

**BRETENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON
THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2018 COMMENCED AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Acting Chairman Paul Bendall, Clerk/RFO Jane Moulding, BDC Councillor Michael Creffield, Parish Councillor Emily Woods, Parish Councillor Bev Cronk, Parish Councillor Lyndsey Collings, Parish Councillor Peter Truin, Martin & Carrie Dye, Roger & Edith Bere, Val McGill, Martin & Aelene Frey, Hugh Rivington, Edward Keith, Gary Roberts, Martin Annis, Jonathon Graham, David Cadman, Beth Clarke.

- 1. Acting Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked the residents present if they were happy that he chaired the meeting, there were no objections.**
- 2. The acting Chairman accepted and approved apologies for absence from Brettenham Parish Council Chairman Chris Clarke, Brettenham Parish Council Vice Chairman David Golding, SCC Councillor Robert Lindsey, Oz Ozficici.**
- 3. It was resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th April 2017 previously circulated to the Parish Council and published were a correct record and duly signed by the Acting Chairman.**
- 4. Received Chairman's Report in his absence, read out by Acting Chairman, report attached.**
- 5. Received Planning Committee Chairman's Report, report attached. A question was raised about the proposed development at Old Buckenham Hall School, the Planning Committee Chairman advised that at this stage no progress had been made and no application had been received by the Parish Council, but as soon as an application was received an all village meeting would be called at short notice to seek views of residents on the proposal before submitting a response to Babergh D.C. Information provided by the Rattlesden Gliding Club Liaison Officer: there were discussions ongoing for a proposed workshop at the Gliding Club, no concerns were raised on this matter.**
- 6. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Before covering the points on the Agenda, a report was received from BDC Councillor Mike Creffield, report attached. A question was raised about the merger of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils; whilst consultation of selected residents showed agreement to the merger albeit by a small margin, was there going to be a poll with all residents allowed to vote on the merger? Advised that the decision is to be deferred to 2020, but there is an election in 2019, so any final decision is likely to be after this date. Further question regarding GDPR asked of the Parish Council what measures were in place to cover Data Protection and the new legislation. The RFO/Clerk advised of the involvement of the DPO Centre who is going to act as the Data Protection Officer and also outlined the systems already in place to protect public data.

In the absence of SCC Councillor R Lindsey the attached report was read out by the Acting Chairman.

6.1 Report from Village Action Group on Broadband. Peter Knight provided a report on the latest situation on upgrading Broadband. Work on the Rattlesden exchange which serves most of the residents of Brettenham, was due to be completed by Easter, but there have been a series of problems with getting the optical fibre spine to the cabinet, including a number of blockages in underground ducts, many of which have required road works that involves getting permissions from Highways to close roads, traffic management schemes, etc. The current plan is that the remaining work should be completed by the end of June 2018 (though there remains some risk of further delay, if further unforeseen obstacles to the build are encountered). The work required to improve services for the remainder of the village served by the Bildeston exchange has now been reviewed, the Survey stage has been completed and is about to be allocated by Openreach to one of their subcontractors for build. Likely completion date once the build work gets underway is to be late 2018/early 2019. Question was raised about the situation with Broadband at Dux Street, this was to be referred back to Peter Knight.

6.2 Report from Village Action Group on Speeding. Val McGuill advised that the group have looked into the option of forming a Brettenham Community Speedwatch which has an initial cost of £1,200, this will need as a minimum 6 volunteers to run the scheme, and will provide 12 guns and 4 sensors. The Parish Council have agreed to fund 50% of the project and SCC Councillor Robert Lindsay has agreed to fund 50% from his locality budget. Once the funding is in place, the Speedwatch Scheme will be set up, the volunteers will undergo the training and commence the Speedwatch duties.

6.3 Report from Village Action Group on Play Area. A final survey of ideas for the refurbishment/replacement of equipment at the Play Area has been undertaken and has achieved unanimous support from the residents who responded. Quotes have been obtained for the proposed scheme. The lease issue in respect of the Playing Field has now been resolved and an application is now being made to Babergh D C to release the funds held under the S106 scheme to fund the project. Once the funding is in place final proposals will be submitted to the Parish Council for approval and agree the supplier, the Play Area will be closed and a team of volunteers will clear the area ahead of the new equipment being installed.

6.4 Discussion around Highways Issues. The issue of flooding in The Street was raised and the current situation outlined: Babergh D C have confirmed that as the Willow tree concerned is causing issues with drainage and is also slipping that no consent is required from the District Council for removal. The land manager has obtained quotes for the removal of the tree and the work to remove the tree will be undertaken in the coming weeks. Concern raised about the blockage of the drains underneath the road in the same area, this will be looked at but may be later in the year. The number of pot holes in the village remains a concern, residents acknowledged the pressures on Highways funding and that this is a County wide problem, but encouraged residents to report Pot Holes on the Suffolk Highways tool. Concerns raised about litter discarded in the village and whilst councillors and residents regularly pick up discarded litter, what action could be taken? Agreed to take forward and discuss at the May Parish Council meeting.

Additional items to Agenda:

- **Martin Frey, Rattlesden Flying Club Liaison Officer,** advised that after 2 years of the planning being agreed at the Flying Club no concerns are being raised and he is happy to continue as the Liaison Officer, but would stand aside if anybody else wished to take the position. He also praised the work of the Gardening Club as the daffodils this spring had been stunning, thanks extended to the Gardening Club.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 20.30, the Annual Parish Meeting was then followed by a brief Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Councillors

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