

# BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of the meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm in the committee room of the Village Hall.

**1-1516/8          Welcome from the Chairman Councillor Elson**

Councillor Elson welcomed Councillors to the meeting

**The meeting adjourns for parishioners to raise any issues on the matters for discussion.**

A parishioner had asked Councillor Mitson-Woods to put her views on Planning Application DC/160065/FUL. She was concerned *“that one of the glories of Brandeston street scene is the unspoilt hedge line. The Parish Plan of 2008 highlighted the importance of ‘protecting the environment in and around the village ... as it is a gem and should be valued as such’. By allowing the increase in the number of properties to remove hedging to create parking detracts from the beauty of the village. It is also true that on street parking provides a natural traffic calming measure; I can vouch for this having recently moved from the Street to Low Street where I have noticed a considerable increase in traffic speed. Some villages locally, where there is no on street parking, have found it necessary to create artificial traffic calming measures, such as creating stretches of one lane traffic. This is both an expensive option and one that in my view detracts considerably from the charm of a traditional street vista.”*

**2-1516/8          To receive any Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**3-1516/8          To receive and consider apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Duffy and Buckingham and from the Clerk.

**4-1516/8          To receive and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Circulated)**

These were signed as true record of the Meeting.

**5-1516/8          Matters arising from the Minute**

Councillor Buckingham had queried with the Clerk the fact that her Report to the meeting of 12th January 2016 had not been officially accepted in the Minute. Councillors discussed this and agreed that as Superfast Broadband negotiations were a work in progress no vote or resolution was taken. They agreed that Councillor Buckingham should continue to take the matter forward and keep the Council updated via her excellent reports.

**Trees in Mutton Lane** – the Clerk had received a response to her request to Paragon Landscaping for a quote for pruning the trees on Mutton Lane hill. The Company is exceptionally busy at present but Councillors agreed there is no immediacy to the matter and will await his reply in due course.

**Red House Barn** – the application has yet to be determined and is still under consideration with ongoing discussion with the applicant taking place. The Clerk will check progress and keep Councillors informed.

**6-1516/8          Planning Matters**

To discuss and formulate a response to SCDC Planning Office on: -

- a) **Application DC/16/0043/FUL** for an extension to existing dwelling, replacement of windows on front and rear elevations. Replacement of garage at West Hill Lodge for Mr Tim Randell

Councillors felt that the garage was out of proportion to the size of the house and were unsure of the rear elevation as it appears to include windows, which may indicate use of the rear part for further occupation. However, the Councillors supported the Application for extending the house.

b) **Application DC/16/0065/FUL** for the creation of a new vehicular access and off street parking for Mr Arbon at 1 The Oaks, The Street.

Councillors supported the Application. They based this decision on the fact that two similar houses already have off-road parking in the street.

**7-1516/8 Village Hall grant application** - Councillor Churchill to speak to.

Councillor Churchill was not present. Councillor Mitson-Woods said that the Clerk was talking to SCDC about the lack of representation from our district councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**Date of next meeting** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the village hall.