

Brisley Parish Council

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

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

County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from District Cllr Gordon Bambridge.

2. To receive declarations of interests.

There were none received.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th February 2019.

Cllr Brown proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Dennis and agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

4. County & District Councillor reports.

County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris gave the following report:

The County Council has set the £409M budget for 2019/20 and there will be a 2.99% increase in the County Council element with a Band D property seeing an annual increase of £39.51; this is in addition to any increases in the Breckland, Parish or Police precepts. There has been no increase in the Adult Social Care element which will be shown ring fenced on future council tax bills; the current annual amount is £96.05 for a Band D property.

The Council is investing a further £29M into Adult Social Care with more care beds and sheltered accommodation places being made available.

The Children's Services budget is £186M, with ever increasing demands on the service. There are currently 1200 children in care in Norfolk, a figure which is much higher than ever before. The Government has increased the age for children in care from 0 to 18 to 0 to 25.

In respect of Vattenfall Wind Farms, the Cllr confirmed that the power station must be sited close to the national grid lines, accordingly there are limited locations where the station can be situated.

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

There were no members of the public present.

6. Highways

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

The pot hole on Elmham Road had been repaired. There had been no progress in respect of the bridleway from School Road, which is blocked, and the stiles near to the church, which are awaiting a visit from the footpath officer at County Council. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will take the bridleway issue forward.

b) To consider any new issues within the village.

There were no new issues reported.

At this point in the meeting item 9(a) was brought forward.

9. a) To consider the changes to the local bus service timetable.

Cllr Brown expressed her disappointment in the recent changes to the Wednesday bus service from Litcham to Norwich, which had been implemented despite the Council registering objections to the changes. The new service will now not go via the Gateley Road to North Elmham which leaves those residents with no public transport at all; there are currently at least eight regular users and five casual users of the service who use that soon to be cancelled part of the route. There will also be less time spent in Norwich. Despite the changes taking place on 10th April, the bus company were not able to confirm the new fares. The Council felt that due to the changes the service would be less well used which could result in its complete removal sometime in the future. C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris will take the matter forward although any changes are now unlikely as the new service has been confirmed.

The Chairman thanked C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris for his input and the C/Cllr then left the meeting.

7. Planning

a) Applications for consideration.

Application	Parish Council Comments
3PL/2019/0064/F The Field adjacent to Great Wood House Brisley Road North Elmham Single Storey timber framed timber clad building to serve staff welfare of Foxburrow Farm	Cllr Green proposed the following response to the application which was seconded by Cllr Dennis and agreed by Council: No objections.
3PL/2019/0008/UD Change of Use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling, Maltings Farm, Gateley Road.	Cllr Dennis proposed the following response to the application which was seconded by Cllr Green and agreed by Council: The Parish Council object to the loss of another small farm, this development removes the use of a stand- alone small farm and will set an unwelcome precedent if approved.

b) Decisions to note.

Application	Parish Council Comments	Current Breckland Status
3PL/2019/0059/F 4 Bed Property adjacent to Green Farm, Gateley Road	No objections.	Council noted this application remained undecided.

c) To consider a response to the Breckland Plan consultation.

The Council sought clarification regarding the changes to the rural villages policy.

9. Matters Arising

a) To consider the changes to the local bus service timetable.

This item had been dealt with earlier in their meeting.

b) To consider any future use for the school defibrillator cabinet.

It was agreed to contact the donor of the defibrillator to confirm the future use of the defibrillator before a decision is taken regarding the cabinet.

10. Brisley Common

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

The Chairman reported that the fencing works had now been completed. A meeting is being arranged with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to discuss any future works and to confirm cattle numbers etc.

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

The posts have now been installed in line with the Planning Inspectorate directions.

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

Cllr Dennis had obtained a quote to make a mobile cattle grid to allow walkers access through the electric fencing. Cllr Irons proposed that a galvanised steel grid be made at the cost of £400, this was seconded by Cllr Green and agreed by Council.

d) To consider a request to clear a pond on the common.

The resident who had made the request has been put in touch with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust representative who will guide them as to the way forward, any works cannot be commenced until September at the earliest.

e) To consider any further action required at The Hill.

Cllr Curl proposed the purchase of meadow mix grass seed to be spread and harrowed on the area around the recently cleared pond, this was seconded by Cllr Dennis and agreed by the Council.

f) To note the date of the next Grazing Rights Holders Meeting.

The following dates of the Grazing Rights Holders meeting were noted:

- Monday 25th March
- Monday 28th October

11. Amenity Project

a) To receive an update re occupancy and consider any action required in respect of the Allotments.

There are 16 allotments in total, with just 8.5 being occupied in 2019. Council agreed to consider planting a small orchard and installing bee hives and this will be considered again at the next meeting, once more information is available.

b) To consider applying for a Tree Grant from the Woodland Trust.

Council did not see a need for any further tree planting on the amenity area.

Cllr Irons reported that the local Children's Group had contacted him regarding the installation of additional play equipment at the play area. He has discussed funding etc with them and will be meeting to discuss possible locations etc. Cllr Irons will report back at the next meeting.

12. To receive reports on the regular checks.

- North Green – no problems were reported.
- South Green – no problems were reported.
- Footpaths & Stiles – no problems were reported.
- Churchyard – no problems were reported.
- Play Area – an issue regarding a motorbike riding around the amenity area was raised, this will be monitored and attempts to identify the culprit made. There were no other problems reported.
- Patch Corner – Cllr's Dennis, Green and Coe had recently cleared the area and a member of the public had passed on their thanks as they considered that the area was now looking much better than ever before. One of the benches appears to be in a poor state of repair and could need replacing. A site meeting will take place and the bench will be removed if necessary.
- Allotments – no problems were reported, however, the water use will be monitored as it was very high in 2018.

13. Finance

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

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

b) To approve the following payments.

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

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| • Clerk - Salary – March/Expenses/CILCA | £445.23 |
| • Fransham PC (EU Grant Share) | £14.20 |
| • Little Dunham PC (EU Grant Share) | £17.74 |
| • Longham PC (EU Grant Share) | £17.74 |
| • Sparham PC (EU Grant Share) | £10.25 |
| • Whissonsett PC (EU Grant Share) | £17.74 |
- (£125 received from EU CILCA Training Grant)

c) To consider membership of either Norfolk ALC or Norfolk Parish Training & Support

Cllr Curl proposed that Council become members of Norfolk Parish Training & Support at an annual cost of £90, this was seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed by Council.

d) To consider allocation of 2018 Townlands funds.

Cllr Green proposed the funds be put towards the purchase of a new bench at Patch Corner, if required, this was seconded by Cllr Dennis and agreed by Council.

e) To consider making a donation to the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service or any other charity etc.

Council agreed to make no further donations in this financial year.

14. Correspondence for circulation.

- Upper Wensum Newsletter – February 2019 - this was noted.
- Western Link Update – this was noted.
- Visit Breckland Website – it was agreed not to subscribe to the website.

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

There were no new items received.

16. To confirm that the next meeting of Brisley Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at Brisley Village Hall and to note the change of date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Council noted the date of the next meeting in April and agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting would take place on Thursday 9th May 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Signed:

Date:
