

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mr C Allhusen, Mr J Reading, Mr S Welton, Mr P Jarvis, Ms K Findlay and Ms T Frost together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert and 2 residents.

APOLOGIES – Mrs Les Baxter- Unwell, Edward Connolly – County Councillor and Helen Crane – District Councillor

The minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare an interest in any of the following items on the agenda. Dispensation is granted to all Parish Councillors in order to discuss the Precept and other financial matters.

Helen Crane – District Councillor

Apologies that I cannot be with you this evening. For the 4th year in a row Breckland Council has received the gold star award from the RSPCA for its exceptional work with stray dogs, including its work with the dog warden, kennels, re-homing, veterinary care and also its promotional work around micro-chipping and neutering of dogs. The Council invested in a new animal welfare officer who is inspecting animal breeders, kennels, Catteries and pet shops.

A new chief executive has been appointed. Maxine O'Mahoney who has been with Breckland Council for 14 years first as an HR consultant and then as a director in 2009. I am very pleased with this appointment and it was overwhelmingly ratified at full council on 14th October.

A couple who fly-tipped a mattress in the middle of Watton were caught on CCTV and fined £400. 150 abandoned vehicles have been removed from the streets of Breckland. The cars were located on roads, verges and fields. The majority of owners have removed their cars to private land or reinstated their road tax. Five owners who took no action were issued fixed penalty notices for abandoning their vehicles. Cars declared as 'off the road' should be kept on private land. Abandoned vehicles can be reported to Breckland council under the 'report it' tab on the website.

Breckland Council has been shortlisted in a national award after adopting new ways of working. The pandemic moved forward the worksmart 2020 at great pace and this nomination recognises the Council's move to an agile work approach. The Worksmart programme has transformed the way the council's staff work, enabling them to work in a location and way that best supports the delivery of services and tasks.

Public Session

Resident ask if there was any news on the footpath for Hale Road that was promised by Clayland. – See below

MATTERS ARISING

Village Green Bylaws – These are with the Secretary of State to make a decision.

Clayland Footpath – We have received no news. The footpath will be the responsibility of Highways once it is completed. The Clerk will write to Helen Crane for further information.

Highways – The pavement on School Road near the School House has now been cleared of moss and debris. The grass also has been cut outside the house near Tufts. This had grown to a couple of feet.

Speed Gates – This is progressing very slowly. Extra posts have been ordered. Due to a change of position, of one of the gates, permission will be needed asked for.

Speed Bin Signs – No new sales. It was agreed to try and sell these at village events, Teresa will speak to the Bradenham Community Group and the Clerk will give some to Les and Neil to sell at the Village Craft Fair on Saturday.

Bench for New Lane – This has now been installed with the original plaque. We have already received some positive comments from residents.

Picnic Table/Other Equipment – It was agreed to order the easy-access picnic bench 2M in brown recycles plastic. Total cost approx £894 with VAT. Clerk will speak to Wil (TTSR) to ask if he would fit the picnic bench and also install a concrete base and at what cost. The bench should be fitted before The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Parking/Entrance to Village Hall – See Below

Trees re Queens jubilee – Julian and the Clerk went to Beacham to select the three trees. These have now been delivered and paid for by the County Council for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. It was recommended that metal tree guard should not be use, they can damage the root ball. Julian installed wooden guards. Neil and Nick from Bradenham Hall came along with a digger to help Julian plant the trees saving a hefty fee from Barcham. Thanks to Chris Allhusen for funding this. A plaque could be put on the trees at a later date or in the ground.

The trees will need watering in the summer month, depending on the weather. Paul and Steve have both offered to help Julian do this. Chris suggested that water is available at the farm.

The old lime tree stump could be cut further down to make a seat or a sculpture could be considered. Kim will speak to her brother about this.

The cricket club will be written to, to make them aware of the trees.

Also they will need to be cordoned off at the Fete.

Julian has written a piece for the next Mardle and Teresa will add some memories of the green.

Memorial Token – Julian & Teresa met up with Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Mrs Melinda Raker. The Parish was presented with a plaque to commemorate the resilience of your community during the time of the pandemic. It was agreed this could be placed below the Village sign on the green. Julian kindly offered to do this.

