

BRETtenham PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Mr C Clarke, Clerk/RFO Mrs J Schofield, Vice Chairman Ms E Woods, Councillors Mr P Bendall, Mr P Truin, Mrs A Wilson, Ms L Collings, SCC and BDC Councillor Robert Lindsay, and 9 members of the public.

1. Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and accepted and approved apologies for absence from Cllr B Cronk, Val McGuill and Mr and Mrs Ozfici.
2. Declarations of Interest received.
3. It was resolved that the Minutes of the meetings held on the 9th May which had previously been circulated were a correct record. Approved and signed by Chairman.

PUBLIC FORUM

Report received from SCC Councillor R Lindsay which is attached.

Discussion held around CIL123 fund applications as this will re-open on October 1st and will receive applications for one month. Other parishes have been successful in these bids and consideration will be given as to whether there is scope for an application from BPC. Cllr Clarke to look into the application process.

Update on bus subsidy cuts to the area. This will affect the 377 bus service which runs from Rattlesden to Bury St Edmunds via Brettenham. Residents who wish to raise issues these cuts in service are advised to write to Cllr Mary Evans who is the lead cabinet member for transport and highways.

Centre Academy East Anglia report: Dr Rollo and Mrs Salthouse wanted to extend their thanks to Cllr Truin for support with maintaining the landscape around the school grounds. The school continue to campaign for increase education provision for children with special educational needs (SEN) and have recently been invited to become members of the Independent School Association. They are the only SEN school within this organisation. Dr Rollo wished residents a happy summer and looks forward to returning back to the village in the new academic year.

Passenger Transport report: Cllr Truin advised there was no other update other than the bus subsidy cuts affecting the village. Clerk to email residents enquiring as to the usage of this service as well as other parishes along the bus route to see if there is potential to form a collective response.

Tree Warden report: The woodland tree network have offered parishes the opportunity to plant 50-150 trees for free in their area. Mr Gooderham advised that this offer would compliment Mrs Bourne's offer to purchase a tree for each resident in the village. We were advised that farmers can apply separately for additional trees, all being supplied with guards and stakes. Mr Gooderham will be ordering 100 trees for the village which will be planted in various locations. Dr Rollo confirmed that the school would welcome some of these in their grounds. The woodland tree network will be providing a set number of tree species, if residents would like to plant a tree that is not on this list, they are advised to make contact with Mrs Bourne.

Rattlesden Airfield report: Mr Frey would like to give notice and stand down as liaison officer and therefore BPC are looking for another volunteer to take over in this role. Volunteers would be required to attend meetings once a month for no longer than an hour and would receive an induction and support from both Mr Frey and BPC.

Footpath report: The footpath leaflet has now been printed and distributed with the parish magazine, with additional copies available in the Church and Village Hall. Request for funding to purchase a perspex box that could be housed on an exterior wall of the Village Hall that would enable walkers to access the leaflet when the Village Hall was closed. Advised that this request should be made to the Brettenham Village Association. Invoice yet to be received for the purchase of the leaflets however funds have been allocated and are available when needed. Mr Annis confirmed that all the way markers are now colour coded. BPC thanked Mr Annis for all his work on this project.

Grass cutting: Suffolk County Council last cut the grass on the 21st May and are now not due until the 22nd August. Due to the weather, the grass is already overgrown and consideration will need to be given as to how this is managed.

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4. Received Clerks report on matters from previous meeting and to date.
 - 4.1 Following a village consultation BPC have received a number of suggestions for allocating the CIL and Sec106 money.
 - * Replace the road sign in the village by the Church
 - * Purchase and install a defibrillator
 - * Additional play equipment (specifically slide, basketball hoop, zip wire, hard standing area)
 - * Glass recycling containers
 - * Dog litter bins

- * Replace and install a new sound system in the village hall
- * Replace and install a new oven in the village hall

Other suggestions were received but were unable to be considered due to funding restrictions. Agreement for councillors to prioritise their preferences. Clerk to provide best estimates for each option. Consideration to be given to obtaining funding from CIL123 money for any project that cannot be funded using existing funds.

4.2 Village Hall parking sign has now been delivered and is ready to be installed.

5. Planning

5.1 Considered and received updates on Planning Applications

5.1.1 DC/19/02279 Erection of a two storey side extension – 3 Church Road, Brettenham, IP7 7QR Supported by BPC. Approved by BMS.

5.1.2 DC/19/02498 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Lime (T1) - Re pollard to previous points - Mill Corner Cottage, 43 The Street, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7QP No Comment by BPS. No objection by BMS.

5.1.3 DC/19/01313 Erection of front and rear single storey extensions (amended scheme to previously approved DC/18/02355) – Lower Farm, Lower Farm Road IP7 7QT Supported by BPC. Approved by BMS.

