



## **GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held online via Zoom on  
**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

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

In Attendance                J Blackburn – Clerk  
   District Cllr D Pratt

### **GB001/20/21 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Craddock.

### **GB002/20/21 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **GB003/20/21 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **GB004/20/21 - PLANNING**

- a) **Update on the current build on land behind The Brambles**
- b) **Application for the change of use of the barn, land behind The Brambles**

Cllr Morley reported that there had been many complaints in relation to the development taking place on land behind the Brambles, from local residents. The noise pollution and dust coming from the site had increased and had caused great distress.

He reminded members that in 2008 the owner of the barn on the site had been instructed to demolish the barn, something that had never taken place. An application had since been made for the change of use of the barn to an office and light storage space. He explained that the barn was clearly not being used as it should be as heavy machinery was being stored within it.

Cllr Morley reported that he had corresponded with senior planning officers over the applications for the site, all of which had been understanding of the issues raised, once he had showed them evidence of what was happening which included the noise and dust pollution. The senior officers took on board the complaints made by residents but were a little more reluctant to discuss the fact that the barn should have been demolished a number of years ago, seeing that as a past issue, and had been more interested in the future of the barn and the fact that the owner had not been using the barn for what it had been intended, an office and light storage space. They confirmed to Cllr Morley that they would report back on that once further investigations had taken place.

Phil Isbell, Chief Planning Officer, asked Cllr Morley that confirmation from the Parish Council as to what they felt the barn should be used for, would be helpful in moving the issue forward.

Cllr Morley explained that following his meeting with Phil Isbell, he then held a meeting with local residents in order to discuss the situation with the site.

District Councillor Pratt reported that he had spoken with relevant planning officers who had not yet established all the particulars on their recommendations. Cllr Pratt felt that a two-year timescale for the barn being a building plot would be more acceptable and reasonable than the proposed three years. At the end of the proposed time he explained that the barn would revert back to a stable and a new planning application will have to be considered. The Parish Council's recommendation for residential land use would be made clear to the developer.

Cllr Pratt explained that a provisional date for the committee meeting was set for 22<sup>nd</sup> July to be confirmed explained the process of that committee such as when reports would be due and available for public viewing.

Cllr Morley reported that a local resident Mr McGonnell, had already offered to carry out a leaflet drop to residents asking their views as to whether the current use of the barn would be the preferred option, or whether it be changed to residential, a quieter use of the barn.

Cllr Burnett explained that before any leaflet be circulated, the content needed to be agreed by all members.

**It was AGREED:** That Cllr Morley relay back to Mr McGonnell that he could produce a leaflet but should seek approval by the Parish Council before it was circulated.

## **GB005/20/21 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a) REPORT ON THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Clerk reported on the Internal Auditor's report and Annual Governance Statement. She explained the three recommendations made by the Internal Auditor as per his report.

### **b) END OF YEAR 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Statement of Accounts was presented for approval. **Decision** – approved and agreed to be signed by the Chair and the Clerk

### **c) ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Annual Governance Statement was completed by the Council and agreed to be signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

### **d) INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Internal Auditor's Report was received and approved.

### **e) 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 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was £21,945.19.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jun)	£322.14
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Naturally Wood	Grass Cutting/Hedgerow trimming	£260.00
Trevor Brown	Internal Audit	£100.00
ICO	Data Protection Renewal	£35.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £737.14 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that she had received enquiries from an officer at RAF Wattisham, in relation to three dog bins that needed replacing. But once the locations had been confirmed they had not been within the

parish boundary. Their locations were in fact on the actual Wattisham camp and therefore were not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Cllr Morley reported that there had been a lot of helicopter activity above Great Bricett, more than usual. District Cllr Pratt added that he had received various complaints about the same issue. A letter had been sent to the local MP, Jo Churchill, who had passed it onto another MP, who in turn had spoken to Robbie Silk at Wattisham. He had explained that it was all part of the training.

Cllr Morley also reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had applied for available funding for the hall and had been successful in obtaining £10,000.

The Clerk expressed her thanks to Cllr N Ford and Cllr M Ford for their help with volunteering to help with shopping for vulnerable people within the parish. They continued to look after a number of villagers during the current Coronavirus lockdown and their help had been very much appreciated.

The meeting finished at 7.50pm

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