

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the committee room of the Village Hall.

Present: *Councillors Buckingham, Duffy, Elson (in the chair), Kirton, Mitson-Woods and Norman. Also present Mary Mitson-Woods (Clerk)*

4-1718/1 Welcome from the Chairman The chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting. There were no members of the public or SCC or SCDC representatives present therefore there was no forum with parishioners or reports from other representatives.

4-1718/2 To receive any Declarations of Interest – there were none.

4-1718/3 To receive and accept apologies for absence. Councillor Churchill sent her apologies and these were accepted.

4-1718/4 To receive and sign as a true record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th July(Circulated) These were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4-1718/5 Finance

a) RFO Report on the Council's finance. The RFO reported that the balance in the PC Account 00186686 was £3258.12. Cheques to be paid out totalled £364.07 which leaves an available balance at 12th September of £2794.05. The second half of the Precept is due at the end of September which will bring the available balance up to £3904.05. However, £500.00 is already authorised and pledged to the Village Hall playground project, this reduces the balance to £3404.05. Councillors were confident that the Council is in a sound financial situation.

The 100+ account balance stands at £2048.44. The Village Hall Management Committee is taking out £840.83 (+ VAT £168.17 to be reclaimed for the playground and prize money totalling £255.00 is to be drawn for the October, November and Christmas draws. January, February and March 2018 prizes will total £105.00 and the Lottery Licence payable to SCDC in December will be £20.00. Balance at end of year projected as £827.62.

b) The Clerk's salary from 8th July to 1st September was due and cheque number 100476 was authorised and signed for £160.00.

c) Insurance cover for the Council. Councillors agreed that the Community Action Suffolk was the best option for the Council and cheque number 100475 was authorised and signed payable to CAS Business Ltd for £304.07. The Clerk reminded Councillors that any money CAS made from its insurance business was ploughed back into Suffolk communities.

4/1718/6 Planning Matters

a) DC/17/3403/FUL Two bay timber framed garage for car storage at The Rowans, 4 Pond Piece, Brandeston. Councillors considered this application and studied the plan. It was resolved that no objections were identified and that the Council recommended that SCDC planning office grant consent.

b) Help Plan the Future of the District – Issues and Options for the SC Local Plan Review. The Clerk reported that this future Plan is out for review. Special sessions will be available for PCs to send up to 3 representatives. The Clerk was asked to check dates for these and Councillors Buckingham and Kirton offered to attend. The importance of responding to the consultation was recognised.

4/1718/7 Faster Broadband update – Councillor Buckingham reported that a recent mapped update showing that Brandeston is possibly to have super-fast broadband by September 2017.

4/1718/8 Update on Manse Hill Corner

The Clerk had not been able to get a response from Suffolk CC Highways on this matter and will try again through County Councillor Robin Vickery.

Councillor Kirton reported that following a complaint from a villager about speeding tractors and grain trailers driving through the village he had spoken to Mrs Parkinson who, although she did not think the tractors belonged to her farm, agreed that she would speak to her farm staff to remind them to take care through the village.

4/1718/9 Village Triangles - Councillor Buckingham reported that there is sufficient evidence for the triangle near the Queen to be claimed but the Council still needs more evidence for the Low Street area. Councillor Buckingham has telephoned the Land Registry but she was not able to obtain a clear indication of exactly how much or what constitutes good evidence to prove a claim. The Clerk was instructed to ask Sue Thurlow to provide a statement from her experience of caring for the triangle on behalf of the Council. If the claim is rejected the Council can claim again in twelve months. It was resolved that the Council should pay £70 for the Application Fee once the proforma is completed and ready to be sent to the Land Registry.

4/1718/10 War Memorial and WW1 centenary 2018

Councillor Elson reminded Councillors that at the last meeting Brandeston PC had already committed £500 to the War Memorial refurbishment. Additionally, the PC had agreed to take ownership of the Memorial. The Clerk advised that as soon as the PC takes ownership the Memorial must be added to its insurance over. The Clerk to investigate the process required to take ownership.

4/1718/11 Any items Councillors wish to be included in 2018/19 budget to aid Clerk's preparation for next meeting. Councillor Norman offered to clear the footpath through the small gate beside the larger village hall entrance and restore the gate with a paint to match the main gates. It was also agreed that the Clerk investigate the cost of a plaque to commemorate the work of Hector Moore who had designed and built the gates to celebrate Brandeston winning Village of the Year.

A villager has raised the subject of the bus shelter with Councillor Buckingham; it is no longer cleaned since Les Cullen moved from the village. It was suggested that the Clerk should circulate the village via the email addresses and see if someone would volunteer to keep the bus shelter clean and tidy. If nobody comes forward the Council will consider if Richard Martin could do this when he cuts the grass on the triangle. This would involve budgeting a few extra hours per year. Councillor Buckingham commented that the area around the pump could be included.

4/1718/12 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 20.51pm.