



## **GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors: N Ford (Vice Chairman)  
M Ford  
D Payne  
R Craddock  
R Morley

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

### **GB30/19/20 –PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

### **GB31/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Burnett.

### **GB32/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **GB33/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **GB34/19/20 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **GB35/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

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

### **GB36/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES**

Cllr Oakes reported on the following:

- Suffolk County Council (SCC) have launched the consultation on their 'Green Access Strategy' enabling communities to have their say which include walkers, cyclists and those with mobility problems.
- Road closure in Somersham, which would last three weeks. Consideration had been taken on board for farmers to be let through the closure in order to harvest their land.
- Willisham/Barking road to be closed for five days due to the repair of a broken pipe in the ditch.
- 461 Hadleigh bus route was to be stopped as it cost SCC a lot of money to run whilst 73% of usage was concessionary fares. As an alternative people would be able to surrender their bus passes and

be given £100 worth of taxi vouchers. Also, the 'Connecting Communities' would be another option to people.

### **GB37/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT**

Cllr Pratt reported the following:

- Draft Joint Local Plan – a 10-week public consultation with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for comments. He explained that within the ward only Battsford had been noted for five houses to be built, so the Plan would not affect Great Bricett itself. 10,000 homes had been planned for Mid-Suffolk which included 'stalled sites' – sites where originally planned development would not now be going ahead.
- Household bin collections days had been changed which was due to ensuring a more efficient way of collecting from all locations and routes.
- Locality Budget was now available - £7,350 to allocate – closing date for applications would be 31<sup>st</sup> January with a minimum award of £250.

### **GB38/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **a) CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that Community Action Suffolk had put together a new insurance package 'Parish Protect' with Sun Alliance, which would be used when the next insurance renewal was due. It would replace the current Zurich package that Parish Councils used. The Clerk had circulated the information to all members.

**It was AGREED:** That the 'Parish Protect' package be used at renewal.

#### **b) FINANCE 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 15<sup>TH</sup> July 2019 was £22,311.67.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

101029	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jul)	£322.14
101030	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Jul)	£42.90
101026	Remember When UK	Refurbishment of telephone box (deposit)	£900.00
101028	HMRC	Tax on Salary	£7.40
101027	Naturally Wood	Grass Cutting	£245.00
101033	MSDC	Bin Emptying	162.00
101031	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Aug)	£322.14
101032	Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Aug)	£20.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £2,021.58 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

### **GB39/19/20 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None had been received.

### **GB40/19/20 – PLANNING DECISIONS**

None had been received.

### **GB41/19/20 – VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr M Ford reported that quotes had been received for repair/replacement of the village hall floor, but until the floor commenced repair, the full extent of the damage was unknown.

It was thought that ventilation bricks had been covered and so ventilation needed to be reinstated within the walls of the building to ensure the correct air flow, which in turn would stop any rot from occurring

As the Parish Council owned the building members felt that they should pay for the repair/replacement of the floor which would be in the region of £4,000.

**It was AGREED:** That the works to the floor should be paid, on receipt of an invoice, by the Parish Council.

### **GB42/19/20 – VILLAGE GREEN**

It was noted that where it had been repaired, the grass on the Village Green was growing back ok.

Cllr N Ford brought to the attention of other members, in particular Cllr Payne as Tree Warden, the condition of the large tree on the Green. It was felt that it needed to be trimmed and tidied up with the crown being raised five metres and the canopy to be thinned by 25%. The quote received was for £600.

**It was AGREED:** That the tree on the Green be trimmed, the cost of which to be paid by the Parish Council.

### **GB43/19/20 – TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr N Ford reported that the deposit had been paid for the refurbishment of the telephone box. UK Power Network were due to disconnect the power to enable the works to be carried out and would then reconnect the power on completion, the cost of which was yet unknown.

### **GB44/19/20 – TRAFFIC CALMING**

It was reported that three of the five suggested locations for the VAS machine had been approved by the Speed Management Team. Posts were yet to be installed and once in place the Clerk would order the VAS.

### **GB45/19/20 – BUS SERVICE CONTRIBUTION**

It was reported that bus service 461 and 462 would cease from October 2019 unless contributions of funding were received from the 17 parishes the service ran for. Costs involved would be a payment of £458 to keep it running until March 2020 and an annual payment of £1,100 thereafter.

Cllr M Ford suggested a flyer be made and put through the doors of all residents in Great Bricett to enquire as to who actually used the service to enable the Parish Council to make an informed decision on whether to contribute to keep the service running.

**It was AGREED:** That a flyer be distributed to all households to find out if the service is used by the parish.

### **GB46/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

No further matters were raised.

**GB47/19/20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm.

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