

# Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council meeting held on March 26, 2018 in St Andrew's Church Room at 7.00pm.

Parish Councillors David Hepper, Geoff Spain, David Leyland, Tony Richardson and Stewart Belfield were present together with five members of the public and Cllr Robin Vickery. Cllr Tony Fryatt had sent his apologies.

## **1/260318: Apologies and Approvals of Absence**

Cllrs Anne Henderson and Vincent Buckman had sent their apologies and their absence was approved.

## **2/260318: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

None

## **3/260318: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on January 29 and February 19, 2018**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

## **4/260318: Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda. During this period reports may be received from the District and County Councillors.**

Cllr Hepper agreed in reply to a question that he would take photos of the mess in Ufford Road resulting from building work and would report it to Highways. It was agreed to discuss with the Village Hall adding signage to discourage irresponsible driving on the field behind the Hall. Reference was made to an unsightly rubbish pile near a footpath on Grahame Taylor's land.

Cllr Vickery joined the meeting and Cllr Hepper said it is unacceptable that three emails to County Highways officers and the Highways cabinet member concerning Bredfield's access to the A12 had still had no substantive response. It had taken three messages since November to receive even an acknowledgement. Cllr Hepper said this is no way for the Highways team to make friends. Cllr Vickery noted what was said on the issue, and reported he has been raising specific problems with Highways officers.

Cllr Vickery also reported that the County's agreed 2018/19 budget adds an additional £7million per year to the highways budget to meet the pledge to resurface 1,000 miles of road on the same period. More teams will also be devoted to pothole repair. He was asked whether Highways would publish a list of the roads to be resurfaced.

Most of the County's council tax increase will be devoted to children's services and adult social care.

October 27, 2018 will see multiple plantings of oak trees as part of the commemoration of the end of World War I. It was suggested Bredfield might consider finding a location to plant an oak tree as part of this project.

Parish Councillors were saddened to learn that Tony Buckingham, a County Highways officer who

has frequently supported Bredfield projects, has passed away.

**5/260318: To consider updates on current planning applications, including 18/0691 - Demolition and Rebuild of Cabin on Ufford Road holiday chalet site**

It was agreed this planning application had caused confusion as a result of incorrect paperwork being sent out by East Suffolk. It was felt there should be no objection provided the new chalet is the same size as the old building to be demolished. It was also noted that demolition has begun, ahead of the planning permission being granted.

**6/260318: Progress Reports and Outstanding Action Points**

- 1. Refurbishment of village sign**
- 2. Access to the A12 from Bredfield**
- 3. Provision of high-speed broadband**
- 4. Repairs to the War Memorial**
- 5. Grant received from Cllr Fryatt for Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

- The refurbished sign has been installed. Thanks were expressed to all concerned with the work, especially David Leyland and Vincent Buckman. Derek Spall's assistance was invaluable.
- The A12 problem has already been raised with Cllr Vickery.
- There is no further news on high-speed broadband provision.
- The survey of the Memorial, which has now received Grade 2 listing from Historic England, will take place in April.
- Cllr Richardson had discussed the proposed purchase of a Speed Indicator Device with Cotton Parish, where they have been using the equipment for a year. After discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should proceed with purchase of a Radarlux Tempodis 230SI at a cost of approximately EUR 2,198 plus bracket, battery, charged and software for an additional approx. EUR531. A grant of £2,400 has been received from Cllr Fryatt's budget.

**7/260318: To discuss reports of anti-social behaviour on the field behind the Village Hall**

This had been discussed during the public session at the start of the meeting. A barrier has been placed at the side of the Shop and signage will be discussed with the Village Hall committee.

**8/260318: To receive an update on the Meadow and Orchard, including a grant received from Cllr Fryatt for new gazebo**

Cllr Fryatt's grant of £391 has been received from Cllr Fryatt for the purchase of gazebos and this was warmly welcomed. An accompanied wild flower walk will be held in June. A booklet may be produced subject to cost recording the flowers found in the meadow. A judge for the 2018 Green Flag award will visit the meadow unannounced. A new owl box will need to be added to the asset register. Thanks were expressed to Paul Wiggins for his single-handed work party efforts during the bad weather.

**9/260318: To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan**

The first part of the specialist consultants' strategic environmental assessment and site assessment has been completed. The remainder of the assessment will be done in April, and

public consultation will take place during the summer.

**10/260318: Financial report, including any payments due, an update on the new Data Protection Regulations and confirmation of the 2017/18 audit arrangements**

A bank reconciliation to date was presented, showing a balance at the bank of £15,745.70. Payments were made to Paul Wiggins (cheque 640, meadow expenses, £141.90), to David Hepper (cheque 641, £36.99, village sign expenses), Angela Derham (cheque 642, £87.36, meadow expenses), Helen Young (cheque 643, £18.68, meadow expenses) and Bredfield PCC (cheque 644, £65, room hire). After discussion of the new GDPR requirements, it was agreed to continue with conversations with DPO Centre Ltd for provision of essential data protection officer services, at a likely cost of about £250.

It was agreed to appoint SALC as internal auditors for 2017/18.

**11/260318: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council**

It was noted that the old telephone kiosk has finally been removed.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council, to be held at the Village Hall on Thursday May 24 at 7.00pm

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