



## **GREAT BRICETT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Bricett **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors:                    S Burnett (Chairman)  
    J Walsh  
    L Jefferson  
    A Auchterlonie

In Attendance                J Blackburn – Clerk  
    County Councillor Oakes

### **GB50/24/25 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Morley, Cllr Parnell and District Cllr Pratt.

### **GB51/24/25 – TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **GB52/24/25 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **GB53/24/25 - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **GB54/24/25 – PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

### **GB55/24/25 – 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 had nothing further to report.

### **GB/56/24/25 - TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR DANIEL PRATT**

Cllr Pratt was not present at the meeting. His report had been circulated prior to the meeting and would be published on the village website.

### **GB57/24/25 – 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was £67,552.91.

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

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Aug)	£423.80
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Aug)	£26.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£387.80
Gudgeons Prentice	Village Green Land Registry	£40.00
M Burnett	Replacement Flag reimbursement	£5.50
M Burnett	Ink Cartridge for flyers	£19.99
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Sept)	£423.80
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Sept)	£26.00
NSK Landscapes	Grass Cutting (Community Woodland)	£432.00
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CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Aug)	£6.00
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**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £2,228.89 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

The following receipts were also noted:

MSDC	Locality Funding for Pond Plants	£250.00
MSDC	Precept (2nd instalment)	£5,950.00

d) **INSURANCE RENEWAL**

**It was AGREED:** That the Insurance Renewal of £387.80 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

e) **FOUR PARISH MAGAZINE DONATION**

**It was AGREED:** That a donation of £100 be approved. **Clerk to action.**

**GB58/24/25 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None had been received.

**GB59/24/25 – PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following planning decision was noted:

**Ref: DC/24/03200** - Application for Listed Building Consent - Removal of cement render to East Elevation; timber frame repairs; insert insulation between studs; reinstate laths and re-render using lime render - Replace sole plate - Replacement of 2No windows with timber framed casements and Slimlite double glazing - The Hall, The Street, Great Bricett - **Granted**

**GB60/24/25 – POSSIBLE RE-OPENING OF SHOP**

Cllr Burnett reported that Cllr Pratt had contacted her in relation to talk of the shop re-opening in the village near to Wattisham. She explained that some people had been keen to re-open it and planned to have fundraising events to help fund it.

She asked Cllrs whether the Parish Council would be in support of considering a contribution if it were to re-open. It would be something for the Parish Council to think about.

#### **GB61/24/25 – YELLOW LINES – THE STREET**

Cllr Burnett reported that the yellow lines due to be painted at the junction of Pound Hill and Roman Road was expected to cost in the region of £8,000. The amount was considerably more than what was originally thought.

Cllr Oakes had agreed to pay for the project and the works had all been approved, but the Parish Council were asked if they would be willing to contribute towards the costs.

Members briefly discussed the financial cost and agreed that the yellow lines were much needed for safety for the village and so agreed to contribute financially.

Cllr Oakes confirmed that an invoice would be issued following completion of the works which would state the full cost. The Parish Council could then decide what amount to contribute.

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council contribute up to £3,000 for the works.

#### **GB62/24/25 – LAND**

Cllr Burnett confirmed that the family of the field opposite the Green were due to be having a meeting in the Autumn in order to discuss the way forward with the land.

She confirmed that should the Parish Council be approached she would inform members.

#### **GB63/24/25 - COMMUNITY WOODLAND – BIRD FEEDER**

Cllr Burnett reported that all was going well with the Community Woodland.

She had been asked whether a bird feeder could be purchased and hung in the woodland to which members felt that it would attract crows and rats. Also, that the feeder would need to be regularly cleaned and re-filled.

**It was AGREED:** That a bird feeder would not be purchased.

#### **GB64/24/25 – VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Walsh reported that plenty of bookings were being received for the hall. She added that in relation to works the two lobbies were due to be re-painted.

#### **GB65/24/25 - FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Jefferson reported that all footpaths were in good condition and most of the foot bridges were fairly clear.

Cllr Autcherlonie reported that the finger post sign outside the village hall was being held up by the hedge, rather than it being fixed in the ground.

#### **GB66/24/25 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- Self Help Group – Parish Council able to do more around the village e.g. clean signage – Cllr Oakes to provide more information – put on next Agenda.
- Cutting of hedges outside Village Hall / Green
- Resignation of Judy Walsh – everyone wished her all the best and thanked her for her help whilst on the Parish Council. She would continue to provide a Village Hall report for PC meetings

**GB67/24/25 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 7.50pm.

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