

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council meeting held on July 30, 2018 in St Andrew's Church Room at 7.00pm.

Parish Councillors David Hepper, David Leyland, Anne Henderson, Tony Richardson and Stewart Belfield were present. Three members of the public, Cllr Tony Fryatt and Police Community Engagement Officer Rachael Partridge were also present.

1/300718: Apologies and Approvals of Absence

Cllrs Vince Buckman and Geoff Spain had sent their apologies and their absence was approved

2/300718: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None

3/300718: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish Meeting on May 24, 2018

The Minutes were approved

4/300718: Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda. Reports may be received from the District and County Councillors

Cllr Fryatt's written report is published in full with these minutes. The ward boundary review and the draft Local Plan are agenda points later in the meeting.

PC Rachael Partridge introduced herself as police Community Engagement Officer for Woodbridge, Felixstowe and East Ipswich, one of nine CEOs in Suffolk, with the brief to develop contact with local communities, liaising with the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The reduction in numbers of PCSOs has led to a perceived absence of local policing and the CEOs aim to change that, in the same way that the NHS and Trading Standards Office are also increasing local visibility. It was noted that Bredfield had recently experienced tool theft from a building site, and that there is widespread concern about speeding traffic. The CEOs are contactable through the police website www.suffolk.police.uk, where non-urgent crimes and incidents can be reported, and on Twitter: @ipseastpolice and Facebook: search for Ipswich East police.

In answer to a question it was noted that larger garden waste bins are being provided to subscribers in the next month. Damage to a fire hydrant cover, and to the road surface where a drain crossing has been installed, both in Ufford Road, will be reported to Highways.

A resident also raised concern about a possible planning enforcement issue. Inquiries will be made.

5/300718: To consider updates on current planning applications, including 18/1994 – Erection of broadband mast on rear of barn, Ufford Road

Permission to erect the broadband mast has been refused.

6/300718: Progress Reports and Outstanding Action Points

- 1. Access to the A12 from Bredfield, following Highways meeting on June 11**
- 2. Provision of high-speed broadband**
- 3. Repairs to the War Memorial**
- 4. Data from the new SID on Debach Road and the VAS on Woodbridge Road**
- 5. Memorial tree-planting project**

Cllr Robin Vickery was not present at the meeting and no feedback has been received from Highways since the meeting in June. The Clerk will inquire.

A high-speed broadband cabinet is to be installed at the junction of Glebe Close and Woodbridge Road, which may benefit houses at that end of the village on 01394 numbers. 01473 numbers at the northern end of the village may need special arrangements and Cllr Fryatt restated the availability of District Council funding. Cllr Henderson will send him the information gathered some time ago from companies considering the possibility of installing relay systems for those properties (potentially +/- 17) which may require the service.

Clerk will seek local builders' quotes for repair of the base of the memorial.

Data is gathered monthly from the traffic signs and the batteries changed each week. In general, they both demonstrate there is a small amount of dangerously fast driving in both locations, against the background of a large majority of drivers behaving lawfully.

Cllr Belfield has identified sources of oak saplings at a price range of £40 to £200. The location is likely to be the Village Hall car park and further discussion will take place with Cllr Vickery as to timing and publicity etc.

7/300718: To discuss new East Suffolk ward boundary proposals

After discussion, it was agreed to comment as follows:

Bredfield Parish Council discussed the proposed boundaries for Carlford and Fynn Valley at its meeting on July 30, 2018, which was also attended by Cllr Tony Fryatt from East Suffolk District Council. The Parish Council is supportive of the proposal that Bredfield be grouped together in a rural context, but is puzzled by the suggestion that Carlford and Fynn Valley should be a single ward represented by two councillors. This seems to have the potential for lack of consistency, overlap or simple under-representation by the two Councillors. The single ward would be geographically very extensive and unwieldy in its reach. Given that 19 parishes are included in this area, would it not make much more sense to divide the ward in two and assign a single Councillor to each? That would make for a more logical Councillor work-load, with greater clarity about the parish concerns each is responsible for.

These comments have been copied to Cllr Fryatt and to Dr Dan Poulter MP.

8/300718: To receive an update on the Meadow and Orchard

The meadow now sends a regular return to the Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, creating a long-term record of its flora and fauna. A juicing day will be held again in October. The meadow was recently inspected and (again) gained a Green Flag Award. In their words, this means the BJMO is "recognised as one of the very best green spaces".

9/300718: To receive a report on the latest Sizewell C Consultation meeting

Cllr Hepper attended the recent meeting. EDF will next year publish a new plan, based on the

outcome of the 2017 consultation. A further consultation period will then begin. New traffic modelling and assessment will be undertaken; it is intended to move much heavy traffic from road to rail but this will also have consequences.

10/300718: To receive a report on the new draft SCDC Local Plan

Cllr Hepper attended an East Suffolk briefing on July 18. The draft plan is available on line. 10,900 new homes are required in the period up to 2036 but SCDC are aiming to locate over 12,100 suitable sites, and so far 8,623 have been identified.

The bulk of new homes will be at Felixstowe and in Adastral Park, the latter 'new town' being renamed Brightwell Lakes. There will be further development along the A12 corridor around Saxmundham.

A further one-to-one meeting between district planners and Bredfield councillors will clarify the small contribution of around 20 houses in Bredfield, envisaged in the Neighbourhood Plan, which will contribute to the District's overall needs.

Cllr Fryatt commented that the aim of the draft plan is 'growth that the local community wants' with an emphasis on improving design around the principle of the garden village.

11/300718: To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan following the July 20 public meeting in the Village Hall

The public meeting started a six-week process of open consultation on the plan. Comments will then be collated and any changes incorporated into the plan. The plan is published on the village website www.bredfield.onesuffolk.net.

12/300718: Financial report, including any payments due, and consideration of the internal audit report on 2017/18 and any action points arising

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance of £12,682.73. In June, payments were made as follows: £108 (cheque 653) to Andrew Deptford for defibrillator supplies; £199.99 (654) to Angela Derham for purchase of a pergola for the Meadow; £259.23 (655) to Rod Caird for clerk pay. Further payments were made: £108 (656) to SWT Trading for meadow mowing; £170.40 (657) to SALC for internal audit; £257.09 (658) to Norse for waste collection; £40 (659) to the Information Commissioner for registration.

A petty cash account, arising from money donated at a meadow event, is held and contains £18.

The sum of £2,000 is held pending refurbishment of the village pump. An amount is also committed to the war memorial work.

All payments were made under the General Power of Competence conferred by the Localism Act 2011 sections 1-8, and, in the case of the meadow, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19.

The internal audit report was received and approved. It was noted that the regular bank reconciliation document will now include a section tracking spending against the agreed budget. Other issues will be dealt with at regular meetings.

13/300718: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

Refurbishment of the pump and the war memorial repairs will be on the next Agenda.
The next meeting will be held on Monday September 24 at 7.00pm in the Church Room.

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