Cricket Club – Paul will speak to the Cricket Club regarding the removable fence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Precept – This was discussed and the PC agreed to keep it at the same level has last year £8000.

Letter from Mr & Mrs Salter – The PC acknowledged the receipt of the letter received regarding the parking issues. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

Prince's Trust – Teresa & the Clerk met with the Trust at the Ford. The trust did not feel the project was suitable for them at present and could be re-considered at a later date Parking and facilities were an issue.

We do need to consider putting a bench, bin and maybe some wild flowers at the Ford. The clerk will email Highway to find out if we are allowed to do this.

Grass Cutting - It was agreed to carry out the following work. TTSR will charge the following. Pound -Strim the area between the ditch, 4 times a year. £25.00 plus Vat each Strimming £20.00 plus Vat eachx4 times a year's near Cricket Club edge

This will help the cricket club to collect the balls without being stung by the nettles.

PLANNING

APPLICATION :- Proposed single storey rear extension & internal alterations – 13 Church St – Mr & Mrs Moore – **NO OBJECTION**

Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2021/1060/F – 2 x Velux roof lights (back & Front) and 2 x gable windows – West End- Mrs Raven - **OBJECTION**

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Proposed barn conversions to three residential dwellings – Barn at Top Farm New Lane – S E Salmon Ltd – **NO OBJECTION**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROJECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

All the rents, wages need to be reviewed

Balance carried forward from last year **£11169.15**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Precept	8000.00	Village Hall-Rent	55.00
PCC Grass Cutting Fee	880.00	T T S R-Grass Cutting	3646.66
Interest	3.74	Zurich Insurance	950.00
VAT Refund	1416.68	Barcham Tree	1570.00
Cricket Club – Fees	350.00	Clerk Wages	615.20
Village Hall Donation	4193.39	PAYE	133.60
NCC – Donation Trees	1649.64	Playarea Inspection	380.00
		Kevin Sadd – Painting	3707.58
		Community Heartbeat Pads	48.00
		Bradenham Hall Farm – Footpath	368.00
		NALC Membership	161.64
		Bench for New Lane	395.00
		Glasdon – Bin	310.40
		Wickstead Paint/Fixings	624.96
		Gopak – Chairs	1699.69
		Tufts – Village Hall	323.62
		Tufts – Wood for tree Guard	79.64
		T T S R - Bench Fitting	150.00
		T T S R – Extra Mowing	180.00
		VAT	2696.27
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	£ 16493.45		£18095.26

This will leave us an approximate balance at the end of March 2022 of £9567.34

We are allowed to donate £8.41 per resident (610) per year £5130.10. The projection was approved by the PC.

It was agreed that the Precept should stay at £8000. Cricket Club fees to stay the same. The Clerk wages will rise to £700 before tax.

FINANCE

Opening Balance £11126,63 Nationwide - £ 612.75 Lloyd - £10513.88

Nationwide Account - £612.75

Expenditure

Clerk Wages	157.80
PAYE	29.40

£	187.20

Income

interest	0.44
Precept	4000.00

	£4000.44

Balance £ 4425.99

Lloyds Account - £10513.88

Expenditure

Kevin Sadd - Painting	2604.10
Wickstead- Fixings	205.72
TTSR Ltd- Grass cutting	1093.97
Kevin Sadd – Play Area Paint	1845.00
Barcham Trees	1884.00
J Reading – Tufts	95.57
Tufts – Cupboard	388.34

£	8116.70

Income

Village Hall – Donation	2170.08
VAT Refund	1416.68
NCC Donation – Trees	1649.64

	£ 5236.40

Balance £ 7633.58

Total Money in both accounts £ 12059.57

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chris (Chairman) asked if the leaves on the green under the tree's should be removed. The PC agreed that they should just be left.

Chris (Chairman) asked the Clerk to put the Permissive paths on the next agenda and also to put a note in the January 2022 Mardle, so if residents wish to attend to discuss this they can.

Next Meetings: Tuesday 8th February 2022

MEETING ENDED: 8.44pm