



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett on **Tuesday, 24th September 2019 at 7pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
N Ford
M Ford
D Payne

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

GB48/19/20 –PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

GB49/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Craddock and Cllr Morley.

GB50/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

GB51/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB52/19/20 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 23RD JULY AND TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd July and Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB53/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

GB54/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes reported that the public meeting recently held in relation to Highways matters had been very successful. The engineer would be meeting with Cllr Oakes and Cllr Burnett in order to discuss a way forward and what works he would be prepared to undertake.

Cllr M Ford commented that during road closures the signage was normally placed in inappropriate places causing hazards to motorists. Cllr Oakes agreed and informed members that it was all being looked into.

GB55/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

Cllr Pratt reported the following:

- The Joint Local Plan – closing date was 30th September 2019.
- Locality Budget was still available should an application need to be made.
- Waste Collection – changed route due to increasing development in surrounding villages.

GB56/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report other than the items already stated on the Agenda.

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 15TH July 2019 was £24,747.49.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£322.14
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Sept)	£39.92
MSDC	Uncontested Election Fees	£104.78
CAS Business Ltd	Insurance Premium Renewal	£218.40
Remember When UK	Telephone Refurbishment (part payment)	£1,615.00
Naturally Wood	Grass Cutting	£95.00
UK Power Networks	Disconnection of telephone box	£621.60
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Oct)	£322.14
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/ Expenses (Oct)	£20.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £3,358.98 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Bank Reconciliation was noted.

GB57/19/20 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/04166 - Application for reserved matters for the Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale relating to DC/18/05447 – Erection of up to 4 No. Bungalows with detached garages and access – Land Adjoining The Brambles, The Street, Great Bricett

Members remained concerned in relation to this application forming the same view of the following points as made under application DC/18/05447:

- The application would be over development of the village. There had already been 51 houses granted, which was far too much for a ‘small rural village’.
- There were no amenities within the village itself. The shop and post office mentioned in the application had closed.
- The village struggled to cope with traffic without creating anymore. The speed at which traffic moved already caused a hazard. To add more traffic would be very concerning.
- The current ditch served all the properties as a drainage system and clearly struggled to cope as it was, without more properties being added to it.
- The B&B adjacent to the site would have its view taken away from it as a result of development of the site, which would be detrimental to its business.
- The main yellow gas main ran east to west across the field. Buildings should not be built over the gas main, the same as trees not being allowed to be planted over it.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council object to the application. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/19/04165 - Application for reserved matters for the Appearance, Access, Landscaping, Layout and Scale relating to approved applications (Outline Planning Application DC/18/01756 and S73 DC/18/04774) for the Erection of 5No dwellings - Land Behind Orchard House, The Street, Great Bricett,

Members remained concerned in relation to this application, forming the same view of the following points as made under application DC/18/04774:

- 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.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council object to the application. **Clerk to action.**

GB58/19/20 – PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

GB59/19/20 – PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council were happy with the pre-planning application consultation information, as the pole was a replacement for one already there.

GB60/19/20 – JOINT LOCAL PLAN

Members noted the Joint Local Plan document, but had no comments to make.

GB61/19/20 - VILLAGE HALL/FLOOR

Cllr M Ford reported that quotes had been received and agreed with the next step being a meeting on site with the builder.

She also reported that rot found on an internal wall of the hall needed further investigation.

GB62/19/20 – WALL AT REAR OF HALL

Cllr M Ford reported that the wall at the rear of the hall, as discussed at previous meetings, was in a poor and dangerous state and therefore needed maintenance work carrying out on it. As ownership of the wall was unknown members felt a conversation with the neighbour as to the replacement with a fence was the way forward.

It was AGREED: That Cllr M Ford liaise with the neighbour and inform members at the next meeting so a way forward could be agreed.

GB63/19/20 - VILLAGE GREEN

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident on the Green as to tradesmen and others unauthorized parking actually on the Green.

Cllr M Ford stated that a sign used to be in situ asking for people not to park on the grass but the sign was taken up before an event was held.

It was AGREED: That the old sign be reinstated.
That the Clerk seek quotes for a new, more appropriate sign.

GB64/19/20 – TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr N Ford reported that the project was ongoing, with the box being collected once UK Power Networks had disconnected the power.

GB65/19/20 – TRAFFIC CALMING

There was nothing further to report at the current time. The project for a VAS machine was ongoing.

GB66/19/20 – HIGHWAYS ISSUES

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under Cllr Oakes report.

GB67/19/20 - BUS SERVICE CONTRIBUTION

There was nothing to report on this item at the current time.

GB68/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- A roofer that had fixed the damp issue in the kitchen of the village hall had stated that it had been caused by someone walking on the roof. Could become a larger issue. Put on next Agenda.

GB69/19/20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm.

Chairman: Dated: