



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett
Tuesday, 9th January 2024 at 7pm.

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
J Walsh
R Morley
L Jefferson
A Auchterlonie
M Parnell

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

GB83/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

None had been received.

GB84/23/24 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

GB85/23/24 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB86/23/24 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2023

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28th November 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB87/23/24 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

GB88/23/24 – 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.

Cllr Oakes reported that the 30mph worn out repeater signs through the village totalled seven and would be replaced. She confirmed that a 'Stop / Go' system would be used whilst they were being replaced to direct traffic. The cost of the works would be £498.40, which would be taken from her Replacement Signs funding.

Cllr Oakes added that the yellow lines at the junction of Pound Hill and Roman Road had been approved and she would pay for the works out of her Highways Budget. If approved by Members Cllr Oakes stated that she would find out what the process would be and ask for the works to go ahead. **All Agreed.**

GB89/23/24 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

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

He reported that there had been no recent flooding in Great Bricett as a result of the storms, which was pleasing to hear. He also reported that he had locality budget funding left should an application wish to be made for any projects in the village.

GB90/23/24 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report other than what was 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 January 2024 was £56,955.58.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Dec)	£381.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Dec)	£26.00
HMRC	PAYE to end 5th Jan	£159.40
NSK Landscapes	Planting Fruit Trees (Community Woodland)	£216.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Pay (Jan)	£381.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jan)	£32.30

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £814.70 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

No receipts had been received.

d) **BANK RECONCILIATION**

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation be approved.

e) **FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024/25**

It was AGREED: That the Final Budget for 2024/25 be approved.

f) **PRECEPT FOR 2024/25**

It was AGREED: That the Precept for 2024/25 of £11,900 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

GB91/23/24 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

GB92/23/24 – PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

GB93/23/24 – PEOPLE AND PLACE PLAN

It was AGREED: That the People & Place Plan (PPP) be deferred to the next meeting.

GB94/23/24 – COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Cllr Burnett reported that it would be useful to scarify areas of the Community Woodland and suggested that one be hired if members were in agreement.

She added that the seeds had yet to be planted and would be done so in March.

A brief discussion took place in relation to where the tools, recently purchased for use at the Community Woodland, should be kept. Cllr Morley suggested CiL money be used to build a more secure building on the site. For that Cllr Burnett stated that she would need to ask the landowner's permission.

It was AGREED: That a Scarifier be hired.
That CiL money be used for a secure place to house the tools.

GB95/23/24 – UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Walsh reported that the village hall continued to be busy with bookings.

Cllr Auchterlonie reported that the guttering still needed to be cleared and was full of needles from the nearby tree. He had noticed that the piece of guttering above the noticeboard at the front of the hall leaked during heavy rainfall and would need to be repaired.

Cllr Walsh felt that the whole section of guttering along the front of the hall needed to be replaced.

Members asked that the Village Hall Management Committee discuss the replacement of the guttering at their next meeting and should it proceed the Parish Council would contribute half of the cost.

GB96/23/24 - UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS

Cllr Burnett suggested that as a pathway would not be possible along The Street, the footpath at the back of the Vicarage and along Woodland View could be upgraded, which would enable pedestrians, pushchair users and wheelchair users to safely get through the village rather than along the road.

Members briefly discussed the option but were concerned that the footpath was very boggy during the colder months and felt the idea would not be viable.

GB97/23/24 - DITCHES

It was reported that whilst the ditch adjacent to Cllr Morley's house still contained some vegetation, the water was low and running freely. It was agreed that the ditch continued to be monitored.

GB98/23/24 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Exceptional weather – road closure – flooding
- D-Day Celebrations – put on next Agenda
- Bottle banks in village have disappeared

GB99/23/24 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th March 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm.

Chairman: Dated:

