

# Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on July 26, 2021

Parish Councillors David Hepper, David Leyland, Stewart Belfield, Anne Henderson and Hilary Harker were present, together with District Cllr Tony Fryatt and the Clerk, Rod Caird. County Cllr Elaine Bryce was unable to attend.

## **1/260721: Apologies and Approvals of Absence**

Vince Buckman and Tony Richardson had sent their apologies and their absence was approved.

## **2/260721: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

None

## **3/260721: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on May 24, 2021**

The minutes were approved.

## **4/260721: Members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda. Reports may be presented by the District Councillor Tony Fryatt and County Councillor Elaine Bryce**

Cllr Bryce had sent a written report which had been circulated.

Cllr Fryatt said that the traffic consequences of the Sizewell C development were still a major problem. The Wickham Market park and ride site will generate about 2,000 vehicle movements a day and so far no published recommendations effectively addressed the consequences for minor roads such as the B1078. The proposed A12 improvements stop at Woodbridge, which seems inadequate. A joint meeting is being sought with local villages, the County Council and Highways.

The proposed White Paper on planning reform mentioned in the recent Queen's Speech needs to be closely monitored.

Bredfield has become a success story in relation to the green agenda followed by the Community Partnership. Attention is now turning to roads and transport safety. This could be very helpful in addressing joint concerns about Sizewell.

## **5/260721: To consider current planning matters**

No new planning issue has arisen.

## **6/260721: To discuss proposals for celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022**

The Bredfield Church Fete will take place next year on the weekend of the Jubilee celebrations, so other specific events that weekend would clash with the fete. As part of the Queen's Green canopy initiative, however, an appeal could be made to the village generally for available land in which to plant new trees. It was felt a beacon may not be suitable for the village as there is no

appropriate site which would take account of safety concerns. Other ideas such as a tree bench will be considered, and contact can be made with neighbouring villages about joint projects.

**7/260721: To receive a report on the Jubilee Meadow and Orchard**

New volunteer helpers and committee members are needed. The problem of repairing the shelter roof at a reasonable cost is being investigated.

**8/260721: To discuss any further update on waste and recycling bins in the Village Hall car park**

Norse has supplied locks for the bins and the problems of unauthorised use seem to have been resolved.

**9/260721: To consider further developments on the Sizewell C planning process**

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**10/260721: Financial report, including any payments due, and including receipt of the report of the SALC internal audit for 2020/21 and planned consideration of its content and recommendations**

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance available of £14,341.85. Since the May meeting a VAT refund of £982.88 had been received and the following payments had been made:

June 10, 2021	HMRC	Bank payment	£ 37.60		WAGES	PAYE
June 20, 2021	Rod Caird	Bank payment	£ 150.64		WAGES	Jun/July
July 25, 2021	Norse	Bank payment	£ 224.77	VAT £ 44.95	WASTE	Quarterly bill
July 26, 2021	Norse	Bank payment	£ 20.00	£ 4.00	WASTE	Locks

It was agreed an Agenda item would be included for the next meeting to discuss issues arising from the annual audit by SALC, and any action points which were necessary as a result of the report.

A CIL payment from East Suffolk consequent on the housing development on Woodbridge Road would be received in October or April.

**11/260721: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council; to confirm the times and venues of future meetings**

Forthcoming meetings would be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on September 27 and November 29.

Footpath problems caused by overgrown vegetation are being reported to Highways. It would be difficult to improve footway access to the village from the new houses because of the shortage of suitable land. Approaches would be made to landowners however to get hedges cut back where they are causing obstructions.

The Parochial Church Council is working to recruit a new vicar. Suggestions about how to describe the profile of the village, and the key qualities that people would wish to see in a vicar, should be made to David Hepper.