

## BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minute of a meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Buckingham, Churchill, Duffy, Elson, Kirton, Mitson-Woods

**1-1516/6 Welcome from the Chairman Councillor Elson.**

The meeting adjourned for parishioners to raise any issues pertaining to the village and for reports from the District Council, PCSO Hassler and from a member of Suffolk County Council

There were no parishioners present. Christian Hassler reported on local policing matters. (Attached) Councillor Churchill asked if a written report would be sent in future. Christian replied that the information will be available through the Freedom of Information Act and any problems in the village are available on Police Connect. Councillors can go on to the Suffolk Police website and use the link to "Crimes in my area".

**Speeding issues:** there have been two speeding checks in the last few weeks; these resulted in a caution and two speeding notifications. A Speed Detection Recorder has been placed in the street for at least a week in order to monitor speeding through the village to check whether speeding is actually happening or is a perception. The Council could have a "smiley face" speed monitor and it may be worth liaising with Framlingham Town Council which is using one at the entrances to the town.

Councillor Buckingham asked PCSO Hassler if he would report back on the results from the SPR and give advice on how speed awareness can be raised. He agreed to do this and to be present at meetings whenever possible.

There was no presence, apology or written report from SCC or SCDC.

**2-1516/6 To receive any Declarations of Interest – there were none**

**3-1516/6 To receive and consider apologies for absence.** Councillor Norman sent his apologies to the meeting, these were accepted.

**4- 1516/6 To receive and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (Circulated)**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**5-1516/6 Finance**

**a) To receive a financial report from the Responsible Finance Officer (Attached)**

The Council's finances are healthy.

**b) Councillor Norman to present quotes for the repair of the village hall gates from Suffolk Welding Supplies and to agree on action to be taken.** Although Councillor Norman was not present but he had received a quote from Suffolk Welding Co Ltd. This included removing the gates from site, grit blasting to

bare metal. Repairing corroded areas and freeing off drop bolts. The problem areas where flower petals were holding water would be drilled for drainage. The quote also included a zinc powder primer coating and architectural black and will be returned to site and rehung. The quoted cost is 950.00 + VAT. Suffolk Welding Company warned that if further unseen corrosion is found following blasting there may be an additional maximum cost of 125.00 + VAT. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the Council should put an order in for the work to be done.

**c) 100+ Account payment for Lottery Licence £20.00.** This was agreed and cheque number 100101 from the Brandeston PC 100+ Club account was authorised and signed by Councillors Elson and Churchill.

**d)** An invoice for grass cutting at the triangle from 10<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 had been received from Richard Martin. Councillors authorised this payment and cheque number 100102 was issued for the sum of 120.00 from the Parish Council account.

#### **6-1516/6 Reports from Councillors**

**a) Broadband speed in the village** – to receive an update from Councillor Buckingham. Cllr Buckingham reported that despite best attempts to meet with Suffolk Better Broadband (SBB) to lobby for early roll-out of super-fast broadband for the village, meeting plans had to be put on hold whilst final roll-out decisions were being taken by SBB in conjunction with BT.

Roll-out plans will be completed by the end of 2015 and SBB then intends to begin a programme of meetings in 2016 with all communities involved, to advise on decisions taken and their rationale. There is no opportunity for us to lobby for an early position in the roll-out timetable as all decisions are taken in the most cost-effective and logical way. However, Cllr Buckingham has asked for a meeting early in 2016 to find out more and help iron out any localised challenges with installation.

It is likely that a temporary, satellite-based solution will be offered by SBB if our roll-out date is later rather than sooner in the programme.

Additional subscription costs will apply for those interested in take-up, whether as part of a temporary or permanent solution.

Cllr Churchill spoke about some of the reported successes of FramBroadband, a community broadband provider. Cllr Buckingham will investigate this as an alternative and report back to the January meeting.

**b) Report from SALC area meeting** – Councillor Mitson-Woods (Attached)

**c) Councillors Duffy, Kirton and Mitson-Woods on road sign survey and to plan work schedule.** (Report attached)

An opinion to be gained from SALC about PC powers and road signs. The Clerk to check with insurers about volunteers from the village.

#### **8-1516/6 Clerk's report**

**a)** Cheque signatories update, no progress has been made and the Clerk handed paperwork to the Chairman, as he is already a signatory and Barclay's bank will accept his phone call.

**b)** Storing Parish Council documents and Parish Plan papers. It was agreed that boxes should be purchased by the Clerk at approximately 60.00 to place archived documents in for storage in the village hall loft. It was further agreed that the Parish Plan papers do not need to be kept.

**c)** Registering the village pub as a Community Asset. The Councillors agreed that we should go ahead with this, Clerk to discover the correct procedure for doing this.

#### **9.1516/6 Defibrillator at the village hall.**

To discuss a suggestion from Darryl Morgan that the Council consider providing this facility at the hall. This can be provided with some grant funding from a charity but there needs to be a formal committee set up to administer the equipment. The cost is approximately 2000.00 although and there is around 600.00

contribution from the charity. Councillors agreed that there was insufficient support for this. Councillor Churchill will raise the issue with the village hall to see if that body is interested. Significant fund raising would be necessary.

**10.1516/6      Speeding through the village.**

Following the discussion with Christian Hassler the Council will await the results of the speeding recorder and then it will be put on the Agenda of the Parish Meeting. It was noted that Kettleburgh has roundels on the road, paling fencing at the entrance to the village from the Brandeston direction and these seem effective.

**11.1516/6      Winter salt gritting.**

It was agreed that a pile of sand/salt is needed half way down the Manse Hill. All councillors will be named for SCC insurance. Les Cullen should be asked if he would cover the dangerous corner near his house in Low Street. Clerk to publicise the fact that if villagers think other areas need winter treatment they should contact a councillor or the Clerk.

The meeting ended at 21.34pm.

**12-1516/6      Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the village hall.**