



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett
Tuesday, 10th May 2022 at 7.20pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
A Auchterlonie
M Parnell
J Walsh

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

GB06/22/23 – ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Burnett declared the meeting open.

Cllr Walsh proposed that Cllr Burnett be elected as Chair, which was seconded by Cllr Parnell. **Decision** – Cllr Burnett was duly elected Chair.

Cllr Burnett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

GB07/22/23 – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Cllr Auchterlonie proposed that Cllr R Morley be elected as Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Cllr Walsh. **Decision** – Cllr R Morley was duly elected Vice-Chair.

GB08/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Morley.

GB9/22/23 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Auchterlonie declared an interest in item 18 on the Agenda.

GB10/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB11/22/23 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th MARCH 2022

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8th March 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB12/22/23 – TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

SALC – All Cllrs
Wattisham - Cllr Burnett

GB13/22/23 – AUTHORISATION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was AGREED: That the annual subscription of £209.88 be paid to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils in order to renew the Parish Council's membership.

GB14/22/23 – PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

GB15/22/23 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

Cllr Pratt raised the issue of a foul smell adjacent to Wixfield Park that appeared to be coming from the waterway there. He explained that he had contacted Anglian Water who had refused to test the water. He stated that he planned to get in touch with the Environment Agency to take the matter further.

GB16/22/23 – 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) 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 3rd May 2022 was £50,416.97.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Apr)	£339.60
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Apr)	£26.00
J J Fascia Fix	Soffits Replacement (Deposit)	£390.00
Jennie Blackburn	Reimbursement for Ink Cartridges	£666.43
Jennie Blackburn	Reimbursement of Box of Paper	£26.94
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (May)	tbc
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (May)	£35.29
ICO	Data Protection Annual Fee	£35.00
SALC	Annual Subscription	£209.88
Mixbrow	Telephone Box Concrete pad	£1,074.59

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £2,803.73 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipt was also noted:

MSDC	Precept (1 st instalment) and CiL	£13,957.18
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d) CIL REPORT

It was AGREED: That the CiL report be approved and signed.

e) ASSET REGISTER

It was AGREED: That the Asset Register be approved.

GB17/22/23 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/22/02112 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to DC/21/02820 for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) - Plot 4 garage to be split from shared outbuilding - Land North of Pound Hill Cottages, The Street, Great Bricett

Members briefly discussed the parking provision which seemed to have been reduced following the addition of a garage for one of the dwellings. Members felt that if the parking provision was maintained and not compromised then they had no objections to the application.

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

Ref: DC/22/02301 - Householder Application - Erection of single and two storey extension (following demolition of existing extensions and garage) - Walnut House, The Street, Great Bricett

Cllr Auchterlonie raised concerns that the proposed 2 metre high fencing around the full exterior of the site would add to poor visibility when entering/exiting the site of which was proposed on the corner of the development.

He also explained that the boundary of the site seemed to be different on each plan and with the Land Registry. The discrepancy of the marking of the boundary added to the concerning access proposals.

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

GB18/22/23 – PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted:

Ref: DC/22/00779 - Householder Application - Erection of raised roof and external staircase to existing double garage to form first floor storage/home office and insertion of roof light windows - 1 Woodland Valley, Great Bricett - **Granted**

GB19/22/23 - NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

It was AGREED: That the Code of Conduct be reviewed and adopted.

GB20/22/23 - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Pratt briefly went through the process of a Neighbourhood Plan plus the pros and cons.

Members felt that due to the large cost, what was involved and what, if anything, the Plan would help in way of determining any development in the Parish, it would not be an appropriate way forward at this time.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council would not pursue a Neighbourhood Plan at this time.

GB21/22/23 - THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no comments to make in relation to the Review.

GB22/22/23 - THE EAST ANGLIA GREEN ENERGY ENABLEMENT (EAST ANGLIA GREEN) FROM THE NATIONAL GRID

Members briefly discussion the proposals for pylons through the countryside and felt that near to villages the cables should be ran underground.

GB24/23/23 - POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE PARISH AND AT WHAT COST

A small piece of land could become available for the Parish Council to purchase if a cost be agreed with the landowner. The land could be used as an overflow car park for Village Hall users and would be an asset to the Village.

It was felt that an independent land agent should value the piece of land and consideration should also be taken in relation to works needed at the entrance to the piece of land to make it usable, by way of relocating it. The land would also need to be maintained.

Cllr Burnett stated that she would look into having it valued.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Burnett sought a valuation and a meeting with the landowner be set up.

GB24/22/23 - STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT TO AN LED

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a quote received to have the street light at the village hall replaced with an LED bulb. The cost would be £681.50 (exc VAT).

Members felt it was a lot of money for one light.

It was AGREED: That the street light be left as it is for the time being.

GB25/22/23 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes’ report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

She reported that the issue with the hedge in front of Walnut House had been highlighted with the Highways Department and she should have an answer by the end of the week.

GB26/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Cllr Walsh reported that on Thursday, 2nd June 2022 there would be a torch light procession ending in a bonfire. On Saturday, 4th June there would be a large screen filming of the Jubilee Concert where drinks would be provided. Sunday, 5th June at 12 noon until 3pm a picnic lunch will take place at the Hall/Green. Due to the proposed road closure, parking would be in the field.

GB27/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE TELEPHONE KIOSK

Cllr Auchterlonie reported that the telephone box was supposed to be relocated by BT on 6th May but unfortunately it didn’t happen. He explained that he had chased BT to ask what date the phone box would be moved but he had had no response.

He confirmed he would continue to arrange the re-location and would keep members updated.

GB28/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE RED LION PUB

Cllr Burnett reported that nothing had happened with the pub and following the installation of concrete boulders being placed across the entrance it seemed to be being let to run down.

Cllr Walsh suggested that the Asset of Community Value status recently given to the pub should be lifted.

Cllr Pratt stated that he would look into the pub’s position before anything is done. He felt that Heritage should push for the pub to be refurbished.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Pratt look into the position of the pub in the first instance and report back to the Parish Council.

GB29/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE HALL AND PARKING FOR THE HALL/CHURCH

Cllr Walsh reported that the garden project was nearing completion but the fire door and hatch projects were still pending.

The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) had agreed to contribute £500 towards the replacement of the soffits.

In relation to parking Cllr Walsh explained that the spaces outside the Village Hall and The Green should be for the use of village hall users, also visitors to the church. She stated that when deliveries to the hall had taken place it had been very difficult for the drivers to park.

Cllr Walsh suggested that one of the spaces at The Green should be a Blue Badge parking space. She herself, who could not walk very well or very far would find it a lot easier if there was an allocated space.

Members briefly talked about the idea and suggestions were made in relation to purchasing a temporary sign stating a blue badge space and try it out. Cllr Walsh stated that she would raise it at the next VHMC meeting.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Walsh raise the issue at the next VHMC and report back to the Parish Council.

GB30/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY WOODLAND AND THE PURCHASE OF A WATER BUTT

Cllr Auchterlonie reported that he had cleared the area for wildflowers and suggested that the earth needed to be moved in order for it to look more natural.

Cllr Burnett reported that she would like to purchase a water butt and locate it next to the shed. She stated that the contractor who had installed the Pond would return in June to undertake planting around the pond.

She reported that the trees were growing well and she had purchased a hose to ensure easiness of watering.

The donated bench had been put in place and the purchase of another one was suggested for the shed.

It was AGREED: That a water butt be purchased.
That a bench be purchased for the shed.

GB31/22/23 - UPDATE ON THE REGISTRATION OF THE VILLAGE GREEN AND DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF A CAR CHARGER

The Clerk reported that the Registration of the Village Green was ongoing.

Cllr Burnett reported that the resident at No.1 The Green had suggested that a car charger be installed at the parking spaces at The Green.

Members discussed the suggestion briefly, its pros and cons and what usage the charger would actually get.

Cllr Burnett had contacted Offton and Willisham who had had a charge installed at their village hall. The costs involved were £2,850 (exc VAT) and the groundworks were £890.

It was AGREED: That Cllr Burnett would make further enquires.

GB32/22/23 - UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS

There was nothing to report.

GB33/22/23 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Dog Bin – Chestnut Avenue – needed replacing
- Speeding – Martin Kinsey at Wattisham has confirmed that speeding seemed to be an issue for people inside and outside the base – so like in Ringshall they will monitor it in Great Bricett.

GB34/22/23 – DATES OF 2021/22 MEETINGS

The following dates were approved:

- Tuesday, 12th July 2022
- Tuesday, 13th September 2022
- Tuesday, 8th November 2022
- Tuesday, 10th January 2023
- Tuesday, 14th March 2023

GB35/22/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th July 2022 at 7pm. It was noted that an Extraordinary Meeting needed to be held sometime in June in order to approve the end of year accounts. The Clerk would liaise with members as to a date.

The meeting finished at 9.55pm.

Chairman: Dated: