

# **BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall on 21 May 2014

## **Present**

Councillors D Risk (Chairman), H. Saxton, K Churchill, S Thurlow, J Fielder, P Summers and W Elson  
Clerk and RFO A M Hounsell  
Dist Cllr B Snell  
20 Parishioners

## **1-1415 - Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received from Cty Cllr P Bellfield, PCSO C Hassler, Paul and Marion Kirton, Rick and Pam Reade, Darryl and Pat Morgan, Anne Hayward, Sarah Thorne, Jackie Hounsell, Ruth Risk, Peter Thurlow and John and Janet Weston

## **2-1415 - Minutes of Previous Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 21 May 2013 were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **3-1415 – Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

(i) Drainage Investigation by Anglian Water (previous minute 3-1314)

The clerk advised that AW had finally responded to the council's requests for action and that significant progress had been made on this matter since the previous Annual Parish Meeting May 2013. A public meeting had been held at the village hall with AW on 02 December 2013 and AW had advised that they would be spending approximately £1M to resolve this issue in 2014-15.

Their latest report to the parish council had advised that "The scheme for Brandeston is still progressing through the various stages at the moment the update is we are predicting to start work In January 2015 and still with a completion by the end of March 2015, these schemes can vary and dates can change"

(ii) Planning Approvals – Mutton Lane (previous minute 10-1314)

The clerk advised that SCDC had confirmed that the contamination report had now been satisfactorily provided.

With regard to ownership of the land to the east of the development of 6 houses; this had received planning approval for change of use to domestic cartilage and this land had been added to that for the existing houses at the site.

The clerk reported that the council had taken up a number of issues with the developer and all had been dealt with satisfactorily.

Planning consent has now been granted (in detail) for all 10 houses in the lane

## **4-1415 - Chairman's Report for 2013-14.**

The Chairman reported upon the Council's work over the year – see attached notes

## **5-1415 - Financial Report**

The RFO then provided a brief summary report indicating that the Council's financial affairs remained healthy (see attached).

The RFO thanked Mr Donald Evans for his diligent internal audit of the council's accounts.

## **6-1415 - Village Hall**

Mr P Baker, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, presented a brief report whilst advising that there would be a full report to the Annual General Meeting of the Hall Committee – see attached notes.

## **7.1-1415 – Report of Cty Cllr Bellfield**

Cty Cllr Bellfield had sent his apologies but the clerk presented his report - see attached notes

## **7.2-1415 - Report of Dist Cllr Snell**

Dist Cllr Snell presented his report – see attached notes.

**8-1415 - Report of PCSO Hassler**

PCSO Hassler had advised his apologies but had provided his report (as attached).

**9-1415 - Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman**

The meeting questioned the meaning of “affordable” in the context of planning applications for housing. Cllr Summers advised that it means that under agreement with the district council any approved housing with this description must be offered to a local housing association and then let to local people

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm