BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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13/21-22/3 There were no declarations of interest.

13/21-22/4 There were no comments from the Public.

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13/21-22/6 There was no report from Suffolk County Councillor Bryce.

12/21-22/7 In the absence of District Councillor Freeman, a summary of her report is as follows:
the Council has undertaken an in-depth, four-month review of its Housing Landlord Service and is now taking steps, with the guidance of the Regulator of Social Housing, to resolve a number of outstanding issues. You can read the full statement at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/council-taking-action-to-address-housing-issues/.
Two hundred oak trees have been distributed to communities across East Suffolk (including one to Brandeston) to plant in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Council purchased the trees to be donated to every town and parish council in the district – marking the occasion while helping to tackle climate change and promoting environmentally sustainable communities.
The Council's budget for the 2022/23 financial year has been approved, and as part of our commitment to improve the lives and outcomes of local people, finance has been approved for a range of different areas, including £3.35m for economic development and regeneration, £2.46m supporting and enabling communities and £2.39m for our housing services. The budget also includes a further £428,000 to support our green agenda, as part of our pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030. Including maintaining all current services and these ambitious projects it, we are pleased that we have been able, once again, to increase the District portion of your Council Tax bills by less than 3%
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d) The RFO had circulated the bank statements via email to the cllrs and confirmed that printed versions will be made available.

12/21-22/9 Oral Reports

Cllr Locke reported that the signs for the Quiet Lanes had been erected.
Cllr Fletcher reported that he was still trying to download the appropriate software to download the full SID data. He confirmed that it would enable a variety of analysis of the data and this should be ready to report the results at the APM.

12/21-22/10 Planning

a) **DC/22/1194/TCA, Rear garden, T1 4no. Confers - crown reduce by 30% T2 Laurel - crown reduce by 40%. Church View, The Street, Brandeston, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 7AD**

Advice provided on the website https://www.trees.org.uk/Help-Advice/Public/When-is-the-bird-nest-season states:
"The 'Bird Nesting Season' is officially from February until August (Natural England) and it is recommended that vegetation works (tree or hedge cutting) or site clearance should be done outside of the nesting season. However, in reality the nesting period may start before this and extend beyond it, in some cases. The busiest time for nesting birds is from 1st March until 31st July and of course varies according to species, etc."
"As contractors we must aim to avoid impact to nesting birds and infringement of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 198 and breaching the European Habitats Directive 1992/Nesting Birds Directive."

Brandeston PC recommend consent is given provided that a pre work survey is undertaken for nesting birds and work only proceeds if no nesting birds detected.

b) **DC/22/1178/TCA, T1 Hawthorn - crown reduce by 40% T2 Yew - crown reduce by 40% and shape. Trees on Eastern side boundary. The Yews, The Street, Brandeston, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 7AD**
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13/21-22/11 The clerk reported that Cllr Bange was progressing with the GDPR guidance and wished to remind the PC and that they are a set of guidelines for everyone to work within. Through the process of producing the guidance, the PC is trying to identify the key areas of data risk and to put in [lace mitigation steps to help reduce the change of a data breach. In doing this, we need to try and be practical and avoid overcomplicating the process. Cllr Bange will aim to get the GDPR policy ready for the May meeting.

13/21-22/12 Cllr Locke has been investigating opportunities Brandeston to participate in the Climate Forum. There are websites that provide some interesting reading including www.energy4all.co.uk and companies providing clear solar glass canopies. The website www.takethejump.org provide simple everyday steps that we could participate on a daily basis.
Cllr Locke has investigated grants for EV charging sockets but has been unable to find any. The clerk agreed to contact Cllrs Bryce and Freeman to enquire if there are known schemes. Cllr P Baker reportred that the BVH committee has been investigating this and solar panels too.
Cllr Fletcher asked whether there were any schemes that were suitable for the village; Cllr Locke agreed that it would probably require everyone to be on board. Cllr Locked questioned whether

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initially individuals may have to look at personal opportunities such as home insulation and that we have to look at educating all regarding the opportunities available.
The resident attending the meeting noted that he had solar panels installed approximately 10 years ago and they paid for themselves with about 7 years. He has subsequently also installed battery storage and would be willing to support parishioners also considering undertaking such an investment.
Cllr B Baker asked whether it is worth approaching the companies that install the cables that provide sufficient infrastructure for installing items such as EV charging points. Cllr Fletcher noted that UKPowerNetworks are of it as it takes years to implement the infrastructure. Companies are bringing in software that will allow cars to charge when power is available to prevent blackouts that would occur if too much is being drawn.
Cllr B Baker was keen to make the companies such as UKPowerNetworks aware that Brandeston, and small rural villages, are keen to have the infrastructure improved and that we don't wish to be at the back of the queue for improvements.
The Clerk agreed to speak to Cllrs Bryce and Freeman to enquire whether there are other Parish Councils locally that are also discussing these issues. The clerk questioned whether local communities would be able to combine forces in order to create a larger combined project or have a greater impact if approaching commercial companies.
The Clerk used the discussion on environmental issues to raise the opportunity to have a clothes recycling bank in Brandeston. A company that provides a clothing bank approached the bank enquiring whether the village would be interested. The PC would receive £0.30 per kilo of clothes. Cllrs liked the proposal but questioned whether the village would create sufficient clothes and that there are other clothing banks locally (Fire stations and locations such as on A1120). The clerk questioned whether the school may be amenable to hosting the bin and that an arrangement regarding rewards could be made. **Cllr P Baker agreed to approach the school with the proposition.**

13/21-22/13 The Clerk confirmed that Kathy Churchill has been selected as Brandeston torch bearer for the Jubilee Torch relay.

13/21-22/13 Cllr Summers has spoken to James Tuckwell and potentially a beacon can be lit on the pad on Mutton Lane. **It was agreed to await Cllr Summers to report back at the May meeting.**

13/21-22/14 Cllr P Baker discussed the location of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tree with the BVH committee. It was agreed that the tree could be located in the corner of the recreation ground bear the tennis courts. **The clerk agreed to arrange to meet with Cllr P Baker to plant the tree, hopefully on a Thursday morning so the coffee morning attendees can participate.**

13/21-22/15 The Clerk reported that the office for Dan Poulter MP has agreed that Dan Poulter would be able to come and meet the constituents on a Thursday evening as he is unable to attend our Monday meetings. It was agreed that it would be good to take the opportunity and to have an evening dedicated for the occasion. **The Clerk agreed to proposed some dates (19th May, 26th May, 23rd June, 30th June) to Dan Poulter's office and get something agreed and circulated.**

13/21-22/16 Date of next PC Meeting, Monday April 25th 2022 APM and Monday 9th May APCM at 7,30pm, Brandeston Village Hall.

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