



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on **Tuesday, 9th November 2021 at 7pm.**

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
 R Morley
 D Payne
 M Parnell

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

GB85/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present.

GB86/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Walsh.

GB87/21/22 – CO-OPTION

It was AGREED: That Michelle Parnell be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

GB88/21/22 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

GB89/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB90/21/22 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER AND 10TH OCTOBER 2021

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 14th September and 11th October 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB91/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

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

GB92/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes was present at the meeting and her report had been circulated beforehand, which would also be published on the village website. She reported she had nothing further to add to her report.

GB93/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

Cllr Pratt's report would be circulated following the meeting and would be published on the village website.

He thanked Cllr Payne for attending the planning meeting in respect of DC/20/05587 and speaking on behalf of the Parish Council.

He also reported that the Green Party had been successful in a Motion to reduce street lighting.

GB94/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) offered a Payroll service of which she asked members if they could make use of the service.

It was AGREED: That SALC take over the payroll on behalf of the Parish Council. **Clerk to action.**

b) **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 1st November 2021 was £48,333.91.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Nov)	£330.98
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Nov)	£71.49
	Remembrance Poppy Wreath	
Jennie Blackburn	Reimbursement	£17.99
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Dec)	£330.98
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Dec)	£26.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £774.96 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk. It was also agreed that a payment of £370.20 to Zurich Municipal for the Insurance Renewal, £245 for Naturally Wood, Grass Cutting and £51.08 for Mr Weston for items for the Community Woodland be ratified.

d) **TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23**

It was AGREED: That the Draft Budget for 2022/23 be approved.

GB95/21/22 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/21/06079 - Householder Application - Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions with balcony (following demolition of single storey rear structure, conservatory and garage) - Walnut House, The Street, Great Bricett

During a general discussion the following issues of concern were raised:

- The proposal was an unsympathetic development of the property that was detrimental to its character and amenity
- The creation of an upper storey balcony area would lead to overlooking of neighbouring properties
- The flat roof extension was out of keeping with properties in the immediate area and indeed the village
- The extension was excessive in size and too modern to blend in with surrounding properties
- The proposed rear extension would actually be seen from the roadside due to the positioning of the property which was felt inappropriate

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

GB96/21/22 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/21/03980 - Planning Application - Erection of a grain store attached to existing grain store, extension to existing concrete hardstanding and construction of landscaped bund. Demolition of existing grain drying plant, bins and associated apparatus - Bricett Hall Farm, The Street, Great Bricett -

Ref: DC/21/04651 - Householder Application - Erection of first floor storey to existing double garage to form storage/home office, insertion of dormer windows to front and rear and external staircase - 1 Woodland Valley, Great Bricett - **Granted**

GB97/21/22 – PLANNING REF: DC/20/05587 UPDATE

Cllr Payne explained his attendance at the recently held Planning Committee where DC/20/05587 was discussed. He reported that initially it seemed that the Planning Department was in support of the proposal however, on legal advice from the planners' legal officer, it was felt that a risk assessment be undertaken, fearing the applicant may have had grounds to win a costly and time-consuming appeal, which was why a decision has been deferred.

Cllr Payne stated that he would report back following any progress with the case.

GB98/21/22 – TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Burnett explained to members that during the summer solicitor's letters had been received on behalf of the new owner of The Walnuts, Mr Meldrum, who had wished for the telephone box to be re-located off his land. More recently Mr Meldrum had been in contact with the Parish Council in relation to its re-location.

Following a meeting between Cllr Burnett and the Clerk a new location for the telephone box had been found – in front of the Village Hall. County Highways had been consulted as to the way forward with a request for a street furniture licence and a quote sought for the laying of a concrete pad, which was £1,520. Cllr Walsh, as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee received a courtesy call in respect of the desired location and who stated was in favour of the suggested site.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council proceed with the telephone box's relocation to the front of the Village Hall and that the Licence be applied for and the quote be accepted.
Clerk to action.

GB99/21/22 - RED LION PUB

It was noted that a result of the Appeal was not yet known.

GB100/21/22 – VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

GB101/21/22 - COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Cllr Burnett reported that a date had been set for the pond to be installed and all trees had been purchased. Donations from residents amounted to £1,400. The cost of the trees had been £1,098. Swann Nurseries where the trees had been purchased from had been asked what the cost would be to plant them to which £27.13 per tree had been quoted so £1,356.50 in total. As we already had £1,400 Cllr Burnett asked members if the Parish Council could cover the rest of the costs.

District Cllr Pratt explained to members about the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and the plan for a canopy of trees. There was a website where people could opt in and report how many trees were being planted. Cllr Burnett agreed to look at that.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council cover any remaining costs for the planting of the trees.

GB102/21/22 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CiL)

Members briefly discussed possible projects where the CiL money could be used such as the Community Woodland and the Information Board in the telephone box. Other projects could be looked at in the near future.

GB103/21/22 - PARKING AT THE JUNCTION OF ROMAN ROAD / THE STREET (POUND HILL)

Cllr Payne reported that the development at Base Garage should be completed in the Spring of 2022 which would include a grassed area at the front of the houses.

Cllr Burnett reported that following a brief discussion with Cllr Oakes in relation to the painting of yellow lines at the junction in question, a follow-up public meeting would be planned for March next year when the nights were lighter and milder so members of the public would feel more able to attend.

It was AGREED: That the follow-up Public Meeting be held on Tuesday, 22nd March 2022 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

GB104/21/22 – VILLAGE GREEN

Following a brief discussion:

It was AGREED: That the Clerk instruct a solicitor to complete the necessary documents in order to get The Village Green properly registered under the name of Great Bricett Parish Council, its owner.

GB105/21/22 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Poppy Flag for Remembrance – Cllr Morley laying the Wreath
- FP issue unresolved – Cllr Oakes will take up with Highways
- Fingerposts down – Cllr Burnett will report
- Hall has no internet so consider the telephone box to have charging facilities (Put on next Agenda)
- A resident was happy to donate an old bench to be used at the Community Woodland

GB105/21/22 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th January 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

Chairman: Dated: