

BRANDESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Minute of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the village hall on Monday 15th April 2019.

Present: See attached list of attendees

The Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Will Elson, was in the Chair and welcomed parishioners to the Meeting and invited those present to give their thoughts on what the Council should be doing in the next year.

Apologies for Absence were received from Kevin Duffy, Marion Kirton, David Russell

The Meeting approved the **Minute of the Parish Meeting held on 30th August 2019** for the Chairman to sign.

Brandeston Parish Council report for the year 2018/19 was given by Councillor Elson *(attached)*

Finance report from Clerk/RFO *(Attached)*

Councillor Kirton reported with feedback from the Speed Indicator Display. David Fletcher asked what percentage of vehicles travelled at over 30mph. CK responded that the information presents averages but if David wanted to investigate the system, he was welcome to do so. CK said he would try to drill down into this information. *(Report attached)*

The provision of Faster Broadband was reported on by Councillor Buckingham. Used a very helpful person at Better Broadband until he was moved on and Openreach took over communication. Faster Broadband is now in the village and working well. Nick Hayward asked about providers other than BT. Councillor Buckingham didn't any information on this but thought BT may be the better option as all the equipment is here.

Councillor Buckingham reported on the acquisition of the Brandeston triangles. At the beginning of the Council's term of office it was noted that there were no registered titles to these parcels of land. It was resolved to acquire them by adverse possession. Villagers gave Helen and Holly Norman, who was providing pro bono legal advice to the council. Title has now been granted with the exception of the outer edges of the land which the SCC objected as it has ownership of the first metre. Sally stated that there is a scheme where roadside land may be used for planting. CC Robin said he may be able to grant aid the post project with his Highways Budget. Sue Thurlow reminded everyone that the Low Street triangle had bee orchids on one side and the SCC mower has cut this and they have not appeared for the last two years. Roger Cunliffe asked what the Council planned to do about the safety assessment on the trees on the newly acquired land. The Clerk assured him that this will be part of the annual risk assessment.

Sue Thurlow reported on activities, upkeep and finance of the Village Hall. *(Report attached)*.

Mary Baker, Church Warden at All Saints, reported on activity at the village church. *(Report attached)* Roger Cunliffe requested that the fete committee should do a thorough risk assessment of for the event to prevent the nasty accident suffered by his wife last year.

Councillor Robin Vickery, County Councillor for Carlford Division, gave a report from the past year at SCC. *(Attached)* He thanked the Brandeston Chairman and Clerk for the efficiency of the parish council and the warmth of the welcome he also receives at meetings.

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General discussion from the floor included a question about a charity in the village that was available to provide books for higher education for village youngsters. The Clerk pledged that the new Council would investigate the subject.

Helen Saxton thanked Councillors for the hard work on behalf of the parish council and wished the new council well.

RCS.