



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett
Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
 J Walsh
 M Parnell
 A Auchterlonie
 L Jefferson

In Attendance J Blackburn – Clerk
 District Cllr Pratt
 Elizabeth Ling (People & Place Plan PPP)

GB45/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Morley and County Cllr Oakes.

GB46/23/24 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

GB47/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB48/23/24 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 11th JULY 2023

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11th July 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB49/23/24 – PUBLIC FORUM

Elizabeth Ling from Mid Suffolk District Council's People & Place Plan Department was present to explain to those present about the PPP. She made the following points:

- The PPP was a pilot scheme being ran by the District Council, which had funding allocated and a template of the Plan had been put together.
- The PPP would sit between a Neighbourhood Plan and a Parish Plan Statement
- The PPP did not have to contain any planning information but could be included as to what the parish would look like and where any possible development could be included.
- It was unsure at this stage as to what weight the PPP would hold with the Planning Department as at the moment the PPP was still with the Government, waiting to be 'rubber stamped'. Once that had happened, if approved, the PPP must be held in regard when planning applications were being decided on. If the Planning Department approved a planning application, they would have to explain why the PPP was overridden.
- All parishes were being asked to consider putting together a PPP.
- The PPP would contain various documents which would include historical information, what the parish was, what residents liked about the village etc.
- A PPP could be used as part of a Neighbourhood Plan if that was what was agreed in the future.
- Community engagement would be crucial for a PPP.
- The PPP would need to be published on the village website and in the parish newsletter.

- A PPP would not cost the Parish Council, it would just need the time to put together the relevant documents.

Cllr Auchterlonie asked if members could look at a completed PPP to get an idea of what it would look like, to which Ms Ling stated that there had not been one completed yet but there are ones currently being undertaken, which would be in the public domain in the near future.

It was AGREED: That the Councillors would look at the information on the District Council's website and it would be added to the next Agenda for further discussion / consideration.

GB50/23/24 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes' was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

GB51/23/24 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

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

GB52/23/24 – 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 11th September 2023 was £57,639.62.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£360.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Sept)	£32.30
M Burnett	Tree Ties - Community Woodland - reimbursement	£27.89
MSDC	Election Charges	£138.59
Zurich	Insurance Renewal	£382.55
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Oct)	£360.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Oct)	£26.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,327.73 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipt was also noted:

MSDC	Locality Funding - Light outside VH	£820.00
MSDC	Precept - 2nd Instalment	£5,407.50

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation be deferred to the next meeting.

e) **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

It was AGREED: That the Budget Monitoring Report be deferred to the next meeting.

GB53/23/24 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

GB54/23/24 – PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

GB55/23/24 – VILLAGE GREEN

There was nothing to report.

GB56/23/24 – UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Walsh reported that booking continued to be positive with many bookings made up to Christmas.

GB57/23/24 - UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS

Cllr Jefferson reported that the bridle path between the Red Lion pub and Tollemache Hall had been widened. Also, the footpath between the thatched cottage with the village sign in the garden and the main road between Needham and Bildeston had been cut.

She added that some of the footbridges had been repaired. The one on the bridle path and another on the side of the main road between Great Bricett and Ringshall.

She also reported that less litter was being dropped.

GB58/23/24 – COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Cllr Burnett reported that the decision to leave the grass on the Community Woodland had turned out to not be beneficial. The grass had become much too thick and too long to cut with the machinery purchased to do so.

Suggestions from the contractor had been to either carry out six cuts which would be mulched or, two of mulching and two picking up the cuttings, both options would cost the same amount of money (£2,000). Cllr Burnett felt that the two mulching and two picking up would be the best option as the grass would be cleared, which would ensure it would not become so thick. Cllr Burnett added that the cuttings could not be baled due to Ragweed present.

Cllr Burnett also reported that more wildflower seed needed to be purchased as the wildflowers this year had been tangled up with bind weed

It was AGREED: That the contractor carry out two mulching and two picking up of the grass.
That Cllr Burnett purchase more wildflower seeds.

GB59/23/24 – UPDATE ON RED LION

Members noted that checks on the Red Lion had confirmed that the building was not in a poor state of repair.

District Cllr Pratt confirmed that the fabric of the building was not at risk. He also reported that the Economic Development Team at the District Council had been in touch with the solicitor and had raised the issue of any proposed sale of the building being blocked and that this should not be happening.

GB60/23/24 - DITCHES

Cllr Burnett reported that County Cllr Oakes had investigated the owners of the ditches in the parish. A brief discussion took place in relation to who owned which ditch and that the owners needed to be contacted in order to ask that all ditches be maintained correctly.

Cllr Burnett stated that she would make contact with the relevant people in relation to the ditch adjacent Laburnhams to gather more information.

GB61/23/24 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- NHS Drop In - Covid Vaccination – Village Hall – 26th October 2023, 11am to 4.30pm
- All Speedwatch Cameras were out across the county this month.

GB62/23/24 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th November 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.01pm

Chairman: Dated: