



## **GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors:                    S Burnett (Chairman)  
   R Morley (Vice-Chairman)  
   J Walsh  
   D Payne

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

### **GB42/21/22 – PUBLIC FORUM**

There was one member of the public present – Mr C Payne.

Mr Payne wished to speak in relation to The Red Lion Pub and commented as follows:

He felt that the campaign to retain the Red Lion Pub and Vegetarian Restaurant seemed low key and had not caught the wider community's imagination or created a determination to act, although he was aware that the Pub had been successful in being added to the Asset of Community Value (ACV) following work by the Parish Council, District Councillor Dan Pratt and County Councillor Kay Oakes.

The surrounding parishes had all commented on the change of use applications, including Offton and Willisham Parish Council's Planning Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, which resolved to write a formal objection citing national and local policy supporting: 1) Employment need; 2) Retaining an existing business in a village facility of historic significance; and 3) Supporting Great Bricett. Also, Ringshall Parish Council resolved that they were in favour of the continued use of the premises as a functioning public house, and in the ACV if required.

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Cllr Pratt had reported that there was a weakness in the application for the ACV due to a lack of supportive comments for retaining the pub. The Parish Council further agreed, that a public meeting would be held towards the end of June and would like to know if that meeting had taken place.

It had seemed that the current tenant had not tried to make a go of the business since the ACV had come into force which seemed a shame, although it was understood that everyone had recently gone through difficult times.

Cllr Burnett explained that she had spoken recently to the current tenant who it seemed has many personal problems at the moment including the fact that his main chef had left. She added that the village was a small village and the project of buying the pub would be too great for such a small community and Parish Council.

Cllr Pratt explained that there were various pots of money that could be applied for to help raise the funds if needed.

Cllr Burnett confirmed that the public meeting had not taken place as yet and now that Covid restrictions had been eased such a meeting could be arranged with surrounding parishes and the local community. She stated that it might help the tenant if he saw the support was there. To raise awareness of the meeting Cllr Burnett offered to do a leaflet drop and also put an advert in the next Four Parish Magazine.

Cllr Pratt stated that he would find out what amount could be raised with grants.

#### **GB43/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Craddock.

#### **GB44/21/22 – CO-OPTION**

Co-option of any interested parties onto the Parish Council was discussed and it was confirmed that anyone wishing to join the Parish Council needed to live within the Parish.

It was agreed that any interested person should attend a Parish Council meeting beforehand so members could ask any questions they might have and vice versa.

#### **GB45/21/22 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

#### **GB46/21/22 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

#### **GB47/21/22 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY AND TUESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2021**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **GB48/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

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

#### **GB49/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES**

Cllr Oakes’ report had been circulated prior to the meeting which could be viewed on the village website.

Cllr Oakes had nothing further to report.

#### **GB50/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT**

Cllr Pratt’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting which could be viewed on the village website.

He added that the ‘Free Tree Scheme’ applications had closed last month and the consultation on the Cycling and Walking Infrastructure would close at the end of the month.

#### **GB51/21/22 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **a) CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she had issues with her printer and explained that costs would be incurred in getting it repaired.

##### **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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 was £32,845.87.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jun)	£331.78
Jennie Blackburn	Office Allowance/Exp (Jun)	£26.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jul)	£330.98
Jennie Blackburn	Office Allowance/Exp (Jul)	£43.37
Naturally Wood (Nick Holmes)	Grass Cutting / Hedge Trimming (2020)	£300.00
Naturally Wood (Nick Holmes)	Grass Cutting / Hedge Trimming	£260.00
Clarke's Fencing	Gate for Community Woodland	£257.66
Trevor Brown	Internal Audit for 2020/21	£153.80
MSDC	Bin Emptying	£253.31
Four Parishes Magazine	Contribution	£50.00
Sue Burnett	Armed Forces Flag	£29.95
J Firman Trees and Fences	Gate/Fencing work - Community Woodland	£210.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Aug)	£330.98
Jennie Blackburn	Office Allowance/Exp (Aug)	£26.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £2,603.83 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

**It was AGREED:** That the Bank Reconciliation be noted.

e) **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

**It was AGREED:** that the Budget Monitoring report be noted.

**GB52/21/22 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Ref: DC/21/03626** - Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension to form annexed accommodation (following removal of garage) - Mid Elm, Lower Farm Road, Great Bricett

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

**GB53/21/22 – PLANNING DECISIONS**

None had been received.

**GB54/21/22 – INAPPROPRIATE PARKING AT THE JUNCTION OF POUND HILL / ROMAN ROAD - YELLOW LINES**

Cllr Oakes reported that a couple of years ago a public meeting had been held where yellow lines from the junction of Pound Hill / Roman Road up towards Releet Close should be installed due to the amount of parking in that area making it dangerous to drive through. She explained that she had had many people contact her in relation to this problem so she had liaised with the Safer Speed Team Manager who was in support of yellow lines. Cllr Oakes confirmed that she would fund the project but needed the support of the Parish Council before going ahead.

Cllr Payne opposed the idea of yellow lines being installed as far along as Releet Close asking members where residents would park their cars. He added that he was aware some of the inappropriate parking was that of members of staff from Wattisham.

Cllr Oakes confirmed that a meeting would be held to discuss and approve the finer details of where the yellow lines should start and finish with the proposal being from the junction to where the houses begin.

Members stated that a letter to Martin Kinsey, Staff Station Officer at Wattisham, should be sent asking for members of staff to refrain from parking around the junction.

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council approved of yellow lines being installed at the junction in question.  
That the Clerk liaise with Martin Kinsey, Wattisham, over the parking of their vehicles.

#### **GB55/21/22 – RED LION PUB**

This item was discussed under Public Forum.

#### **GB56/21/22 – QUIET LANES**

Cllr Oakes confirmed that a meeting was due to be held the following evening where she would carry out a short presentation, at Offton Village Hall at 7pm. All were welcome.

#### **GB57/21/22 – OVERHANGING TREES**

Cllr Walsh confirmed that the problematic tree had been pruned.

#### **GB58/21/22 – VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Walsh reported that the interior décor at the village hall had been completed. She added that the kitchen refurbishment including the floor would commence on 28<sup>th</sup> September the funds of which would be used from the Village Halls Covid Grant.

#### **GB59/21/22 – TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Cllr Burnett reported that once Covid restrictions had been lifted and all relevant parties could get together the internal project of the kiosk could commence which included the information board and the reconnection of electricity.

#### **GB60/21/22 - COMMUNITY WOODLAND**

Cllr Burnett stated that the woodland would soon be cut and a working party held in order to rake the cuttings. The wildflowers were growing and the gate had been installed.

Cllr Burnett asked members for approval to purchase items over the coming months which would include trees, stakes, canes and native bulbs. She explained that bird boxes and similar would be good to install in the woodland, plus some benches and perhaps a pond which would encourage wildlife.

She suggested that residents might wish to sponsor a tree for a loved one for example and stated that leaflets could be produced to inform residents about it. The leaflet would also be a way to ask for volunteers who would be willing to help.

#### **GB61/21/22 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- No 1 The Green would like a skip near the Green – all approved.
- Footpath adjacent village sign – possible resurfacing – Clerk to chase.
- Road closures for seven weeks – Cllr Payne stated that traffic lights be used instead of closures.
- Sewage System issues at Wixfield Park – Cllr Pratt informed members that following checks it was stated that the system was broken and the readings showed it had been the worst level of contamination possible.

**GB62/21/22 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

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