

**BRETtenham PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON  
THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Chris Clarke, Vice Chairman David Golding, Clerk/RFO Jane Moulding, SCC Councillor Jenny Antill, BDC Councillor Michael Creffield, Parish Councillor Emily Woods, Parish Councillor Bev Cronk, Parish Councillor Lyndsey Collings, Parish Councillor Peter Truin, PC Simon Bourne Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team, Martin & Carrie Dye, Jane & Gordon McDonald, Julie & Oz Ozficici, Roger & Edith Bere, Peter Knight, Dave Pearcey & Katrina Kearns, Val McGill, Martin Frey, Hugh & Julia Rivington, Gwinnie Rudder, Edward Keith, Paul Bendall, Gary Roberts, Larry O'Hara, James Buckingham & Jo Hart.

**Order changed from original Agenda:**

- 1. Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked everybody who attended commenting that the numbers were a lot higher than normally seen at Annual Parish Meetings.**

**Additional items to Agenda:**

**Presentation from PC Simon Bourne of the Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).** PC Bourne explained the changes within his team and that resources were now very limited. He talked about areas of concern in the village:

**Speeding:** Speed Indicator Devices (SID) were available for deployment in the village free of charge and could be requested through SNT. Upon request and subject to availability speed enforcement cameras could also be deployed in the village free of charge.

**Burglaries:** Explained that they were aware that there were teams from across the Suffolk border targeting rural vulnerable premises mainly in day time. As good practice, he advised to always log details of suspicious vehicles and report to the Police as appropriate, lock all external doors even if residents are just in the back garden and to consider installing all security devices to property, in particular CCTV, alarms and lighting. Discussed the benefit of communal CCTV in the village, but stated that this does not always combat crime as you cannot place vehicles at the crime scene, value of installation limited. Criminals do not see this as a deterrent they will often clone/use false number plates. He felt that personal CCTV was more appropriate and effective. He gave contact details if anybody had concerns/issues to raise; PC Simon Bourne, Email [Sudbury.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sudbury.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

**Presentation from outgoing SCC Councillor Jenny Antill.** Jenny gave a brief summary of her time as councillor for the Cosford division and the issues which she had covered and has been detailed in previous minutes of Parish Council Meetings. With regards to the speeding issue, she stated that the new SCC councillor will have a Highways budget and as soon as the councillor is appointed we should approach them for funding for Brettenham's own SID. Chairman Chris Clarke went on to thank Jenny for her support over the years and she was presented with a floral bouquet from the Parish Council.

**Presentation from BDC Councillor Mike Creffield.** Following the announcement of the move of BDC offices to Ipswich, Mike talked about the new look BDC website which is designed for easier access to services. There is also a new telephone system in place to make contact easier. For local face to face contact there will be satellite offices in Stowmarket and Sudbury. The existing offices in Needham Market and Hadleigh are to be sold/reutilised. He confirmed that Devolution was not proceeding and therefore no new funding from this source. There is a boundary review underway at BDC, following which; the number of councillors is likely to fall from 43 to 31.

- 2. The Chairman accepted and approved apologies for absence from Viv & Geoffrey Bourne, Stuart Earle & Claire Shelbourne and Emma McKenna.**
- 3. It was resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 previously circulated to the Parish Council and published were a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.**
- 4. Received Chairman's Report, report attached.**

## **5. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**5.1 Report from Village Action Group on Broadband.** Peter Knight provided a report on the latest situation on upgrading Broadband. Full report attached. Residents served by the Bildeston exchange could apply for grants to upgrade their Broadband from central government/BT; they will match every £1 raised by the residents up to a maximum of £20,000. It was suggested that the current Action Group will work with the residents affected by this including OBH (approximately 12 properties) and progress this. One resident is to approach BT and see if they can move from the Bildeston to Rattlesden exchange.

**5.2 Report from Village Action Group on Speeding.** The group has been in discussion regarding the organisation of a traffic survey and has spoken to the local Speedwatch team who has advised that warning signs of Speed Enforcement Cameras and Community Speedwatch team in place can act as deterrents. Have looked into the option of forming a Brettenham Community Speedwatch which has an initial cost of £1,000, this will need as a minimum 6 volunteers to run the scheme, and will provide 12 guns and 4 sensors. The proposal for this scheme is to be put forward at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**5.3 Report from Village Action Group on Play Area.** A survey of ideas for the refurbishment/replacement of equipment at the Play Area has been undertaken. Quotes are now being obtained to bring back proposals to the Parish Council for consideration. There still remains the issue of a new lease being created over the playing field if grants are to be applied for; this is being taken forward by the Parish Council.

**5.4 Lead for the formation of action group on mobile phone coverage still required.**

**5.5 Discussion regarding Village security following input from PC Simon Bourne.** Given the comments earlier from SNT, Larry O'Hara agreed to negotiate with his existing CCTV/security provider for a group discount for the residents of the village who wished to purchase alarms/CCTV etc. It was also suggested that signs were put up warning of CCTV operating in the village.

### **Additional items to Agenda:**

**5.6 Good Neighbour Scheme.** Lyndsey Collings outlined a scheme which operates in Lavenham supporting residents in the village who needed assistance. This would involve volunteers and a mobile phone number for co-ordination of the scheme. Lyndsey agreed to investigate further and bring to the Parish Council for consideration.

**5.7 Rattlesden Flying Club.** The existing liaison group officer Martin Frey advised that permanent planning permission at the club had been approved and there had been no objections were raised by Brettenham residents. Under the terms of the planning permission, the liaison group was to continue to monitor local resident's opinions. Martin Frey agreed to continue in this role.

**5.8 Dog Fouling.** Given recent issues raised in the village it was suggested that Dog Foul Bins are installed in the village. The cost and management of these are to be investigated and be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and commented that this was the best turnout seen for many years. He advised that action points from the meeting would be circulated via the Parish Council email circulation list by the end of April. The meeting closed at 21.20 which was then followed by a brief Parish Council Meeting.

### **Parish Councillors**

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**Mrs Lindsey Collings – Ms Beverley Cronk – Ms Emily Woods - Mr Peter Truin**

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