

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRISLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.**

**Present:** Councillor T Irons (Chair)  
Councillor E Coe  
Councillor K Brown  
Councillor N Curl  
Councillor J Garwood  
Councillor S Jones

County Councillor M Kiddle Morris

1 member of the public.

**1. Election of Chairman.**

Councillor Curl proposed and Councillor Coe seconded the resolution that Councillor Irons be elected Chairman. All were in favour and the declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed.

**2. Election of Vice-Chairman.**

Councillor Jones proposed and Councillor Brown seconded the resolution that Councillor Coe be elected Vice-Chairman. All were in favour and the declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed.

**3. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Dennis who was filming and this was accepted. Apologies had also been received from District Councillor R Duffield.

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.**

There were no DPIs.

**5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Councillor Jones proposed and Councillor Coe seconded the resolution that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 having been circulated be approved. All were in favour and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**6. Resolution to Adjourn Meeting.**

Resolution to adjourn meeting for 15 minutes public participation was passed at 1934.

**6.1 County and District Councillor Reports.**

The County Councillor reported that the Council is moving forward with the Committee System and this should be agreed at the Council meeting at the end of May. It will be reviewed at the end of November. He stated that in his view this will slow down the decision making process as there will only be a committee meeting every 7 weeks. However others feel that this is more democratically accountable.

As a District Councillor he reported that the fall out from the cancellation of the incinerator contract will affect District Councils. There is a severance payment of £30 million and at present there is a shortfall of £8 million. To plug the gap in the budget Norfolk County Council is proposing reducing the 2<sup>nd</sup> home bonus paid to District Councils by 50%.

He was asked about broadband and he stated that the telephone exchange at

Tittleshall is being upgraded but there has been no announcement regarding that at North Elmham which serves Brisley. A lengthy discussion followed about the poor broadband in Brisley and The County Councillor will continue to monitor this.

#### **6.2 Public.**

One member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their support to obtain the mower from Barney Cricket Club and to Councillor Dennis for setting up the mower to cut efficiently. He stated that whilst the mower was being worked on at the cricket ground it was noted by Councillor Dennis that there were a lot of vehicles crossing the Green on unauthorised tracks and this needs to be curtailed. It was agreed that the mower will be donated to the cricket club and that it will insure and maintain it.

The meeting was re-convened at 1952.

### **7. Matters to report.**

#### **7.1 Website.**

The Clerk has spoken to John Relph and he is tidying up the site and then he will instruct in the addition of new material.

#### **7.2 War Memorial.**

No co-ordinator had volunteered although there may still be drivers in East Bilney who could assist. This will be removed from the agenda until such time as a co-ordinator comes forward.

#### **7.3 Jackdaws.**

Councillor Curl reported that there are too many in the village and they are damaging the church. The PCC has employed a person to cull them, which is also licensed to cull rabbits which may need to be done on the Green.

#### **7.4 Clay Pigeon Shooting.**

This is continuing on 3 days a week and it was agreed that everybody would keep a log when they heard the shooting to make sure that the correct dates are noted. Environmental Health at Breckland Council can then be contacted if this is continuing for more than 28 days per annum. Enforcement at Breckland Council is to be contacted regarding the possibility of a residential caravan on the site and that wheelie bins are being emptied. The Clerk will also speak to Andrew Hill regarding the shooting.

### **8. Management Advisory Committee for The Green.**

Councillors Coe, Jones and Dennis were appointed.

### **9. Fencing on The Green and Harpers Green.**

Councillor Coe was appointed to check on the north side and Councillor Curl the south side. Councillor Jones will check the fencing at Harpers Green.

### **10. Patch Corner.**

Councillor Dennis was appointed to check the fencing around Patch Corner.

### **11. Signatories.**

Councillor Curl proposed and Councillor Coe seconded the resolution that all Councillors be signatories. All were in favour. A new bank mandate is to be raised to incorporate Councillors Brown and Jones.

### **12. Brisley Common.**

**12.1 New Problems.** The unauthorised track on the south which is being used regularly will await a report from Councillor Dennis. Councillor Jones will put up two signs on the closed track on the north side.

**12.2 Higher Level Stewardship.**

Councillor Jones reported that the fencing is all in place and he will remind Norfolk Wildlife trust about a grant for this. Natural England has confirmed that the capital payments should include the work to fence the area and to clear scrub and the Clerk will send off a claim. Councillor Jones will speak to Grazing Rights Holder regarding grazing of Harpers Green this year.

**12.3 Wiggs Green.**

The posts are in place and these cost about £90. Councillor Coe stated that these are further in than as originally planned and it now appears like a private drive. This will be discussed at the next meeting when Councillor Dennis is present. The Chairman of the Governors will write to parents to inform them that they can park on Wiggs Green as there has been some confusion recently.

Three parishioners had queried why the posts had been installed and the Chairman will write an article for the newsletter.

Councillor Coe wished it minuted that the posts have not been sited where it was agreed when the site meeting was held.

