

# Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall 27 September 2021

Parish Councillors present: David Hepper, David Leyland, Tony Richardson, Stewart Belfield, together with County Councillor Elaine Bryce and District Councillor Tony Fryatt. There were eight members of the public present

## **1/270921: Apologies and Approvals of Absence**

Vince Buckman, Hilary Harker and Anne Henderson had sent their apologies and were approved. Chair explained that Clerk was not able to be present due to a medical appointment; agreed that the Chair could take minutes

## **2/270921: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

None

## **3/270921: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 July 2021**

The minutes were approved

**4/270921: Reports from County Councillor Bryce and District Councillor Fryatt; Members of the public invited to give views and question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda**  
County Councillor Bryce had circulated a monthly report earlier, in addition she advised that she was part of a panel examining emergency service response times in rural areas.

District Councillor Fryatt had forwarded a report to councils earlier, in addition he noted that East Suffolk had been involved in the Afghanistan evacuation, with 3 families being re-located locally. He drew attention to reports that controversial Planning Reforms had been dropped and noted that a new Minister was now responsible for Housing

**5/270921: To consider whether to re-nominate the Castle Public House as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2012 Section 87(3), the present listing expiring on 1 December 2021**

Several members of the public voiced opinions, claiming a Public House in the village was a benefit to the village. It was recognised that it may be difficult to resurrect the business and previous failures on the site were noted. It was agreed that it was not necessary to ascertain whether it was a current viable business, rather, determine if it was a Community Asset as defined in the Localism Act and whether a community effort to purchase the business was likely in the event of a sale. These points were agreed, and Councillors voted to re-nominate

## **6/270921: To consider current planning applications**

Two applications were considered

DC/21/4166 – variation of an existing application – no objection was raised

DC/21/4292 – Construction of annex at 1 Potash Corner. Chair pointed out relevant Local Plan policies and concern was expressed over the size of the proposed Annex. It was decided to Object to the application as it appears to conflict with Local Plan Policy SCLP 5.13 which stresses that such

developments must be to scale and be demonstrably ancillary and not larger than or dominate the associated property. The plans indicated a substantial building which appeared to be out of scale with main property (a semi-detached cottage), such that it could dominate the plot. Concern was also expressed over the failure to mention how they would deal with High Pressure Gas Main located at the southern end of the Site. Councillors were also dissatisfied with the submission, thought to be inadequate, with only a plan and application form being provided

**7/270921:** To review proposals for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022  
It was agreed that the Green Canopy scheme should be supported, and the associated tree planting scheme should be publicised, and people with sufficient space should be encouraged to plant a tree. County Councillor Bryce stressed that trees were available

**8/270921:** To receive a report on the Jubilee Meadow and Orchard and discuss the 2021 Green Suffolk Awards 2021

Councillor Stewart Belfield advised that the Shelter in the Meadow had been repaired and repainted with wood preservative. Some events were planned in the near future – 2 October was apple juicing day and on 15 October Kathy Smith from Suffolk Wildlife Trust would give a presentation on Wildlife Friendly Gardening, both would be promoted locally by posters and Mailchimp. Councillor Belfield had entered Bredfield in a bid for the Greenest Community Award

**9/270921:** To discuss proposed update to the Village Map and production of a local walks leaflet  
Councillor David Leyland advised that the web page with village map detailing location of houses needed to be updated and recommended that this be done professionally, and several local graphics companies had expressed interest, but only one quotation received so far. He was working with Mrs Anne Ackerley to produce a local walks leaflet. The leaflet would be a one-off print/payment and he recommended waiting for other quotes before any decision is made. For the Village Map there would be the initial cost of setting it up and a future maintenance cost to keep it up to date; he estimated possible future expenditure of £120 - £160, but this would only be required infrequently, and he confirmed money allocated in budget. Councillor Richardson suggested that local holiday businesses could be approached to investigate a possible contribution.

**10/270921:** To review the outcome of the Transport Workshop organised by East Suffolk Community Partnership

Chair advised that he had attended the virtual meeting, District Councillor Fryatt had also attended – County Councillor Bryce informed meeting that she was vice-chair of this forum but had been unable to attend. Notes and a report on the workshop had been circulated. Noted that the presence of Kesgrave and Martlesham in the rural forum was leading to an unbalanced picture of the difficulties affecting the area. County Councillor Bryce indicated that the point was appreciated. Difficulties with County Council Highways were a common problem with all local Parishes. Councillor Bryce advised that she is discussing a way forward with other CC cabinet members.

**11/270921:** To consider developments of Sizewell-C planning

District Councillor Fryatt said that he had had consultation with Planning Inspectorate to discuss local difficulties, and District Councillor Andrew Joliffe (Community Partnership Forum) was also aware of potential local problems. He expected that this will be raised at future Community Partnership Forums, hopefully with EDF being represented

**12/270921:** To consider issues arising from the SALC audit report for 2021-21

The Chair explained that various issues had been identified and details had been circulated. All items were discussed, and actions agreed and that they should be minuted:

- To note that Certificate of Exemption applied for – duly noted, and Clerk act as necessary
- To record that recommendations of audit were reviewed – recommendations circulated and reviewed
- Note that Insurance cover had been reviewed – confirmed that the review had been completed on renewal
- Certificate of Exemption / Annual Governance Statement / Accountability Return /Accounting statement and Analysis – to be published. Councillor Leyland advised that all are now available on the website
- Minutes to be signed – noted, and will be completed, but also noted that meetings in this period had been virtual
- Link for Register of Interests – Councillor Leyland advised that the link was now on the Council website
- Accessibility statement – Councillor Leyland advised that a Statement was now on the website

**13/270921: Financial report and to review the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan**

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance available of £13,374.82. Since the last meeting the following payments had been made:

DATE	Payee	Amount	VAT	For	
5 August	HMRC	£37.60		Wages	PAYE
10 August	K A Smith	£360.00		Maintenance	Mole control
18 August	Rod Caird	£150.64		Wages	Aug/Sep
20 August	Henchman Ltd	£328.33	£65.67	Meadow	Ladder
30 August	I C O	£35.00		Supplies	Web subs
16 September	Stewart Belfield	£95.87		Meadow	Seeds etc
21 September	SALC	£158.00	£31.60	Audit	Audit fee

The updated Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan had been circulated and after discussion the amended version was agreed, and is to be published on website

**14/270921: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council**

Councillor Belfield raised the problem of Himalayan Balsam, an invasive foreign species, present in ditches in Ufford Road and now spreading along Byng Brook. Chair believed that it had previously been reported to Highways, but nothing had been done. Councillor Leyland advised that money was allocated in budget to deal with this. It was agreed to investigate possible ways of dealing with this and review at next meeting with view of engaging specialist company to deal with this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.48

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Monday 29 November 2021