.00	1032.00	2015.12	2093.08
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>5484.90</b>	<b>5218.32</b>	<b>9205.59</b>	<b>8719.23</b>	<b>10499.02</b>
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Balance	9323.74	13240.92	13177.78	14627.21	14753.11

The Clerk presented the above statement of the Parish Councils' finance for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 showing income for the year of £10624.92, expenditure of £10499.02 and a balance carried forward of £14753.11. This was approved by the Parish Council.

**No Other Business**

**Meeting Ended 7.15pm**

## **Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Open Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The meeting was attended by 5 residents,**

Also present was the County Councillor Cliff Jordan and District Councillor Charles Carter and 5 residents

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015-** As you will know by now, the number of nominations for Parish Councillors equalled the number of places available, therefore no election was required.

I would like to welcome our new Parish Councillors, Denis West, David Bohn and Steve Welton and thank those continuing Parish Councillors for their work over the past year, in particular our vice chairman Paul Jarvis and Clerk Dee Ruppert. I would also like to thank Charles Carter for his work as District Councillor and Cliff Jordan as County Councillor. Congratulations to Charles Carter for his re-election to Breckland Council as our representative.

In addition, I would like to thank our retired Parish Councillors, Cindy Tufts and Philip Fields for all their hard work on the council on behalf of the Bradenham.

Around the village, it has been a quite year. The development on Hale Road by Clayland Homes is now finished and is a great asset to Bradenham. Work on the footpath and road widening has been delayed by negotiations and the development adjacent to The Lord Nelson, but I am assured by Highways that it will commence shortly.

Although the Cricket Club have received planning permission for a new scaled down Pavilion on the Green, nothing has happened to date.

The report from the Inspector following the public enquiry into the proposed wind turbines was published and Breckland's decision upheld. However, Ecotricity appealed to the High Court, which was again turned down, but they have now said they may even go to The Court of Appeal.

Our Precept remained the same as last year at £8000. As you can see from the financial statement, our three largest items of expenditure are continuing to support the Village Hall, £2500, grass cutting on the green and churchyards, £2467 and insurance of the green and playground at £1277. The playground has received a coat of paint, as well as some minor repairs and is now almost back to its original glory! The safety surfacing under the old swings has yet to be done. That concludes my brief report.

**BRADENHAM CHARITY REPORT 2015** - The Bradenham Charity, whose full name is The Bradenham Relief in Need Charity, was formed in 1980 from an amalgamation of three older charities; the East Bradenham Town Lands, The Charity of Richard Brotherwick and the Charity known as the Fuel Allotment. The Charity owns the Meadow and Allotments on Half Mile Drift.

The Countryside Stewardship scheme on the meadows was replaced during the year by the Higher Level Environmental Scheme, which runs for 10 years. This scheme pays for the meadows to be retained as a haven for wildlife and we will be replacing some gates, removing all internal fences, diggings out ponds and removing spoil heaps, all this summer I am also pleased to see that we still have full occupancy on the allotments.

The Charity has decided to repeat the success of last year when we helped support children at school in Shipdham with the cost of their uniform in moving up to High School. Last year we had two applicants. In addition the Charity supports Bradenham Retirement Club with the cost of outings etc. Any organisation, or individual, in the village is welcome to put forward suggestions for help with their funding to the Trustees, all of whom I would like to thank for their work on the Charity. That concludes my brief report.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR – CLIFF JORDAN** - Massive savings are needed approx £110 million and things are not going well. More and more schools are now on special measures, school governors are offered no help. The system is not working and the services in Norfolk are on their knees. Wensum Lodge is owned by the Councillor for adult education and it is falling to pieces. This is now a failing council and it is mainly due to the alliance. The following is still in the pipeline:- £115 million for road, £141 million for broadband and £8 million for school expansion. They have also tried to charge residents for using the dump at £2 a time but this was thrown out. The next election is in 2017

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – CHARLES CARTER** - I would like to thank Bradenham residents for helping to re-elect me. Breckland is a brighter picture, I have enjoyed seeing new part of the District and meeting residents. There are many concerns County level, due to UKIP. Planning is a big issue, residents do get very heated. Better infrastructure is needed but this will take time. Neighbourhood planning and the tightening up of the 106 agreement. More thought needs to be given when allowing new developments, taking into account schools, doctors, buses and other main services. Development boundaries have changed and now there is a free for all to build more homes. Hopefully I can help with planning matters and help parish have more control. Also fighting to keep parking free. Members now 42-Conservatives, 4-UKip, 2-Labour and 1-Independent. Watton now have two new doctors and have started taking on new patients again. We are now a strong team

**Meeting Closed 8.00pm**

## **Minutes of Bradenham Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in the Village Hall.**

Mr C Allhusen, Mr P Jarvis, Ms M Brigstock,, Mr J Reading, Mr D West, Mr S Walton and Mr D Bohn

The meeting was attended also by the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Charles Carter, Cliff Jordan and 5 residents.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Nationwide Bank** – Two of the previous councillors need to be removed from the account and new ones added.

The clerk has received the forms and these have already been filled in by C. Tufts and P.Fields. It was agreed that at present only one new signature would be needed and this would be P.Jarvis, along with the present signature's C.Allhusen and M.Brigstock.

**Muck Heap at Leys Farm** - For the benefit of our new councillors a brief history of planning ref 3PL/2013/0321/F this was applied for in early spring 2013. At the time J.Reading spoke to the Hilliers, investigated, find common ground and report back to the PC. As a result of this an agreement to move the farm muck heap was made with the Parish Council. Planning was given and the PC's agreement recorded in the minutes with a 1 year grace period given for necessary works. It is now the second anniversary of the agreement. The heap is 700' downwind from Walnut Tree Cottage and 850' from No 1&2.

Mr David and Simon Hillier were present at the meeting and have written to Breckland requiring whether permission will be needed to move the building. We do have 2000 pigs and a permit, which is required. The cost to move could be thousand and there are grants available and this is something that we are looking into but it does take time. Mr Siliprandi who lives near the area, needs to be assured that the muck will be removed. At present it is very difficult to sit in the garden the smell is overpowering.

C.Allhusen stated that this is a neighbour dispute plus a planning and environmental issue. C.Carter said he would speak to planning and find out why Mr David Hillier has not yet had a response.

**Benches** – P.Jarvis has place an order for 10 new benches. 9 for the green and 1 for St Andrews Churchyard.

These are rubber and recycle plastic and will be fitted to the existing pads. Wil Smith (TTRS Grass Main) will Install these.

**Litter Pickers** – Mary and Richard Wells have done an excellent job at arranging the litter picking in the village. It seems to be an on going job. C.Allhusen wondered if the PC should purchase some litter pickers and offer them to residents to use to at least keep their front garden clear of litter. Something would be put in the Mardle to see if any resident would be interested in loaning them. It's also a shame that children are not educated at school regarding this matter.

**Village Hall** – We have for the last couple of years support the village hall by funding repairs. We have so far replaced windows, re-wired, new kitchen, curtains etc. It is difficult to fund raise apart from the Fete. At present they still need help, it needs to be re-floored. PC agree to continue to do this and £2500 will be given this year.

**East Side Ditch on Green** – P.Jarvis has spoken to E.Raker and W.Smith regarding the cutting of the hedge. this would have taken place last year but the weather was against us, so hopefully when we have a dry patch, the work will begin.

**Marquees on Green** – Recently the Village Hall Committee have been asked if along with renting the hall could they also put a marquee on the green. This is something the PC thought was a good idea but a policy would need to be written up and a rent along with a sizeable refundable deposit (damage to green). The village hall booking clerk would organise. Two rates one for parishioners and one for outsiders. Parties should end at midnight and this would be allowed only a couple of times a year. C.Allhusen will go back and speak to the Village Hall Committee.