**13. Correspondence.**

The following correspondence would be circulated.

**13.1****Clerks and Councils Direct May 2014****13.2****Dudgeon Offshore Update****14. Finance.****14.1 Budget.**

The HLS Scheme and the Amenity Project to the budget and Councillor Curl requested that a sub-total be added for the normal expenditure of the Parish Council without these two items and than a final total. The Clerk stated that he would see what could be done.

Councillor Coe proposed and Councillor Garwood seconded the resolution that the budget be approved. All were in favour.

**14.2 Balances and Cheques for Authorisation.**

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

**Bank Balance :-**

Balance at 31 01 13	10417.06
Plus receipts - Interest-	<u>2.03</u>
	10419.09
Less cheques authorised 05 03 14	<u>635.92</u>
Balance at 31 03 14	9783.17
Less unrepresented cheques authorised 02 04 14	<u>234.23</u>
	9548.94
Less VAT on Amenity project & HLS	<u>2929.42</u>
Balance at 02 04 14	6619.52
Less HLS Nett	<u>376.30</u>
	6243.22
Plus Amenity Project Nett	<u>23953.93</u>
Balance at 02 04 14	30197.15

Amount available for Section 137 : 227x£7.20 = £1634.40

Spend to Date : £0.00

Cheques for authorisation:

359	B J Leigh	Salary April-£242.97 less PAYE -48.40	194.57
360	HMRC	PAYE April	48.40

361	Norfolk County Council	Allotment Rent	835.00
362	Environment Agency	Drainage Charges	36.17
363	Gary Palmer	Fencing at Harpers Green	680.00
364	Norfolk Association of Local Councils	Subscription	93.41
365	Barney and Fulmodeston Cricket Club	Purchase of Mower	500.00
366	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance	388.89

#### **14.3 Insurance 2014-2015.**

Councillor Curl proposed and Councillor Coe seconded the resolution that as the Long Term agreement continues until 2016 the insurance should be renewed with Aviva at a cost of £388.89. All were in favour.

#### **14.4 Cricket Club.**

Councillor Jones proposed and Councillor Coe seconded the resolution that the mower that has been purchased be donated to Brisley Cricket club and that the £100 set aside for donations other than to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal be utilised for the next five years to pay for this. All were in favour.

### **15. Highways.**

#### **15.1 Matters raised at the last meeting.**

The repeater sign has been repaired and the Rangers requested to sweep the footway.

#### **15.2 New problems.**

Councillor Coe stated that he had received a request had been received from a parishioner for traffic calming measures on Church Street and whether speed watch will be resurrected. It was agreed that at this time Speedwatch would not be started again and that traffic calming measures would not be considered by Norfolk County Council. The parishioner is to be informed that the SAM 2 sign will be in the village and it is hoped to site this on School Road and Church Street.

#### **15.3 Footpaths.**

Councillor Jones reported that there had been further problems at the gate on the footpath across his land. The gate had been left open deliberately as the weight had been removed from the gate and thrown onto the ground. It was agreed to obtain a price for a kissing gate and to mention this problem in the newsletter and to state that dogs should be under control where there are crops as there have been instances of dogs roaming within cropped fields. FP11 has not been reinstated and the Clerk will contact Norfolk County Council.

### **16. Regular Checks.**

#### **16.1 Report.**

The Patch had not been cut and the Clerk had reported this to the contractor and this had been rectified. There is a broken electric fence on the south side.

### **17. Amenity Project.**

#### **17.1 Update.**

A sign had been received to state that the project had been undertaken with EU funding and it was agreed to ask Mr. Bird to give a price for making a board for all the plaques to be mounted on. A further ½ allotment had been taken.

The Chairman is in the process of applying for grants but he is having difficulty in contacting the person at Breckland Council for the recreational play funds.

Councillor Kiddle Morris will have a word with him.

There is still a problem with water as a watering can can not be filled from the

tap. Councillor Jones and Dennis will consider a resolution. Councillor Dennis has cultivated the untaken plots. The Chairman wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Councillors Jones and Dennis for all their work on the project. This was endorsed by all Councillors. Councillor Brown reported that an Allotment Committee had been set up with Councillor Jones as Chairman, Councillor Brown as Secretary and Mrs Dykes as Treasurer. It is the intention to join the Allotment Society. There has been an instance of mopeds being ridden over the site and the PCSO will be informed with the address where it is thought the culprit lives. The first weed spraying around the trees had taken place and tree guards and stakes straightened.

## **18. Planning.**

### **18.1 Applications.**

There were no applications to consider.

### **13.2 Decisions.**

The following decisions were noted

**13.1.1 3PL/2013/1136/F-Land off School Road as far as Gateley Road-  
change of use of part of agricultural land to children's play area and  
bund. Permission**

## **19. Matters for the Next Meeting.**

### **19.1 Pond Survey**

## **15. Date of next Meeting**

This was confirmed as Wednesday 4 June 2014 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 2120 hours.