

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 04 September 2012

Present

Councillors D Risk (Chairman) (DR), P Summers (PS), J Fielder (JF), H Saxton (HS), S Thurlow (ST), K Churchill (KC) and W Elson (WE)

Cty Cllr P Bellfield

Parish Clerk and RFO, A M Hounsell (AMH)

1-1213/4 – Open Discussion with Members of the Public

There was no discussion under this heading.

2-1213/4 – Reports from Cty Cllr P Bellfield, Dist Cllr B Snell and PCSO C Hassler

Dist Cllr Snell had sent his apologies for absence but had advised the clerk that he would continue to monitor the situation at Red House Barn. He also advised that SCDC had signed a new 10 year contract with SCS to continue their excellent and economic service on waste collections, etc, for the continued benefit of council tax payers.

PCSO Hassler had sent his apologies but reported through the clerk as follows :-

There have been 2 recorded crimes for the parish of BRANDESTON

THESE CONSIST OF 1 x Message, Letter, email, etc indecent, threat and 1 x Common assault (both crimes were related).

PCSO Hassler also advised that there have been some counterfeit £20 and £50 Bank notes being passed around the Eastern area. On 31 August two people were caught and arrested in Woodbridge while trying to get change in local shops. He asked that residents use the leaflet provided to familiarise themselves with what things you can look for if you believe that you have a counterfeit bank note. There are also UV pens available to use with just a swipe of the pen will tell you instantly if it is real or a fake

Cty Cllr Bellfield reported as follows :-

SCC have received for the first time, exam results on the two-tier system. (Three-tier system results were 5% worse than two-tier) First two-tier results have been shown to be a huge improvement – he suggested that this is first evidence of the new system being better.

Libraries are now operating under the new regime of non-SCC control.

SCC does try to promote business interests = groups have visited from China and South Korea particularly in the area of wind energy.

Despite what the press may say, EDF have assured SCC that they are fully committed to building Sizewell C. – the decision on planning will be taken by the government and not the local authority.

ST asked if Cllr Bellfield could help from the Locality Budget with the costs of the proposed petanque pitch at the Recreation Ground? Cllr Bellfield asked ST to write giving details of costs and other sources of funding.

3-1213/4 - Chairman's Welcome, Formal Meeting Opening and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence

The Chairman formally opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors and others. He advised of apologies from Dist Cllr Bob Snell, resident Mr N G Hayward and Parish Historical Recorder Mrs W Woodland.

4-1213/4 - To Receive Councillors' Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items

ST declared interest in agenda item 9

5-1213/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 17 July 2012 were signed as a true record.

6 -1213/4 - Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Legal Charge on Brandeston Village Hall (previous minute 6-1213/3 (iii))

The clerk advised that he had contacted the council's solicitor again, requesting the current status on this matter. The solicitor had replied on 01 August 2012 stating that "It was sent to you 12 August 2011 and just needs to be sent back to me duly signed" This reply completely ignored all the correspondence subsequent to 12 August 2011 and the clerk had replied setting out the full details of this. Thereafter, the solicitor had requested a copy of the council's email of 31 January 2012 which set out the changes the council was seeking to the charge document. This had been sent by the clerk on 02 August 2012. No further correspondence had been received.

The council agreed to take no further action at this time.

7-1213/4 - Planning

(i) C12/1626 – Red House Barn – retention of mobile home and permission to occupy annexe before completion of main dwelling - the council reaffirmed its opposition to this application.

The council discussed their concerns with the way in which the construction was proceeding. It appears that the annex is proceeding despite condition 3 of the previous approval that this should not be occupied before completion of the main barn.

The Clerk was instructed to write to SCDC expressing concern at the possible future breach of condition 3 should C12/1626 not be approved and to be advised by SCDC of their anticipated enforcement actions in this event.

(ii) C12/1770 – Priory Barn Earl Soham Road – Certificate of lawful use

Council are aware that the property has been occupied for at least 10 years and they raised no objection to this proposal.

(ii) C12/1790 – Brandeston Hall – Removal of internal walls.

The council raised no objection to this proposal

There were no other planning matters to consider.

8-1213/4 – Report from Responsible Finance Officer (The Clerk)

The RFO reported that the accounts for 2011-12 had now been approved by the external auditor with no matters of comment raised

The RFO then presented the current financial position with the main account holding £5,010.35 and the 100+ account £1,844.44 (both after accruals for approved expenditure and for future income).

9-1213/4 - Financial Matters

The Council agreed payments as follow :-

(i) £10.50 to Brandeston VH&RG for room hire for the next meeting (see minute 13 below)

(ii) £20 to SCDC for the 100+ lottery licence (from 100+ account)

10-1213/4 - Review of the Council's Financial Risk Assessment in Respect of the Current Financial Position of the Council

The council agreed that the current financial position was satisfactory

11-1213/4 – Correspondence

No items were raised under this heading

12-1213/4 - Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman under Standing Order 16

There was no discussion under this heading

13-1213/4 – Date of Next Meeting

Date for the next council meeting was agreed for 13 November 2012 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.