

# Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council meeting held on September 24, 2018 in St Andrew's Church Room at 7.00pm.

Parish Councillors David Hepper, Anne Henderson, Tony Richardson, Geoff Spain, Vince Buckman and Stewart Belfield were present. One member of the public and Cllr Tony Fryatt were also present. Cllr Robin Vickery had sent his apologies.

## **1/240918: Apologies and Approvals of Absence**

Cllr David Leyland sent his apologies and his absence was approved

## **2/240918: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

It was noted in relation to item 8 on the Agenda that Cllr Henderson is Chair of the Village Hall committee and Cllr Hepper is a member of the committee

## **3/240918: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on July 30, 2018**

The Minutes were approved

## **4/240918: 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 Vickery had not sent a report; Cllr Fryatt's written report is published in full with these minutes.

It was noted that revisions to the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) include a reference to councils having to meet a housing delivery test as well as a five-year land supply test. Reference is also made to the importance of Neighbourhood Plans in order to give local areas control over the use of land and supply of housing. Mention was made of the need for Councils and developers to be transparent about the process by which the viability of affordable housing within developments is reviewed and tested. It was felt developers should not be allowed to get away with reducing their commitment to affordable housing without public scrutiny of their arguments.

Garden waste bins are being equipped with electronic tags to ensure only paid-up subscribers are able to use the service.

## **5/240918: To consider updates on current planning applications, including:**

**18/3474 Wyndways, Dallinghoo Road:** Proposed removal of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling on same location

After discussion, it was agreed to make no objection to this application.

## **6/240918: 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 and the Village Pump**
- 4. 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. It was agreed the Clerk will ask for an update as soon as possible.

The Clerk will also ask Cllr Vickery for an update on broadband provision for both ends of the village.

Three builders – Econobuild, Houchells and Munro Property Services – are interested in quoting for the work on the memorial and have been supplied with copies of the specialist survey. It was noted a Faculty from the Church authorities will be required once the work has been agreed. Quotes will also be obtained to paint and refurbish the Pump during next year.

It was agreed to order an oak sapling from Swanns Nursery. The location is likely to be the Village Hall car park and further discussion will take place as to timing and publicity etc. *Since the meeting, it has been noted that a national flower-laying project on Commonwealth War Grave sites in civilian churchyards is taking place on November 8, which may be an opportunity.*

## **7/240918: To receive an update on the Meadow and Orchard**

A juicing day has again been arranged for October and the Grundisburgh News has published a favourable report on the Meadow.

## **8/240918: To consider a request from the Village Hall for a £1,000 grant towards the cost of the extension to the building**

After discussion, and in the knowledge that the total cost of the extension will be approx. £30,000, it was agreed to contribute £1,000 to the project, to be paid as required during construction. This commitment is made under the Local Government Act 1972 s 133.

## **9/240918: To receive a report on the new draft SCDC Local Plan and the Bredfield Neighbourhood Plan**

A one-to-one meeting had been attended with East Suffolk planners about the draft Local Plan, with Bredfield's Neighbourhood Plan providing core security for the future of the village in the development of the District's strategy. The 5-week consultation period on the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and approximately 100 points raised by statutory bodies, landowner and residents are now being considered and responded to. A further meeting with E Suffolk will follow, and amendments will be made to the Plan as appropriate. It is unlikely that further consultation will be required.

## **10/240918: Financial report, including any payments due**

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance of £12,147.62. In August payments were made as follows: £360 (cheque 660) to Discount Pests for mole control on the green; £259.28 (cheque 661) to Rod Caird for Clerk pay, and £48 (662) to Ladywell Accountancy Services for the payroll. Further payments were made: £17.20 (663) to HMRC for PAYE; £289.83 (664) to Angela

Derham for Meadow expenses; £171 (665) to Rod Caird for 12 months of mileage expenses incurred on battery changing of the Vehicle Activated Signs.

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.

At the next meeting the Parish Council will need to consider the budget for 2019/20.

**13/240918: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council**

It was noted that informal roadside advertising boards were appearing frequently and may be removed. It was also noted that there have been at least two serious fly-tipping incidents and residents are encouraged to report occurrences when they see them to East Suffolk either by phone 01394 383789 or by using the web link:

[https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Flytipping or Litter Report](https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Flytipping_or_Litter_Report)

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 26 at 7.00pm in the Church Room.