

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Councillor T Irons (Chair)
Councillor E Coe
Councillor N Curl
Councillor P Dennis
Councillor J Garwood
Councillor S Jones

District Councillor R Duffield

1. Apologies for absence.

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris had sent his apologies.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

2.1 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

All Councillors declared a DPI under Appendix A in Agenda item 9.3, the setting of the precept, as all are Council Tax payers.

2.2 Dispensation.

All Councillors had requested a dispensation to allow them to discuss and vote on the setting of the precept.

Councillor Curl proposed and Councillor Jones seconded the resolution to grant all Parish Councillors a dispensation to discuss and vote on the setting of the precept until 2015 to ensure the Parish Council is able to function correctly otherwise no precept would be able to be set. All were in favour.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Councillor Coe proposed and Councillor Dennis seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 November 2012 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Resolution to Adjourn Meeting.

Resolution to adjourn meeting for 15 minutes public participation was passed at 1938.

4.1 County and District Councillor Reports

The District Councillor informed the meeting that Ministry of Defence had objected to the application for a wind turbine at Bay Tree Cottage.

There is still confusion regarding the setting of the precept and this will be discussed at Breckland Council cabinet meeting on 6 December.

4.2 Public.

There were no matters from the public.

The meeting was re-convened at 1953.

5. Co-option to the Parish Council.

No one had volunteered to be co-opted to the Parish Council

6. Matters to report.

6.1 Dates of Meetings for 2013.

These were confirmed as:-

Parish Council Meetings

February 6th
 April 3rd
 June 5th
 September 4th
 November 6th

March 6th
 May 1st
 July 3rd
 October 2nd
 December 4th

Annual Parish Council Meeting

May 1st

Annual Parish Meeting

April 3rd

7. Brisley Common.

7.1 New Problems.

There were no new problems reported.

7.2 Higher Level Stewardship.

Councillor Jones had studied the scheme and stated that there are too many horse on the land and these need to be removed to allow the grass and scrub to recover. There should be no supplementary feeding and only 5 horses maximum at any time. The Clerk will contact Colin Tait to request that the horses are removed.

8. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence for circulation.

9. Finance.

9.1 Budget.

This had been circulated and the Clerk reported that there had been an additional cut of grass cutting charged for and he had requested the reason from the contractors.

Councillor Dennis proposed and Councillor Coe seconded the resolution that this be approved. All were in favour.

9.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.

These had been circulated and Councillor Curl proposed and Councillor Garwood seconded the resolution that these be approved. All were in favour.

Bank Balance :-

Balance at 30 09 12	8913.53
Plus receipts-Interest-1.58	
HMT-0.14	
Howell-Town Land rent-120.00	<u>121.72</u>
	9035.25
Less cheques authorised 03 10 12	<u>804.89</u>
Balance at 31 10 12	8230.36
Less un-presented cheques authorised 07 11 12	<u>1661.49</u>
Balance at 07 11 12	6568.87

Amount available for Section 137 : 222x£6.80 = £1509.60

Spend to Date : £40.00

Cheques for authorisation:

266	B J Leigh	Salary November-£231.89 less PAYE 46.40	185.49
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267	HMRC	PAYE	46.40
268	Beetley Parish Council	16.66% of SLCC membership	24.17
269	Air Ambulance	Donation	100.00
270	B J Leigh	Salary December £231.89 less PAYE 46.40	185.49
271	HMRC	PAYE	46.40
272	Brisley Village Hall	Jubilee Event	75.00

9.3 Precept.

A lengthy discussion was held on the Precept. The Clerk reported on the changes to the Council Tax Benefit scheme and that Parish Councils would now be affected by these changes.

Councillor Jones proposed and Councillor Curl seconded the resolution that the precept be set at £6000. All were in favour.

10. Highways.

10.1 Matters raised at the last meeting.

A date is awaited from the Highways Engineer for a meeting on site regarding the trod and the footway outside Square House. The grass is still growing in the centre of Woods Lane and the ironwork has not been repaired on the B1145.

10.2 New problems.

There is a large pothole on Gateley road and the junction of Woods Lane and Gateley Road needs inspecting as it is cracking. The flooding on Harpers Lane/Fakenham Road has not improved and these are to be reported to Norfolk County Council.

11. Regular Checks.

11.1 Report.

The Patch is fine. The notices have been hung on the electric fences on the south side but there are no sheep. There are no sheep on the north side. The fences are still in place on both the south and north sides and Councillor Dennis will speak to the owner of the sheep to remove these if there are no sheep grazing.

12. Footpaths.

12.1 Report.

The Clerk is still trying to have FP6 and FP10 cleared and FP6 marked.

12.2 New Problems.

There were no new problems reported.

13. Amenity Project.

13.1 Update.

The Clerk reported that he had checked with the Forestry Commission and there are no problems with signing the agreement at this time. The money has to be claimed and it is at this point when the agreement will be binding. The request for the grant from Breckland Council had been approved by Cabinet on 20 November and there is then a 5 day call in period. No formal offer has yet been received. There is now no one left in that section as Mark Fretwell left the previous Friday. The request for a bridging loan had been forwarded to finance by him just before he left. The District Councillor would enquire who the contact is now and let the Clerk know.

13.2 Loan Overdraft facility.

The Bank of Ireland would not give an overdraft facility and nothing has been

heard from Breckland Council about the request for a loan to cover the planting. There is always the possibility of obtaining a loan from the Public Works Loan Board over a long period to cover all aspects of the project. A sub-committee meeting was arranged for the 12 December at 1430. Nick Saunders is to be invited to attend. An extraordinary Parish Council meeting has been pencilled in for 14 January 2013 at 1930.

14. Planning.

14.1 Applications

14.1 3PL/2012/1153/F-Bay Tree Cottage School Road-installation of a single micro scale wind turbine (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades).

It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds of the cumulative impact of the turbines in a rural village and the visual intrusion into the countryside.

15. Matters for the Next Meeting.

There were no matters for the next meeting.

16. Date of next Meeting

This was confirmed as Wednesday 6 February 2013 at the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 2139 hours.