**The Lord Nelson** – The pub is still up for sale at £497,000 and known as The Heart of Norfolk. There is also a new wooden extension at the back and the PC have not seen a planning application. C.Carter will speak to planning at Breckland. Also to change the pub into a home would be difficult, proof is needed that the public house has been running at a loss for 5 years.

**Wind Turbines** – Ecotricity appealed to the High Court to quash the recent Secretary of State's (SoS) refusal of permission for the Shipdham Wind Farm. The case was heard and the judgement delivered, the Judge rejected the appeal. Ecotricity have decided to go to the Appeal Court to try to get the High Court decision overturned. No formal notification has been made yet. Breckland do not want to be involved in the High Court. If they win and resubmit the applications, this time it may be approved and that is worrying. C.Carter will look into this.

**Highways** – The clerk was asked to email them regarding the large puddle outside the parking area for the cricket club and also the amount of water running down West End from Westbrook Barns to Tie Beam Cottage.

**Clayland Homes** – C.Allhusen spoke to Dave Wilson at Breckland regarding the uncompleted footpath, flashing signs and road widening. The delay is due to the new home that Ed Sorrell is building and also by Mrs Sue Smith at the pub. Clayland have in other areas not always completed items that were included in the original applications. Hopefully this will not happen on this occasion. C.Carter will speak to planning.

**Planting** – Mrs P Walker gave the PC an estimate on how much the plants would cost approx. £300. She has also look at areas in the village that may be suitable and ask D.West if he would look at the sites suggested. It was agreed that P.Walker would speak to Norfolk County Council Highways regarding some of the chosen areas ie:grass cutting etc.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**Crime Figures**      The following crimes have been reported to the Police  
 February- 1-Criminal Damage, 1- Drugs offence & 1-Other Crime  
 March – 1- Other Crime & 1 - Theft from Motor Vehicle  
 April – 1-Other Crime & 1- Violence against Person

## AUDIT

The Clerk prepared the yearly Audit and these were signed by the Chairman with the approval of the Parish Council. The internal audit was very kindly carried out by Mr Peter Mullen.

## PLANNING

**APPLICATION:-**      New pair of semi-detached dwellings by Mr John Manoukian Garden of 14 Mill Hill – **No Objection**

Internal alternations and extensions by Mr & Mrs J Atkins The Pightle  
**No Objection comments made regarding the Workshop**

Installation of a 50kw Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array by G C F Hillier & Sons Leys Farm – **No Objection comments made re the siting**

**APPROVAL:-**      Installation of a 50kw Ground Mounted Photovoltaic Array by G C F Hillier & Sons Leys Farm– **No Objection comments made re the siting**

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Demolition of existing rear addition and proposed re-building with pitched roof by Mr Paul Heard 21 School Road – **No Objection**

## FINANCE:-

Opening Balance                      **£16590.28**

### Expenditure

Village Hall – Donation              2500.00

Village Hall – Rent                      30.00

The Verderers-Tree for Green      174.00

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 £ 2704.00

### Income

PCC Grass Cutting Contribut      681.84

Interest                                      10.99

Precept                                        4000.00

Precept Grant                              411.37

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 £ 5104.20

**Balance                                      £18990.48**

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

## OTHER BUSINESS:

D.Bohn-due to the recent theft of lead from the roof of St Marys, did the PC think a gate or something similar at the open end of the church would be suitable, to stop travellers etc from entering. It was decide not at present

P.Jarvis – A request was made from Brett Dewing, would it be possible to put a small gazebo on a Saturday in July on the green just outside the Pavilion for a 50<sup>th</sup> party. It is for the band and they would only play until midnight. PC agreed that would be acceptable.

**Next Meetings:      Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**MEETING ENDED:      9.25pm**