



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett on **Tuesday, 21st January 2020 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

GB90/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were four members of the public present.

GB91/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Morley and Cllr Craddock.

GB92/19/20 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

GB93/19/20 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB94/19/20 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2019

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26th November 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB95/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

GB96/19/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/20/00154 - Full Planning Application - Change of Use of building from stable/feed store to Light Storage and Office, insertion of window and door and addition of mezzanine area - Land North of B1078, Great Bricett

Concerns were raised by members of the public present and Parish Councillors in relation to the application.

The site had gone through many changes over the years causing great concern amongst neighbouring properties. At one stage an Enforcement Notice had been issued as the barn was being used for the owner's business without prior consent.

Members raised questions as to what a mezzanine area would be needed for and questioned the owner's future intentions for the site. They also raised questions over the size of the barn being recently extended and why a 10ft fence surrounding the barn, which had not been included within the application, had been erected.

Because of all the concerns members of the Parish Council and the public, asked the District Councillor if he could 'call in' the application to the Planning Committee, to which he agreed.

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

GB97/19/20 – PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions had been received.

GB98/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes circulated a report which was available to view on the Parish Council's website.

She reported that in relation to highways issues within the parish and the meeting held last year, she had liaised with a representative from the Speed and Safety Management Team in order to arrange a follow-up meeting with parishioners to give feedback on issues discussed at the previous meeting. The representative stated that he was unable to take part in the meeting. Cllr Oakes explained that she had tried to contact him again in relation to a one-to-one meeting, which would at least enable her to report back to parishioners. She stated that if she did not hear back from him, she would liaise with the relevant Cabinet Member.

GB99/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

Cllr Pratt circulated his report prior to the meeting and would be available to view on the Parish Council's website.

He reported that the Enforcement Team were putting a hold on their work at the current time whilst their processes were being looked at.

He confirmed that the last date in which to apply for any locality budget funding was 31st January 2020.

GB100/19/20 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk enquired that more signatories were needed on the bank accounts and therefore suggested Cllr M Ford and Cllr Morley. At the previous meeting Cllr Payne had asked to be removed from the accounts in light of the undertaking of online banking. The Clerk explained that the more names on the account the better it would be.

It was AGREED: that Cllr M Ford and Cllr Morley would become signatories.

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 16th January 2020 was £20,753.74.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jan)	£322.14
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Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance / Expenses (Jan)	£30.80
Chapple Signs	Village Green sign	£30.54
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Feb)	£322.14
Jennie Blackburn	Office Allowance / Expenses (Feb)	£20.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £725.62 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

d) **FINAL BUDGET**

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget be approved.

e) **PRECEPT 2020/21**

It was AGREED: That the Precept of £10,465 be approved for 2020/21

GB101/19/20 – VILLAGE GREEN

In relation to the registration of the Village Green, Cllr Burnett reminded members that she had looked into it and the cost of registering would be in the region of £1,400. She added that she had been advised to approach Suffolk County Council's Legal Department but unfortunately, they had been unable to help.

Cllr Oakes stated that she would liaise with them to find a way forward.

GB102/19/20 - VILLAGE HALL/FLOOR

Cllr N Ford reported that quotes had been received for the replacement of the village hall floor, with the cost varying between £2,000 and £5,560. He explained that the option of filling the floor with concrete would be the expensive part of the project, but in the long run would seem to be the best option as it would curtail the ventilation issue. With the concrete fill plus flooring on top the project could be in the region of £10,000.

Members agreed that funding needed to be explored to help with the costs of the project and Cllr M Ford stated she would be happy to look into that.

Cllr N Ford added that he had taken up a floor board in order for a builder to give a quote, and the floor board was completely black underneath and was also dripping wet. Members agreed that it was vital to keep the heating on within the hall by way of a thermostat set at 10 degrees which would keep the temperature of the building at a level which hopefully would not exacerbate the issues now needing to be addressed.

GB103/19/20 – WALL AT REAR OF HALL

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

GB104/19/20 – TRAFFIC CALMING

The Clerk reported that the police confirmed they would not be in a position to support the Parish Council in enforcing any action on captured speeding vehicle number plates if a camera/speed sign was purchased. She added that the preferred supplier of the speed signs was *Westcotec* and that they had said they would be willing to give a demonstration of their products.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk liaise with *Westcotec* and arrange a mutually agreed date and time where a demonstration could take place.

GB105/19/20 – TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr N Ford explained that the telephone box had been refurbished and he showed members photographs he had received of the refurbishment at varying stages.

He stated that a concrete base needed to be installed at the telephone box’s location and he would look into someone carrying out the work and get an idea of what it would cost.

GB106/19/20 – NOTICEBOARDS

Cllr Burnett reported that the Noticeboard on Pound Hill needed a new back as it had become wet and warped.

Cllr M Ford stated that she knew someone who could possibly fix it and would therefore liaise with them about it.

GB107/19/20 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Yellow Lines – junction of The Street and Roman Road.

GB108/19/20 – DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council meet on the second Tuesday of every other month. **Clerk to Action**

GB/109/19/20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th March 2020 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm.

Chairman: Dated: