



## **GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett  
on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)  
N Ford  
D Payne  
R Craddock

In Attendance County Cllr K Oakes  
J Blackburn

### **GB74/18/19 – PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

### **GB75/18/19 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Morley and Cllr M Ford.

### **GB76/18/19 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Burnett declared an interest in item 20 on the Agenda and Cllr N Ford declared an interest in item 21.

### **GB77/18/19 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **GB78/18/19 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **GB79/18/19 – POLICE REPORT**

The Police were not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

### **GB80/18/19 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The new County Councillor, Kay Oakes, was present at the meeting. Introductions were made. She reported that she had locality budget remaining should there be any projects the parish council would need funding for.

She also reported that she was due to attend a meeting with Highways Officers in order to ascertain what services were available for her parishes. Should the parish council need any highways support then the Clerk needed to email the information to her before Thursday.

### **GB81/18/19 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The District Councillor was not present at the meeting and a report had not been received.

## GB82/18/19 – CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

### i) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report in addition to what was on the Agenda.

### ii) TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported on the Council’s current financial position and stated that the balance in the accounts as of 22<sup>nd</sup> November was £23,641.99.

### iii) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

100988	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Pay (Nov)	£284.77
100989	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Expenses (Nov)	£41.76
		Remembrance Poppy Wreath	
100990	Jennie Blackburn	reimbursement	£17.00
100991	Creeting St Mary PC	Reimbursement Toner	£27.53
100992	SALC	Budget Workshop – Clerk	£8.70
100993	CAS Ltd	Insurance Premium	£229.46
100994	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Pay (Dec)	£284.77
100995	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Expenses (Dec)	£20.00
100996	Suffolk Cloud	Website Hosting	£100.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £1,013.99 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk. It was also noted that the payments of £150 to ‘Naturally Wood’ for grass cutting and hedge trimming, £115 to ‘Chris Denny’ for the refurbishment of the bench outside the village hall and the post for the village sign and £588 to Community Heartbeat Trust for the two defibrillator cabinets be ratified.

### iv) TO APPROVE THE DRAFT BUDGET 2019/2020

**It was AGREED:** That the draft budget be approved.

## GB83/18/19 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Ref: DC/18/04774** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act following grant of Outline Planning Permission DC/18/01756 without compliance with Condition 3 to amend approved access arrangements - Land East of Brambles, The Street, Great Bricett, Suffolk

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council objected to the Planning Application for the same reasons as stated in the outline planning application, as follows:

- The access was too near to the junction making it dangerous
- The land was likely to flood
- A large gas pipe was present across the ground, which hadn’t been mentioned within the application.
- Access to sewerage hadn’t been explained.
- It was unclear as to how many access points were proposed as the two maps that had been provided said different things.

**Ref: DC/18/03630** – Outline Planning Application (Access and Layout to be considered) – Erection of up to 3 No. dwellings and garages – Land East of Riverside Cottage, Great Bricett, Suffolk.

**It was NOTED:** That this application had been withdrawn.

## **GB84/18/19 – PLANNING DECISIONS**

None had been received.

## **GB85/18/19 – WEBSITE / TRAINING**

The Clerk reported that the website training had gone well. It was noted that the details for County Cllr K Oakes would be useful to be put onto the website. **Clerk to action.**

## **GB86/18/19 – TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr N Ford reported that because the red paint on the telephone box had lead in it, it would need specialist paint in order to repaint it. He had found a company in Stowmarket that would dismantle the box, take it away and sand blast it in order to remove the old paint. They would then re-erect the box in its current location leaving it ready for re-painting by willing volunteers within the village. Cllr N Ford stated that he would seek a quote for the work with an intention of the refurbishment taking place during the Spring.

County Cllr Oakes stated that that was a project she could contribute funding for if required.

## **GB87/18/19 – VILLAGE SIGN**

Cllr Burnett reported that she had been in touch with the lady who currently had the village sign, who had informed her that it was not yet ready. It had been due to be refurbished at the end of September but would now be the end of December. **Cllr Burnet to chase towards the end of December.**

## **GB88/18/19 – BENCH OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk reported that the bench had been fully refurbished.

## **GB89/18/19 – VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr N Ford reported that the hall had been home to quite a few events this year, including coffee mornings, which had all gone very well. He added that £4,000 was left in village hall funds. The building survey was due shortly. The gardens were in need of improvement which would be a future project as was the floor which contained rot in places. **Clerk to add to next Agenda.**

## **GB90/18/19 – CESSPIT**

Cllr N Ford reported that following liaison with the insurance company, the cesspit was repaired but unfortunately had not been repaired correctly so issues remained. Despite further liaison, nothing had been done.

## **GB91/18/19 - SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

It was reported that at either end of The Street signs that stated 'sugar beet' and 'pick up point' had resulted in large agricultural vehicles driving through the village rather than taking a more main route. Also, the helicopter tanker from Wattisham had been witnessed driving through the village. A brief discussion took place in relation to ways of reducing speeding through the village such as the installation of a chicane, a speed indicator device (S.I.D.) and widening of the road at the bridge.

**It was AGREED** That the Clerk email the possible ways of reducing speed to County Cllr Oakes in order for her to discuss the issues with the Highways Department.

That the Clerk contact Lt. Col Robbie Silk from Wattisham to ask if the large tanker could find a more appropriate route.

## **GB92/18/19 – SHOP / POST OFFICE**

A brief discussion took place in relation to the possibility of the introduction of a mobile post office in the village, following the closure of the shop-post office at Wattisham. Lt. Col Robbie Silk's efforts to get Cumpass to run a shop on site were ongoing.

Cllr Craddock reported that a letter received by the Park Committee stated that a mobile post office was likely to happen in January of next year, although there was a high demand for the service, so there could be a delay.

## **GB93/18/19 – DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Clerk reported that two steel cabinets had been ordered from the Community Heartbeat Trust.

## **GB94/18/19 – BUILDINGS ERECTED AT VILLAGE PROPERTY**

Members discussed the increasing number of outbuildings that seemed to be appearing in the garden of a village property.

**It was AGREED** That the Clerk clarify the situation with the Planning Department as to whether planning permission was needed for such buildings.

## **GB95/18/19 – 1 THE GREEN – GAS CONNECTION**

Cllr Burnett reported that following investigation The Green, whilst being the 'property' of the Parish Council, had not been registered. Cllr Burnett would seek the cost in order to register the land.

It was noted that the works that needed to take place involved a mole to run the gas pipe under the Green. As Tree Warden Cllr Payne raised concern over possible damage to the large tree on the Green, which was a Norway Maple.

Members noted that The Green was looking a lot tidier in recent weeks and hoped that that would continue for the remainder of the build.

**It was AGREED:** That the Gas Connection Permission form be signed.

## **GB96/18/19 – BUS SHELTER**

Cllr Burnett reported that she had been asked to open the newly erected bus shelter near to Wattisham. The shelter had been built by two officers from Wattisham and was a good, sturdy shelter.

Members all agreed that they were immensely pleased with the shelter and wished to express their thanks to Lt. Col. Robbie Silk. **Clerk to action.**

## **GB97/18/19 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- Noticeboard needed at new bus shelter
- Condition of verges at Carter Lane

## **GB98/18/19 – NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9pm.

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....