

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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\Minutes of the Meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on **Monday 13th November at 7.30pm** at Brandeston Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs R. Summers (Chair), P. Baker (Vice-Chair), P. Locke, M. Smith, I. Day, R. Ives and Clerk.

6 members of the public also attended.

11/23-24/1

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

11/23-24/2

Apologies received from Cllr M. Randell.

11/23-24/3

No declarations of interest were recorded.

11/23-24/4

The Vice Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th October 2023.

11/23-24/5 Public Forum

Reports and concern expressed by Parishioners regarding the flooding that occurred in the Village in October particularly to properties to the northern end of the Mutton Lane and in the Street (ref item 11/23-24/10)

The parishioner/applicant spoke in relation to the planning application DC/23/4107/CLE.

11/23-24/6 Councillor Reports

- Update on SID – Anticipating that data will be available from the December PC Meeting.
- Cllr Bryce unable to attend
- Cllr Langdon Morris unable to attend

11/23-24/7 Risk Assessment

Cllr Randell to provide an update at the next meeting. (Tim Randall is now on the Village Hall Committee and will be the lead on co-ordinating the PC and VH Risk Assessment)

11/23-24/8 Finance

- Cllr P. Baker (RFO) confirmed current balance in the P.C. Account at £14,618.75 and £2519.67 in the 100 Plus Account
- The receipt of CIL Payment of £1062.39 was reported and appropriate allocation considered including assistance with defibrillator purchase by the Village Hall and the possibility of replacing the missing bench and securing it with fixings/chain/concrete base. The VH have been asked to apply for the funding.

11/23-23/9 Planning.

- Cllrs debated joining the Planning Alliance – further consideration to be given
- DC/23/3943/TCA – Pantiles, Mill Lane – Parish Council agreed to make ‘no comment’
- DC/23/4107/CLE – Red House Barn, The Street – Certificate of Lawful Use to change building to swimming pool and storage from agricultural use.

Cllr Summers drew attention to the fact that the application is not correctly formed, all references to ‘use as an agricultural building’ are not factually correct. The Parish Council agreed to ‘object’ to the application giving the following reasons:

- On purchase of the building in 2005, the applicant immediately commenced using it for the storage of building materials, heavy machinery and domestic use ancillary to the Red House Barn, thus disqualifying it from agricultural use, so any potential benefits of Permitted Development do not apply.
- The Parish Council request that the applicant corrects the form of application to reflect the change of use of the building from storage of building materials, heavy building machinery and domestic use ancillary to the Red House Barn.
- The Parish Council request that ESC Building Department visit the site to ascertain if any of the works referred to constitute an actual commencement of development and are specific to planning permission DC/20/0295/FUL – to provide for storage, stables and swimming pool facilities.

11/23-24/10 – Recent Flooding

The Cllrs discussed the recent flooding and referred to District Councils offer of assistance. The flooding may have been exacerbated by the lack of regular maintenance of ditches, gullies, grips and culverts; the Parish Council agreed to circulate a parish plan for residents to mark the areas of most concern together with comments and local knowledge. The Cllrs will address the topic further at the December meeting. The Parish Council expressed their concern and sympathy for affected owners.

11/23-24/11 Update on repairs to Village Pump.

- Current cost estimates are £650, work to commence in the New Year.
- Village Bench – No information on whereabouts. Cllr Baker advised as to the cost of replacement of £250, making an insurance claim was considered however the claim and excess would likely increase the renewal premium – alternative source of replacement considered with Village Hall.

11/23-24/12 Application to divert part of Brandeston Footpath 5

The correspondence received confirmed the diversion of Footpath 5, as previously agreed by the Parish Cllrs.

Date of next PC Meeting, Monday 11th December at 7.30pm, Brandeston Village Hall.