

Brisley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Brisley Parish Council held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th February 2019.

Present: Cllr Edward Coe (Chair)
Cllr Katherine Brown (Vice Chair)
Cllr Bobby Green
Cllr Peter Dennis
Cllr Tony Irons
Cllr Henry Collinge

District Cllr Gordon Bambridge
One member of the public
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Nicola Curl and County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

2. To receive declarations of interests.

The Chairman declared an interest in item 7a) Planning Applications to Consider – 3PL/2019/0059/F.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

The dates of the meetings for next year were queried and it was agreed that the October date was incorrect and would be amended accordingly. Cllr Irons then proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Green and agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

4. County/District Councillor reports.

D/Cllr Bambridge gave the following report.

The Local Plan is now unlikely to be in place before July 2019 as the Inspector requires more time, consequently, there is no current five year land supply.

Council tax will be set this month and there is likely to be an annual increase of £5.00 for Band D properties.

The Breckland Lottery is proving very popular and is raising useful funds for local charities. Applications can be made by local charities for funding.

Breckland have made the decision to support Route D on the NDR consultation, this is the most direct route to the A47; a final decision will be made by Norfolk County Council later this year.

The Severe Weather Emergency Accommodation for the Homeless Scheme has been successful this year to date and provided accommodation for all those who needed it during the recent spell of bad weather. There are currently over 20 homeless people in the Breckland area which is a higher number than usual.

5. Open forum for Public Participation: a 15 minute opportunity to hear from members of the public.

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

6. Highways

a) To receive an update on matters reported to Norfolk and Breckland Councils.

- School Road flooding – the drains and gruts had all been cleared and it is hoped this issue is now resolved. However, it was noted that the ditch at the bottom end of the road needs clearing and the land owner will be contacted.
- Willow Tree, Church Street – neither Highways nor Breckland consider any action is necessary, however, the Chairman reported that branches were still falling and this will be reported again.
- Stiles near to the Church – the Highways officer had not yet visited so no update was available.

b) To consider any new issues within the village.

- A large pothole on the Elmham Road will be reported.

7. Planning

a) Applications for consideration.

The Chairman had declared an interest in the following item and the Vice Chairman took the Chair.

- **3PL/2019/0059/F - 4 Bedroom Property adjacent to Green Farm, Gateley Road.**

Cllr Coe gave a brief report regarding his application and then left the room for the Council discussion. Cllr Dennis proposed that, given the area was a brownfield site having previously have been an old coal yard, there are no objections, this was seconded by Cllr Green and agreed by Council.

Cllr Coe rejoined the meeting and took the Chair.

b) Decisions to note.

- Tree House, Gateley Road (objections submitted) – approved at Planning Committee.

It was noted that despite Cllr Brown having attended the committee meeting and reiterated Council objections, this application had been approved with just minor conditions.

8. To consider a new location for the faulty notice board.

Cllr Green proposed that the Cricket Club should be approached to ascertain if it could be installed on the outside of the Club House, this was seconded by Cllr Irons and agreed by Council. Should the Cricket Club not need it then it will be attached to the rear of the replacement notice board, making a double-sided board.

9. Brisley Common

a) To receive a report regarding the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme at Harpers Common.

It was reported that the fencing was due to be installed next week.

The Upper Wensum Conservation Group had an interest in the area due to the presence of turtle doves and they are to be invited to the next Grazing Rights Holders meeting in March.

It was noted that it was imperative that the grazing times were adhered to as this is a strict condition of the HLS scheme.

b) To consider approval for a training session on the Common by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and to receive information regarding other talks and presentations.

Council approved permission for the training session on the common to take place and noted the dates of forthcoming talks re commons/wildlife etc.

c) To receive an update on issues relating to The Bell.

It was noted that, despite The Bell giving many assurances that the posts which were required as part of the permission granted by the Planning Inspectorate to use part of the common for parking, this had not been done. The Bell would be notified that they have until Friday 15th February 2019 to install the required posts, at the required distances, and that if this is not done then Council will notify the Planning Inspectorate and this could result in the loss of the parking and The Bell could be required to reinstate the common.

d) To consider access to the common whilst electric fencing is in place.

This issue had not been progressed and was deferred to the next meeting.

e) To consider whether to abandon the proposed trod project.

Cllr Green proposed that, as the current mown pathway was working very well, that the proposed trod project be abandoned, this was seconded by Cllr Irons and agreed by Council. This decision will be reviewed in the autumn if the 50/50 match funding continues to be available.

10. Amenity Project

a) To consider any action required in respect of the tree protectors.

A request had been received by a parishioner to remove the tree protectors, for a fee, however, it was noted that the terms of the grant did not require this and in many cases the protection was best left in place.

b) To consider approval of a draft Allotment Policy.

Cllr's Dennis and Brown did not take part in this discussion or vote as they are both allotment holders. Cllr Irons proposed approval of the draft allotment policy, this was seconded by Cllr Collinge and agreed by Council.

11. To receive reports on the regular checks.

- North Green – no problems reported.
- South Green – no problems reported.
- Footpaths & Stiles – the footpaths at Old Hall Farm had been repaired.
- Churchyard – the moles have been removed and all is neat and tidy.
- Play Area – no problems reported.
- Patch Corner – Cllr's Dennis, Green and Coe will carry out a tidy-up in the very near future.
- Allotments – no problems reported.

12. Finance

a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2019.

Cllr Brown proposed acceptance of the financial report, this was seconded by Cllr Dennis and agreed by Council.

Council thanked Cllr Green for kindly waiving the charge for the cement he purchased for the installation of the new benches.

b) To approve the following payments.

Cllr Irons proposed approval of the following payments, this was seconded by Cllr Green and agreed by Council.

• Clerk - Salary – Feb/Expenses	£318.38
• Contractor (church moles)	£140.00
• Village Hall Hire	£350.00

13. Correspondence for circulation.

- Norfolk County Council Children’s Services – Briefing – noted.
- Ward Gethin – Local Council Budget Special – Council agreed this service was not required.
- Norfolk Rural Communities Newsletter – noted.
- DEFRA Autumn 2018 Newsletter – noted.
- Governor Vacancies at Great Dunham Primary School – noted.
- Carers Matter Norfolk Update – it was agreed to publish the phone number on the website.
- School Litter Pick – it was agreed to support the proposed litter pick but Council did not see the need for a Village Litter Pick due to the lack of litter.

14. To receive any new items for the next meeting (not for discussion).

The following item was received for the next agenda: Allotments.

15. To confirm that the next meeting of Brisley Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at Brisley Village Hall.

The date was noted. It was also noted that due to the period of purdah prior to the council elections in May, the Annual Parish Meeting would be moved from 3rd April to the 15th May 2019, prior to the Annual Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Date:
