

**Minute of Brandeston Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present**

*Paul Baker, Helen Buckingham, Kathy Churchill, Chris Cullen, Les Cullen Clemency Cunliffe, Kevin Duffy, Paddy Fielder, Nick Hayward, Mark Hounsell, Paul Kirton, Mary Mitson-Woods (Clerk), Richard Mitson-Woods, Mary Moore, Darryl Morgan, Daniel Norman, David Risk (in the Chair), Helen Saxton, Phil Summers and Sue Thurlow,*

**1. Chairman's Welcome and to receive Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from:-

Chantelle Chaervey, Dr Wil Elson, Christian Hassler

Peter Thurlow, Pat Morgan, Anne Hayward Ruth Risk and Sarah Thorne

**2. To accept and sign the Minute of the Parish Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 as a true record.** All agreed that the Chairman signed these as a true record.

At this point Mark Housell was presented with a tree in gratitude for his service to the parish council – completing 16 years in 2 spells.

**3. Report from the Parish Council:**

- a) Chairman, Councillor David Risk for 2014-15. (Attached)
- b) Financial Report – Mary Mitson-Woods (Attached) Mark Hounsell asked for the minute to record the contribution Don Evans makes to the village by providing an internal audit. Sue Thurlow asked the Clerk to find out if any money received for the 100+ Club after the beginning of April could entitle new members to be entered in the draw.

**4. Reports from village organisations**

- a) Village Hall – Paul Baker gave a report which covered the period from January 2015 to now. (Tabled) The Chairman asked for what progress has been made on the new chairs – they are still being decided upon. The Clerk to look into ownership of the old chairs. There is to be a working party to clean and tidy the hall and environs in May or June and help is requested from villagers to do this. Later in the year the VH Committee will think about cutting

the hedges later in the year. Lady Cunliffe asked if there is any reason why the Church is not asked to provide a report to the APM. It was agreed that next year's APM would include a report from the PCC, Chris McArthur to be spoken to about this.

## 5. Reports from:

- a) **Police – (Tabled)** Interest was expressed in the crime figures. Helen Buckingham asked for details of Police Connect, the Chairman responded that it was a form of reporting and allowing the public to give information about, and to assist in, dealing with local crime.
- b) **County Councillor Peter Bellfield (Tabled)** Councillor Bellfield was pleased to attend Brandeston APM and referred to it as a parish that gets things done. He added to his report that the new waste incineration plant in Blakenham is operating well and saving a great deal of money.. Norfolk rejected a similar scheme and is being heavily penalised financially. SCC did well to achieve such large savings.

Broadband speeds will be increased from the end of 2017. A young people's employment centre has been set up in Ipswich to help train young people for interview and work readiness. SCC is monitoring individual schools and improvement is showing but more is needed.

There is funding for Highway grants as the inability to get work done has left a surplus.

Helen Buckingham questioned Cllr Bellfield about funding available for BT and checked that he had said that high speed broadband will be available to 95% of the population (not geographical areas) by the end of 2017. Bob Snell reported he has had experience of the difficulty in getting information and real data from BT. David Risk said the PC had received a report that a sign post was damaged and that it should be replaced with a heritage post. A trainee technical apprentice that the posts would cost 1000.00 for each post and 3000.00 for a survey to be carried out first. Another near Friday Street is in worse condition than the former. He asked Peter Bellfield how such an astronomical figure could be arrived at for a survey. Peter agreed it was a ridiculous figures and suggested that Derek Oldham would agree. He agreed to take it up and It may go on the Agenda for the new PC. David asked if anything could be done by the SCC about speeding. He suggested that Brandeston shared the equipment that Easton had procured with his funding.

- c) **District Councillor Bob Snell (Tabled)** The Chairman thanked Bob for his help for the village.

At this point the Chairman asked Bob to present a plaque to Sue Thurlow for her long service to Brandeston PC (35 years). Sue thanked everyone and said she had enjoyed her years on the council. Helen Saxton also asked the Meeting to thank Sue for all her work for the village hall. She has also taken responsibility for tree planting and at the Old Chapel.

David Risk asked about car parking provision at the new council offices. Councillor Snell said that staff would be using "Green Transport". Daniel Norman pointed out that that in reality people still have to use cars. In future we will have 2 ward councillors; he was questioned on whether they will share responsibility for all of the area or divide it between them.

## **6. General discussion on any matters raised by parishioners.**

Chantelle Chaervey had sent an email asking for the APM to investigate means of slowing traffic through the village. She felt it was increasing and dangerous. Mark Hounsell said police had said that speeding was not an issue. Kathy Chirchill suggested we ask PC Hassler to do another speed check. Helen Buckingham suggested a Speed Indicator Display could be used to slow traffic. Daniel Norman reminded people that in the past things that were seen to work were signs indicating driver speed and traffic narrowing works. The question is would people want the street scene to change significantly to accompany such a scheme.

The Clerk offered to ask SCC for a SID display and it was agreed this should be done. When speed checks are done they need to be timed for busy periods when traffic is at it's most dense. Lady Cunliffe asked how new pavements are provided. SCC provides but the village has probably to fund such schemes. Helen Saxton added that parking on the pavement is dangerous and should be avoided. If we cannot have SID we will ask PSC Hassler to provide a speed check.

Helen Saxton suggested that Richard Martin be thanked for cutting the grass at the triangle. Helen Buckingham asked about the broadband speed in the village. Paddy Fielder explained that we had been offered a temporary solution via satellite but if we accept we then go to the end of the queue for fibre optics. The speed currently varies according what time of day it is. Helen told the APM that Brandeston is at the very bottom of the queue – she has made BT halve her bill to compensate for the fact that another provider can provide the same speed at a much cheaper price. Helen asked how we can get on the list for faster broadband from BT. Terry Robinson has suggested that we are on a list for the end of this year. A discussion about broadband speeds followed.

The Clerk was asked to get an update from Terry, It was suggested that villagers should approach BT and tell them that other providers can provide the same service for less money. Helen suggested that 3G and 4G would be helpful.

6. Les Cullen raised the issue of the improved sewage provision. . Mary Moore reported that the work is finished but no improvement has been achieved. The sewage smell is now worse than before and appears to come from vents and manhole covers. Kathy Churchill suggested the Clerk talk to Anglian Water and report the problems.

**The Chairman thanked people for their attendance and the meeting ended at 9.16pm**