

Minutes of Bradenham Parish Meeting on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Mr C Allhusen, Mr J Reading, Mr S Welton, Ms M Brigstock, Ms K Findlay and Ms T Frost together with the Clerk Mrs D Ruppert, Helen Crane and Tim Birt (District Councillors) with 10 residents.

APOLOGIES – Mrs Les Baxter- Unwell and Edward Connolly – County Councillor absent.
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.

Tim Birt – District Councillor

106 agreement has been a problem for many years. Thousands of villages have lost out. New officer is now in place and we are hoping this will now be sort out. We cannot guarantee any old funds will be given distributed.

Local plan will be a binary decision, it will be either accepted as a whole document or not at all.

Planning generally approves more green field sites. Brown field sites are more expensive than green field

Helen Crane – District Councillor

Grants are available for the VE day celebrations. We had the Poppy Day flag raised and 2 minute silent around the county. A white flag ribbon was also raised for the fight against domestic violence.

Green Britain centre in Swaffham may become a community area.

The department that deals with the Fly Tipping problem has issued several fines. Please encourage residents to report fly tipping, it is very easy to do this online

Public Session

PC Paula Gilluley sent her apologies for not be able to attend.

The footpath has still not been started. The Chairman read out an email received from Sue and Andy Smith – As you know we spoke to Kay Gordon from Breckland Highways when she did a site visit with Chris Tilley (mid-September) to discuss the road widening. Kay asked if we would still donate the land required as per original agreement which had expired. We indicated at the time this would be acceptable to us and subsequently confirmed this via email the next day. Kay and her team were to discuss this further with Chris Tilley and come back to us once they had reached an agreement. Kay had said she would 'keep us in the loop however, as yet we have had no further updates or contact from any party involved. One can only assume no progress has been made.

Helen Crane stated that she expected the path to have been started by now because Highways had now accepted the 'Trode' footpath and this will be looked into.

There is still a problem with the ditch (Hale Road/Church St), Chris Allhusen will email John Cotton.

The PC thanked Tim Shakesby for rodding near the Lord Nelson and clearing the water off the Highway.

A resident pointed out that the cricket club square being roped of is quite dangerous when you walk cross the green in the evening, even with a torch. The clerk will ask the club if they could put something reflective up.

Highways – Email read out from a resident regarding speeding traffic and over hanging trees and the email that was sent to highways by the same resident. PC agreed that the roads are narrow, but there is not much that can be done.

Trevor Nelson wrote to Norfolk Highways requesting for a Highways traffic assessment due to the volume of traffic through Bradenham and for the safety of residents. Highways do not feel this is necessary and traffic calming measures, which are very expensive, cannot be justified in small villages.

Speed Watch – Monitored 133 vehicles travelling through Bradenham in one hour today. The flashing signs do help but in between them, vehicles still speed. Kim Findlay mentioned that vehicles do speed going up Littleproud Hill so they can get to the top without meeting other vehicles going down. Steve Welton asked the PC to support Trevor Nelson in going further with Highways, it was agreed they would do this. Chris Allhusen will email John Cotton of Highways.

Village Green Bylaws - This was placed in the November Mardle and so far, only one resident comments. As agreed we will give residents 3 months to comment and after that it needs to be advertised and then it up to the Secretary of State to make a decision.

Clayland Footpath – See Public Session

Playground Inspection Report – Chris Allhusen ordered and replaced the following seat – 2xCradle seats and 3xFlat seats including the chains.

Dog Mess on Green – This is difficult to deal with, we need to be vigilant. Fines can be imposed.

Cleaning The Ford - Thanks must go to the small group of volunteers of Michael Murray, Jake Tinsley, Steve and Lesley Welton. Our thanks also goes to Chris Allhusen for providing a trailer and disposing of the rubbish.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Bank Account – Paul Jarvis is still on the account due to the Nationwide losing the form. Paul has resigned a form and that will now be monitored by a member of the branch. We have also verbally been advised that the business investor account will be closing in the new year and an alternative will be offered. The PC agreed that the Clerk writes to NALC to ask them what banks do other PC's use.

Charity Letters – Two received – Norfolk Citizens Advice and Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. The PC had decided not to give to charities and instead spend the money in the village.

Items for Discussion

Village Archivist – No response to advert in Mardle, will see what happens in the next couple of months. To be re advertised.

FINANCE:-	Opening Balance	£7416.44		
Income			Expenditure	
Precept	4000.00		Clerks Wages	182.80
VAT Refund	2396.68		PAYE	4.40
Interest	2.21		Wickstead- Swing Seats	156.24
			TTSR-Grass	1072.62
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			Wickstead – Cradle Seat	377.58
			Bradenham Hall Farm	
			Footpath Agreement	441.60
			Heartbeat – Defib Pads	54.00
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	£ 6398.89			£ 3361.86
Balance	£10453.47			

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROJECTION FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2020

All the rents, wages need to be reviewed

Balance carried forward from last year **£5986.82**

RECEIPTS

Precept	8000.00
PCC Grass Cutting Fee	870.00
Interest	7.50
VAT Refund	2396.68
Cricket Club – Fees	350.00

560.00

£ 11624.18

PAYMENTS

Village Hall-Rent	32.00
T T S R-Grass Cutting	3650.00
Zurich Insurance	1010.00
PKF-Audit Fee	200.00
Clerk Wages	731.20
PAYE	17.60
Playarea Inspection	300.00
Norfolk ALC	180.00
BH Farm- Footpath Rent	368.00
Wickstead-Swing Seats	130.20
Uncontested Election	75.00
Wickstead-Cradle Seat	377.58
Donation to Cricket Club	
VAT	992.60

£ 8624.18

This will leave us an approximate balance at the end of March 2020 of **£8986.82**.

We are allowed to donate £8.12 per resident (561) per year £4555.32

PLANNING

APPLICATION:- Two Storey Extension to Rear by Mr & Mrs T Pepper by 2 Hale Road-**No Objection**

Single Storey Extension to North Elevation by Mr & Mrs E Raker Huntingfield Farm
– **No Objection**

Listed Building Consent re Extension by Mr & Mrs E Raker Huntingfield Farm –
No Objection

Proposed conversion & extension of redundant barn to dwelling by
Mr & Mrs Salmon Twizel Barn Top Farm New Lane

Helen Crane advised the policy for barn conversion is under permitted development normally. The difference with this application is that they need to extend it to allow for 2 bedrooms.

The PC discussed the above application – Many felt this should not be approved. This is located on a sharp bend, no visibility to oncoming traffic and this area does flood. Double the size of the original

The clerk required there comments asap, these need to be in by 2nd December

APPROVAL: - Two Storey Extension to Rear by Mr & Mrs T Pepper by 2 Hale Road-**No Objection**

OTHER BUSINESS: Julian asked if the trees etc could be inspected at St Mary's Church.

Chris Allhusen advised that this was up to the PCC and he would speak to them.

Next Meetings: Changed from previous minutes to 11th February 2020. The AGM will be held on 19th May 2020

MEETING ENDED: 8.40pm