5.1.4 DC/19/01537 Notification of Works to Trees within a Conservation Area T1 Oak Pollard tree to 8 metres in height – 37 The Street, IP7 7QP Supported by BPS. No objection by BMS.

5.1.5 DC/19/02182 Application for Listed Building Consent -Erection of an external clock on the front of the dining hall - Old Buckenham Hall School, Brettenham Park, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7PH No Comment by BPS. Approved by BMS subject to conditions.

5.1.6 DC/19/02981 – Application for erection of 3No one and half storey dwellings with garages and access. Former Breakers Yard And Premises, Old School Corner, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7PA Supported by BPC. Approved by BMS subject to conditions.

5.1.7 DC/19/02990 –Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Hazel Stool) - Coppice to 4 foot, T2 (Goat Willow) - Pollard to 6 foot and poison the stem to retain for habitat and T3 (Ash) - Fell to ground level. The Old Post Office, The Street, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7QP No Comment by BPS. No objection by BMS.

5.1.8 DC/19/02650 - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey linked extension to garage/outbuilding; blocking up of existing garage doors and insertion of window. Dove Farmhouse, Bury Road, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7PL No Comment by BPS. Awaiting decision by BMS.

5.1.9 DC/19/02651 - Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey extension, replacement window and internal alterations. Dove Farmhouse, Bury Road, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7PL No Comment by BPS. Awaiting decision by BMS.

5.1.10 DC/19/01592 - Full Planning Application - Replacement of 2no. double five bar electric gates. Poplar Farm, Buxhall Road, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7PA Supported by BPC. Approved by BMS.

5.1.11 DC/19/01956 -Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - DC/18/01834 without complaine for the removal of Condition 2 to allow changes to fenestration. Sunnyside, 42 The Street, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7QP Supported by BPC. Approved by BMS.

Additional discussion re: OBH Planning App DC/18/03832 - Erection of 8 No dwellings, and associated carports following demolition of 2 No existing dwelling and using existing access. Old Buckenham Hall School, Brettenham Park, Brettenham, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7PH. Application was called in for a full BMS Planning Committee hearing on 05.06.19, it was discussed at some length, and eventually approved by a majority of 7:4.

5.2 Advice has been received from SALC raising questions with regards to Brettenham PC's current planning review process. It should be noted that Brettenham's current planning process is similar to many parishes in Suffolk and Norfolk. Cllr Bendall to look into this and report back at November meeting when the chair will be next available.

6. Correspondence

6.1 – 6.2 Correspondence re: bus subsidy cuts and the draft local plan had already been covered under Cllr Lindsey's report during the public forum. See attached report for further information.

6.3 Concern raised about the use of the Village Hall car park to the side of the property. This land is not part of the lease to BPC and is designated for the use of Village Hall and playing field visitors. Possible solution would be to create a formal notice and leave these on windscreens when required. Query whether this would be the role of the BPC as the land is not under their lease.

7. Roads and Maintenance of Footpaths

7.1 Report received above – see public forum notes.

7.2 No further reports of any maintenance issues received.

8. Playing Field/Parking/Health and Safety

8.1 Goal posts have now been made secure, thanks given to Mr Moulding for his support with this.

8.2 Concerns about play equipment being covered in bird droppings and therefore unfit for use. Consideration to be given to the installation of either a protective cover or bird spikes on the top of the equipment.

9. Finance

9.1 Report presented. Quarterly accounts to be completed and sent to internal auditor.

10. SALC meeting update

10.1 Cllr Wilson attended a briefing session held by Cllr Mary Evans who spoke about changes she was implementing in her role as lead cabinet member for transport and highways. They are working towards a more efficient service by reviewing and reducing the length of current processes. They are working towards a more preventative service rather than a reactive service using technological investments to achieve this. Reports that there has previously been a lack of coordination within the transport and highways department and this is something they are hoping to address.

Cllr Wilson reported that a large part of the discussion centred around verge cutting and the difficulties with this as volunteers are restricted in their role meaning that there is a gap in service. No solutions to this were given at the meeting but will continue to be discussed going forward. Cllr Wilson will look at the fee's charged by the council for verge cutting.

11. AOB

No AOB received

Meeting closed at 21.47pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Minutes circulated to:

Chairman

Mr Chris Clarke*

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Mr Peter Truin*

Councillor and Chairman of Planning Committee

Mr Paul Bendall*

Councillor and SALC Representative

Mrs Alyson Wilson*

Councillors

Ms Beverley Cronk*

Mrs Lindsey Collings*

Suffolk County and Babergh District Councillor – Cosford

Mr Robert Lindsay*

Internal Auditor

Mr Roger Bere*

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:

Ms Val McGuill*

Gardening Club

Mrs Carrie Dye*

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Footpath Liaison Officer

Mr Martin Annis*

Tree Officer:

Mr Andrew Godderham*

Old Buckenham Hall School

Mr David Griffiths*

VH Noticeboard/Village Website

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