

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Brandeston Parish Council

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*Minutes of the Meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on **Monday 10th July 2023 at 19.30pm** in Meeting Room at Brandeston Village Hall.*

Minutes

Present: Cllrs P. Baker, B. Baker, P. Locke, M. Randell, J. Spacey (clerk)

Also in attendance: Elaine Bryce (SCC), 7 members of the public.

- 1) The Parish Council acting Chair (P. Baker) welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the Meeting.
- 2) Apologies for Absence received from Cllrs R. Summers.
- 3) No declarations of Interest disclosed.
- 4) Public Forum:
 - a) The matter of Noise Nuisance emanating from the Old Vicarage was introduced by two members of the Public (separate agenda item)
 - b) Suggested by member of Public the Speed Indicator Device (S.I.D) to be relocated to the centre of the village on the Street. B. Baker advise that the current proposal was that SID be moved periodically to one of the two established positions as a trial. The suggestion of a central position to be considered. Constant relocation has a bearing on the Insurance Premium.
 - c) The relocation of the Bottle recycling bins from the Queen car park was raised
- 5) The Meeting approved the Minutes of 12th June 2023 Parish Council Meeting as a true record and the acting Chair signed them.
- 6) P. Baker advised:
 - a) Quarterly Spend £453.49 (including repairs to SID, SALC and Microsoft Subscription renewals)
 - b) Budget Report until March 2024 £7260.51 remaining.
 - c) Reserves: £1000 allocated to Playground, £300 Sinking Fund, Training £420, Repairs to Village Pump Estimated £550, contribution to defibrillator £200.
 - d) Internet Banking now activated with HSBC.
- 7) GDPR update – Cllr Randell to Report at September Meeting

Risk Assessment – Cllr Randell liaising with Mary Ketley regarding Village Hall.

- 8) Planning:
 - a) East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA) – an alliance with adjoining Parishes to monitor and discuss Planning Applications was considered to be advantageous – subject to the Parish not losing its autonomy.
 - b) Nest Care Farm – No further advice from Kettleburgh Parish Council

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- c) Village Pump – estimates for repair (circa £550) to be considered before September meeting.
- 9) Old Vicarage – Several complaints regarding Noise levels from this “air B&B” received from Parishioners. Cllr Summers has written to the owner expressing her concern regarding noise levels, disruption and partying during evenings from occupiers. The Owners have responded and will make the ‘guests’ aware of the need to recognise the quiet village location.
- 10) Footpaths – Cllr Locke reported no current issues but noted complaint from Parishioner regarding the Queens Wood Footpath.
- 11) The Cllrs were made aware of several complains of speeding through the village. The campaign for a reduction in speed in the Village location was considered and generally agreed to be desirable. Cllr Elaine Bryce assisted the Meeting by advising that a speed reduction would require a “Traffic Regulation Order” involving Police Consultation, extensive advertisement and employment of Legal Representatives – A cost of Several Thousand Pounds (some match funding may be available). Cllr Bryce offered to convene a meeting with Chair and Highways Authority representative to consider possible options. The Parish Cllrs to defer any action until September Meeting.
- 12) Co-option of two Cllrs necessary and advertisement of vacancies to be extended with review in September.
- 13) Clerk reported his recent attendance at a County Planning Forum and three planned training modules in July and August for Clerk Training. Cllr Randell expressed a desire to take up further training – Clerk to provide schedules and programmes.
- 14) Queen Public House – Clerk reported that the current property owner had requested that the District Council remove the glass recycling bins from the car park forthwith due to the noise and litter nuisance caused by their use. It was agreed that an approach to the owner to limit hours of use be made (Clerk).
- 15) AOB- Cllr Bryce reported on current Highways matters and recent Trading Standards involvements in the County.

The Meeting closed at 21.00.

Date of next meeting Monday 11th September 2023 at the Village Hall.