



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett
Tuesday, 8th November 2022 at 7pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
 R Morley
 A Auchterlonie
 J Walsh

In Attendance J Blackburn – Clerk
 County Councillor K Oakes
 District Councillor D Pratt

GB81/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Parnell.

GB82/22/23 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Auchterlonie and Cllr Morley declared an interest in item 17 on the Agenda.

GB83/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB84/22/23 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 27th September 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB85/22/23 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were four members of the public present.

GB86/22/23 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes report was circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

Cllr Oakes gave a brief overview/presentation of a recent visit from Highways in relation to the ongoing sewage/drainage issue at The Green.

She explained that two engineers had visited the site one of which was a Drainage and Septic Tank Specialist. Their findings were that there were signs of a blockage as the ditch was not running adjacent to Laburnhams.

She again stated that the pipes were not the responsibility of Highways and that the engineer's suggestion was to have Binders or Dyno-rod carry out a full technical inspection of the pipework to ascertain where the blockage was for this issue to be rectified.

She stated that should there be a culvert under the highway then that would be their responsibility but as yet it was unknown.

Arland Shawe-Taylor reported that the pipe from the Village Hall was redundant and should be removed as their septic tank was a holding tank with no outlets or pipework.

The Clerk explained the position of the Parish Council stating that advice had been sought from the Internal Auditor.

Whilst the Parish Council were sympathetic with the residents it was not responsible for the maintenance and problem solving for such an issue as this. It had no power to spend public money on private issues, but in this instance the Power of Competence, which the Parish Council had adopted, meant that money could be spent on initial investigations as this could be deemed as a community issue.

The Clerk advised members that should they agree to spend money on this situation then a precedent was being set for future issues such as this and to be mindful of that.

If it was agreed to pay for the initial investigation then a figure should be approved as to the extent the Parish Council would pay.

Harriet Fear, resident, explained her position and concerns that the sewage issue had on her property. She went through the various meetings she had had with different parties and the fact that her property had no foundations, due to its age. She explained about the chamber on her driveway and the amount of times it had been investigated, with Binders stating everything was ok.

She stated that for further investigative work Binders and Dyno-rod would need permission from Highways to move forward.

Cllr Oakes confirmed that she had given Dyno-rod permission during their recent visit. She explained that Dyno-rod had stated that as the manhole was full of water they would not carry on with the investigations. She confirmed she would go back to Dyno-rod to ask them to carry out the investigation as they had been asked to do.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council pay for initial investigations to ascertain where the blockage was and who was responsible for it and future works to rectify the issue.

GB87/22/23 - DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

Cllr Pratt's report was circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

Cllr Pratt thanked Cllr Burnett for attending the Appeal for the Great Bricett Business Park and welcomed the news that the Appeal had been refused.

GB88/22/23 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report other than what was already on the Agenda.

b) **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk reported on the Council's current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 2nd November 2022 was £51,668.29.

c) **TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS**

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Nov)	£339.40
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Nov)	£35.29
Jennie Blackburn	Poppy Wreath Reimbursement	£19.99
Jennie Blackburn	Box of Printer Paper	£38.94

Suffolk Cloud	Operation London Bridge (Website)	£30.00
M Burnett	Flag Reimbursement	£11.99
M Burnett	Peppercorn Rent for Land (reimbursement)	£20.00
SALC	Payroll (6 months)	£36.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Dec)	£339.40
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Dec)	£26.00
Nick Holmes	Grass Cutting 2022	£505.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,402.01 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipt was also noted:

MSDC	CiL money	£5,189.49
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d) **DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24**

It was AGREED: That the Draft Budget be approved.

e) **PREDICTED CIL INCOME FOR 2023**

The Clerk briefly went through the CiL money that would be received by the Parish Council and to which applications the money would be from.

f) **CIL PROJECTS**

It was AGREED: That a leaflet be put through all residents letterboxes to ask for suggestion where CiL money could be used.

GB89/22/23 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

GB90/22/23 – PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

GB91/22/23 – DITCHES/SEWERS – THE GREEN

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

GB92/22/23 – PRVISION OF OUTSIDE LIGHT – VILLAGE HALL

The provision of a light outside the Village Hall was discussed with the view that it shone over the car park, which would be beneficial.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council continue to replace the light over the noticeboard outside the Village Hall with the switch to be inside the entrance to the hall.

GB93/22/23 – REVIEW OF GRASS CUTTING IN THE PARISH

The costs for grass cutting in the parish was reviewed with all costs taken into consideration. It was felt that moving forward reductions may need to be sought.

GB94/22/23 – WATTISHAM TRACK DAYS

Cllr Burnett asked members if they had received any complaints in relation to the noise from the Wattisham Track Days to which members stated that they hadn't.

GB95/22/23 – RELOCATION OF VILLAGE SIGN AT ENTRANCE TO THE GREEN

A brief discussion about the village sign adjacent to the entrance to The Green took place. No action was needed.

GB96/22/23 – UPDATE OF LAND REGISTRY OF THE GREEN

The Clerk had nothing to report at this stage and was still awaiting to hear from the Solicitor.

GB97/22/23 – COMMUNITY WOODLAND

There was nothing to report.

GB98/22/23 - UPDATE ON LAND AND POSSIBLE USE FOR EXTRA PARKING (INCLUDES MAINTENANCE OF LAND)

A brief discussion to place in relation to the land being used for parking (when needed) and the Parish Council to take over the maintenance for it.

The Clerk confirmed that should the above be agreed a legal document would need to be produced.

Cllr Burnett confirmed she would approach Oliver Cooper for an update on the Trust that had been formed.

GB99/22/23 – TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Auchterlonie reported that he was awaiting Needham Electricals to connect the box to the electrics.

GB100/22/23 – VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

GB101/22/23 – PROVISION OF EV POINT AT VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Walsh reported that all members of the Village Hall Management Committee were not in agreement for there to be an EV charger outside the Village Hall.

GB102/22/23 – DISABLED PARKING AT VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Walsh felt that such a sign would not be a good use of money as it was feared the sign would most probably be ignored and the space be used by residents as it currently was.

GB103/22/23 - UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS

Cllr Morley reported that the footpath adjacent the Village Sign was holding up well and was well used now the surface had been rectified.

Cllr Auchterlonie reported that the gate was broken on the footpath outside the Village Hall.

GB104/22/23 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Poppy Wreath to be laid at Barking by either Arland Taylor-Shawe or Cllr Auchterlonie on behalf of the Parish Council.

GB105/22/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th January 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm.

Chairman: Dated: