



GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillors: S Burnett (Chairman)
 R Morley
 L Jefferson

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

GB31/24/25 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Parnell and Cllr Walsh.

GB32/24/25 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

GB33/24/25 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

GB34/24/25 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14th MAY 2024

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14th May 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

GB35/24/25 – PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present.

GB36/24/25 – TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR KAY OAKES

Cllr Oakes had not provided a report and had nothing to report to the meeting.

GB/37/24/25 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT

Cllr Pratt's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He talked briefly with members about the planned food collection which was proposed to commence in 2026.

Cllr Jefferson asked about Gateway 14 to which Cllr Pratt explained that the District Council were planning to provide a Skills and Innovation Centre to support business and create green-sector jobs.

The District Council were also proposing to invest £1.5m to of the Gateway 14 dividend in Stowmarket's high street and town centre.

GB38/24/25 – 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 2nd July 2024 was £62,691.05.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jun)	£423.80
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jun)	£26.00
HMRC	PAYE to 5th Jul	£42.60
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jul)	£423.80
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jul)	£37.10
NSK Landscapes	Mowing of Community Woodland	£432.00
CFB IT Solutions	Domain and set up of mailbox	£134.40
MSDC	Bin Emptying 2024/25	£338.76
M Burnett	Replacement flag reimbursement	£5.99
M Burnett	Ink Cartridge reimbursement - flyers	£19.99

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £1,884.44 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipt was also noted:

VAT Reclaim 2023/24	£728.34
Contribution to Ink Cartridges	£131.00
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d) BANK RECONCILIATION

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation be approved.

e) BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

It was AGREED: That the Budget Monitoring Report be approved.

f) FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was AGREED: That the Financial Regulations be adopted.

GB39/24/25 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

Cllr Morley raised the Business Park and the discussions that had been had between residents in relation to the plans of the new owner.

Cllr Burnett stated that there were talks of the huts being used to charge Amazon vans and although that had not been confirmed, it had raised concerns. Also, that planning permission would be sought for bungalows along the front of the Park.

Cllr Pratt confirmed that as it was a Business Park, a change of use would not be required. He stated that if the park was to be used to charge the Amazon Vans then UK Power Network would need to upgrade the power.

He stated that he would liaise with the Planning Department in order to ascertain any plans for the Park

GB40/24/25 – PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

GB41/24/25 – PYLON PROPOSAL

The Clerk reported that that Norwich to Tilbury proposals had been a topic for discussion at many Parish Councils who would be affected.

Cllr Pratt confirmed that the pylons would be visible in the parish of Great Bricett.

Members briefly discussed the situation and agreed that a letter of objection should be submitted.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk submit a letter of objection to the Public Consultation.

GB42/24/25 - PEOPLE AND PLACE PLAN - SURVEY

Cllr Burnett reported that there had been no interest or replies to the flyer that had been posted through all residents' doors. Therefore, it was agreed that the project could not move forward.

GB43/24/25 – LAND FOR POSSIBLE ALOTMENTS

Despite areas of land being considered in the parish, members agreed that there was no piece of land available for the use of allotments.

GB44/24/25 – MAINTENANCE OF NOTICEBOARDS

Following inspections of the noticeboards it was confirmed that they were made of oak. Cllr Jefferson therefore reported that she would sand them down and leave them to weather, which would lessen maintenance costs in the future. **All agreed.**

GB45/24/25 – COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Cllr Burnett updated members on the cutting schedule, especially in relation to the first cut of the season.

She also reported that an application had been submitted for locality funding in order to purchase more plants for the pond. If successful the plants would be purchased and planted in the spring.

GB46/24/25 – VILLAGE HALL

There was nothing to report.

GB47/24/25 - FOOTPATHS

Cllr Jefferson reported that she had cut back brambles on many of the footpath bridges and stated that the farmers had kept their crops cut where necessary in order to keep the footpaths clear. There also seemed to be less litter currently, which was positive.

GB48/24/25 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Footpath past the type 1 put down – not been cleared by the landowner
- Field opposite Laburnhams – grass was over 3ft high and needed attention
- Field above – possible purchase

GB49/24/25 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th September 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 7.57pm.

Chairman: Dated: