



## GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

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

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

### **GB70/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM**

There were two members of the public present.

### **GB71/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

None had been received.

### **GB72/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **GB73/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **GB74/19/20 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **GB75/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

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

### **GB76/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES**

Cllr Oakes reported that she had received a response from Suffolk Highways in relation to problems raised at a recent public meeting. The main points from the responses received were as follows:

- Road markings needed refreshing at Pound Hill / Roman Road junction and replacement of faded 30mph repeater sign and 7.5t restriction sign - can be ordered as reactive works. Unfortunately, the Warden had not been in the area lately but had been asked to visit and place orders in the near future. The lining works would have a 14-week lead in and due to the high number of lining orders currently in the system it could be further delayed.

- Request for parking restrictions at Pound Hill / Roman Road junction due to congestion and possibly at Pound Hill / Releet Close junction to improve visibility out of junction – these items were raised for comment with the Safety and Speed Management Team, who stated: There were usually cars parked at the Pound Hill/Roman Road junction, however no issue had ever been noted here. The junction was pretty wide compared to normal ones. Under the Highways Act motorists should not park within ten metres of a junction though it was felt that most people ignored that. If restrictions were put at that location it would push the issue further up the road where it had less width.
- Request for 40mph speed limit buffer zone on 60mph B1078 either side of the junction with The Street where speed limit dropped from 30mph on turning into The Street (as recently installed at Wallow Lane, Offton). There were also concerns about traffic short-cutting through parallel access road on the West side of the junction – this had also been raised for comment with the Safety and Speed Management Team.

### **Speed Management Team:**

The B1078 hadn't got the world's largest traffic count in the opinion of the officer, who had not ever seen an issue with regards to the junction with the Street, and there was clear and present visibility from all angles coming into the Street and out of it as well. He did not particularly think that adding a 40mph speed limit/buffer zone would change anything.

With regards to what he assumed was Mill Lane and the traffic short cutting the junction, it was a public road and he could not see an issue; it was actually a longer route, and like he had stated above, he had never seen congestion or an issue at the location that constituted anything more than a slight annoyance.

Cllr Oakes reported that she was not happy about the responses and she would liaise with Cllr Burnett to hold a follow up public meeting where the responses could be shared with residents.

### **GB77/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT**

Cllr Pratt reported that due to the pending Election he was restricted to allocating locality funding and the deadline for any applications for such funding would now be 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

He also reported that the District Council were offering grants for home adaptations for people who were living at home with life long conditions.

### **GB78/19/20 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Two residents were present at the meeting to share information with Members in relation to the barn at the rear of The Brambles, Great Bricett and the fact that unlawful works were being carried out on 'the site'. The barn had permission to be used as a stable, but development works indicated that the barn was in fact being developed into a dwelling / offices.

It was also reported that builders on the site had been witnessed going into the adjacent woods with a toilet roll!

The roads in the vicinity had become extremely muddy from the large vehicles entering and exiting the site making them extremely dangerous to motorists.

**It was AGREED:** That the Clerk write to Planning Enforcement stating the concerns of the Parish Council

**Ref: DC/19/05462** - Householder Planning Application - Erection of rear single storey extension - 11 Releet Close, Great Bricett, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7FA

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council had no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**

## **GB79/19/20 – PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following decisions were noted:

**Ref: DC/19/03828** - Planning Application - Erection of 1no detached dwelling - Land Adjacent No.3 The Green, Great Bricett, IP7 7DJ – **REFUSED**

**Ref: DC/19/04607** - Notification under Schedule 2 Part 16 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Proposal: Prior notification application of proposed telecommunications code system operators development under Schedule 2, Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Erection of 20m mast with 3no antennae, 2no transmission dishes and associated supporting equipment. Removal of existing column installation - Land Adjacent to Substation, Roman Road, Great Bricett, Suffolk IP7 7DR – **NOT REQUIRED**

**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, Suffolk – **APPROVED**

**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 - **APPROVED**

## **GB80/19/20 – 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) 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was £22,861.48.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Nov)	£322.14
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Nov)	£77.90
MSDC	Bin Emptying (additional fee)	£23.00
Suffolk.cloud	Website Hosting	£110.00
Naturally Wood	Hedge Cutting and installation of dog bin	£126.70
Naturally Wood	Grass Cutting Churchyard & Village Green)	£55.00
N Ford	Cone	£29.99
M Ford	Tree Pruning	£750.00
S Burnett	Printing of Flyers	£12.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Dec)	£322.14
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/ Expenses (Dec)	£20.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £1,848.87 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk. A payment of £280.00 for the removal of the telephone kiosk by ‘Remember When UK’ was ratified.

d) **DRAFT BUDGET**

**It was AGREED:** That the Draft Budget be approved.

**GB81/19/20 - VILLAGE HALL/FLOOR**

It was reported that in order to give the suspended floor ventilation there would have to be more building works at extra cost on top of replacing the floor. It also transpired that it would only be possible to fit periscope vents on one side of the building, and were told that that would probably not give sufficient ventilation and therefore not be able to guarantee the life of the suspended floor.

The other option was to have a solid floor installed. Advice was sought from Sport England as to what would be a suitable floor covering with shock absorption for multi-use areas i.e. aerobics, Pilates, dancing, indoor sport training, etc the cost of which would be approximately £5,000.

The solid floor would negate the need for ventilation, there would also be an extra cost to get the base installed for the multi-use flooring, but the solid floor option would give a guaranteed longevity.

Members felt that the money would be better spent on doing the floor from scratch and therefore further quotes should be sought.

Cllr Oakes stated that she would be able to earmark £1,000 of her new locality funding to put towards the cost.

**It was AGREED:** That Cllr M Ford seek quotes for the entire removal and replacement of the floor.

**GB82/19/20 – WALL AT REAR OF HALL**

As it was unknown as to who actually owned the wall at the rear of the village hall, it was felt that due to its poor condition, the replacement of the wall, either like for like, or a fence needed to take place.

**It was AGREED:** That the neighbouring property be asked their opinion on whether a wall or fence should be erected.

**GB83/19/20 - VILLAGE GREEN OWNERSHIP**

Cllr Burnett reminded members that she had looked into the ownership of the land stating that whilst the Parish Council were mentioned on certain documents Land Registry had not got its ownership registered.

It was felt that this should be revisited in the future once funding was available to register it through a solicitor.

The Clerk reported that she had a quote from Chapple Signs for a new No parking on Village Green sign of £30.54.

**It was AGREED:** That the Clerk accept the quote for the new sign.

**GB84/19/20 – TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Clerk reported that she had received various quotes for the speed sign, but was still awaiting others. She explained that she had not yet heard from Speed Management that posts had been erected in the agreed locations, until which she could not purchase the sign.

Cllr Oakes asked the Clerk to let her have the contact details so she could also chase them.

**GB85/19/20 – HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

This item had been dealt with under the County Councillor’s report item earlier on the agenda.

**GB86/19/20 - BUS SERVICE CONTRIBUTION**

Following the circulation of leaflets to the residents of Great Bricett in order to ascertain if bus service 461/462 was used by them, it was felt that contributing towards the service would not be beneficial.

Cllr Payne asked for it to be noted that he was in fact in favour of making such a contribution.

**It was AGREED:** That a financial contribution should not be made by the Parish Council.

**GB87/19/20 – GRASS AND HEDGEROW CUTTING**

Cllr Burnett asked members whether they would be happy to continue using the services of ‘Naturally Wood’ for the grass cutting and trimming of hedgerows on the Green and the churchyard.

**It was AGREED:** That ‘Naturally Wood’ continue their services.

**GB88/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

There were no other matters to report.

**GB89/19/20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm.

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