

## BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the village hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Present:** Cllrs B Baker, Bange, Summers (in the chair), Fletcher, Locke, District Cllr Lydia Freeman, SCC Elaine Bryce, Mary Ketley (BVH committee and Mary Revett Trust), Chris McCarther (PCC), Helen Fletcher, Darryl Morgan, Mark Hounsell, Philip Summers.

**2021-22/1. The Parish Council Chairman**, Councillor Rachel Summers, was in the Chair and welcomed parishioners to the Meeting.

**2021-22/2. Apologies for Absence** were received from Paul Baker and Steve Williams.

**2021-22/3.** The Meeting approved the **Minute of the Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019** and authorised the Chairman to sign as a true record.

### 2021-22/4

- a) **Brandeston Parish Council report for the year 2021/22** was given by Councillor Summers (attached)
- b) **Finance report from Clerk/RFO** The Clerk summarised the key transactions of the year and reported that the Annual Accounts and relevant documents for the year 2020/21 and 2021/22 are available on the Parish Council area of the village website at [www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net).
- c) **Councillor Fletcher reported with feedback from the Speed Indicator Display.** A villager asked whether it would be possible to turn the camera inwards and record the speed as cars left the village – is there an impact on days when the bins are out with additional 30mph signs? It was noted that the overall the majority of vehicles did speed though the village exceeding the 30mph limit, generally averaging 34-38mph. A villager noted that the cameras are situated in positions where vehicles are potentially slowing down on their approach and more SID sites throughout the village would give additional information about speeds travelled in village. SCC Bryce has raised the topic in her annual report regarding the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras being used to help detect and deter speeding offences. The ANPR cameras will be installed at a site where it has been identified by a parish council, with support from their county councillor, there is a problem with speeding and / or rat running on roads with a 20 or 30mph speed limit. An ANPR camera will identify a speeding vehicle by capturing an image of the number plate of the vehicle. Data will then be shared with the Police and the County Council. The County Council will write to the owner of the vehicle on behalf of both parties explaining that their vehicle has been registered as speeding. Repeat offenders could be visited by the police, the next step could then be the deployment of speed enforcement vans at particular speeding hotspot locations, resulting in subsequent fines to those who breach the speed limit. A Parishioner asked whether there was any research into the effectiveness of the different types of cameras. Cllr Bryce was not sure but would investigate. **Cllr Bryce agreed to communicate with the Clerk on the issue. (Report attached)**
- d) **Quiet Lanes:** Cllr Locke reported that the Quiet Lanes signs were now installed. All agreed that the traffic needs to be monitored to see if the new installations have beneficial impact.

**2021-22/5 Village Hall Committee:** Mary Ketley, Village Hall Chairman, reported on activities, upkeep and finance of the Village Hall. Thanks were given to Sue Thurlow for all her work as Chair and hoped to carry on her good work. She highlighted that the BVH committee had introduced a Vice Chair position. The good finances and grants received have enabled the Hall to weather the Covid pandemic and continue to carry out maintenance. She was optimistic about the future bookings and activities. (Report attached).

**2021-22/6 All Saints Church:** Chris McCarther, Church Warden at All Saint's, reported on activity at the village church. *(Report attached)*.

**2021-22/7 Mary Revett Trust:** Cllr Summers asked the floor if there were any persons presents with any Declarations of Interest relating to the MRT due to ongoing proceedings relating to the Trust. There were none. Mary Ketley proceeded to provide an update on the activities relating to the MRT. A Parishioner asked what the MRT actually was, having not been aware of it. Mary stated that it was a Trust fund created in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century to provide financial assistance to young persons. Unfortunately, the Trust had disappeared off the radar of the village but work is being undertaken by three volunteers as a working group, together with assistance from the PC, to get it resurrected. *(Report attached)*.

**2021-22/8 Councillor Elaine Bryce, County Councillor for Carlford Division,** has provided a report from the past year at SCC. *(Attached)* She highlighted key topics. She noted that communities have pulled together well during the Covid pandemic and this has continued in the show of support to Ukrainian families coming to UK. Highways issues take up a lot of time and the budget has just been posted. ANPR trials are being undertaken and were discussed earlier in the meeting as part of the SID report. Suffolk is warming up for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. SCC review into SEND survey has been brought forward. The Council has received an Outstanding report for its handling of children leaving care. A Parishioner raised the issue that the admission to the recycling centres will continue to be via a booking system. He questioned the cost effectiveness of this system with the increase cost of having the maintenance of the online system and cost of manning the entry at sites; he questioned whether the system isn't self-regulatory as users know when the sites tend to be busier. Cllr Bryce responded by reporting that the response of questionnaires regarding the booking system showed that the majority of users wanted to keep the booking system in place. A Parishioner questioned whether the cost of recycling white goods could also be reduced in order to reduce fly-tipping. **Cllr Bryce said she would investigate.**

**2021-22/9. District Cllrs Lydia Freeman** reported that a grant had been provided to support the maintenance of the play equipment area (woodchip purchases) at the village hall. She also reported that she continues to liaise with local farmers/managers regarding mowing of verges and footpaths to help preserve wildflowers during the flowering/seed season. The current area of discussion is the Drovers Path footpath/bridleway between Brandeston and Earl Soham.

**2021-22/10 General discussion from the floor.** A Parishioner asked whether the brown fingerposts on the Heritage signs could be raised as they are at head height. **The Clerk agreed to contact SCC/Highways.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm