

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12 July 2011

Present

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

Parish Clerk and RFO, A M Hounsell

Parishioners Mr and Mrs Reade

1-1112/3 – Open Discussion with Members of the Public

There was no discussion under this item.

2-1112/3 - Reports from Cty Cllr Bellfield, Dist Cllr Snell and PCSO Hassler

Cty Cllr Bellfield had advised his apologies for absence but had verbally commented to the clerk as follows :-

Cty Cllr Bellfield has noted the agenda item regarding speeding and advised that he would probably be in a position to offer financial help with the purchase of a speed camera should the parishes of Brandeston and Earl Soham decide to purchase.

Dist Cllr Snell had advised his apologies for absence but had provided his report to the clerk as follows:-

Local Development Framework

After recent delays caused by the need to assess new information about visitors to The Sandlings, the LDF is back on the agenda and meetings of Cabinet and Full Council (to consider the Reviewed Core Strategy) have been arranged as follows (agendas to be published in due course):

- Cabinet - Friday 8 July 2011 at 9.30 am - Trinity Park Conference Centre
- Council - Wednesday 27 July 2011 at 9.30 am - Trinity park Conference Centre

The Council has updated the LDF Evidence Base list and the documents below (among others) are now available on the Council's Website at

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review/evidence/studies/default.htm>

- Sustainability Appraisal of Core Strategy & Development Management Policies (June 2011)
- Appropriate Assessment for Suffolk Coastal District Council Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (June 2011)
- Green Infrastructure Strategy for Suffolk Coastal District Council (May 2011)

Provided the Core Strategy is approved by Council on 27 July, it will replace the Interim Core Strategy. The responses from a six-week period of consultation on its "soundness" (expected to be held in Oct/Nov 2011) will be reported to Cabinet and Council in January 2012, after which the Core Strategy will be formally submitted for consideration by an independent Inspector. Indicative timetable would be for a Pre-Hearing in April 2012 and the formal Hearing in May, with the Inspector's report following in September, after which the Core Strategy will be adopted and the process of Site Specific Allocations can begin – for completion sometime in 2013.

ABGI Grant Funding

The district's local economy is set to benefit from this year's Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) Grant with funding supporting four local heritage and countryside projects, including The Longshop Museum in Leiston, The Tide Mill in Woodbridge, The Landguard Peninsula Education Centre and The Balance Project to improve accessibility and visitor information for those visiting the Suffolk Coastal AONB.

LABGI rewards local councils with grants for increasing business growth in excess of a base rate set by the Government. Over the past six years Suffolk Coastal has received just over £2m which it has distributed across different projects, together with match funding from other sources.

Key appointments following the election

At the Council's Annual Meeting on 26 May, a number of key decisions were made that will shape the next four years:

- Chairman of the Council: Joan Sennington
- Vice Chairman: Richard Kerry
- Leader: Ray Herring, making him the longest serving Local Authority leader in the East of England (12 years)
- Deputy Leader: Andy Smith

Your own District Councillor was appointed Chairman of the Development Control Committee and, at their meetings on 8 and 9 June, Chairman of its two sub-committees.

“New bus service for young people takes to the road”

You may have read the announcement that from Friday 1 July 1 young people living in Framlingham, Saxmundham, Leiston and Aldeburgh, and all the surrounding villages, will now have their own special bus service on every Friday and Saturday night. Enquiries to the organisers have revealed that “all the surrounding villages” does not include any south of Framlingham, so Earl Soham ward excluded I’m afraid.

Village of the Year 2011

Boyton has won the Suffolk Coastal Village of the Year Competition. Five villages entered the competition and the results were 1st – Boyton, 2nd - Easton , 3rd – Westleton, 4th - Brandeston and 5th – Friston. Boyton will now go forward as the District Council's representative in the County-wide competition organised by Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

PCSO had advised his apologies for absence but had provided his report to the clerk as follows:-

Crime Report

From the 17th of May 2011 to 12th of July 2011

There have been no reported crimes in the parish of Brandeston

Speeding and Parking concerns

Speed enforcement checks in and around the village will continue, so please be mindful to watch your speed. May I please have an update with what’s happening with the H marking outside the village hall entrance? Also I have approx 5 other villages interested in splitting the cost of the Community Speed watch Scheme equipment am I correct to say that Brandeston is interested in joining.

Please keep me informed, as I would like to progress this as soon as possible and the more villages that join the lower the cost to each parish.

Crime Prevention Advice

DIGITAL SWITCHOVER

Wednesday 6 July 2011 is Digital Switchover day for parts of Suffolk, with the final phase of the switch over in this area on 9 Nov, (on the Tacolneston transmitter) for North Suffolk and Norfolk. If you have any queries or concerns about the switch over you can contact, the Digital Help Scheme set up for those who need the most assistance to switch to digital. Help is also available for those aged 75 or over, registered blind or partial sighted or in receipt of certain benefits, to assist you with. Call 0800 408 5900 or visit www.helpscheme.co.uk for more information. Please note that installers registered with the government help scheme will not call without an appointment and will carry a Help Scheme ID. If you have any caller claiming to be from the Help Scheme or offering assistance to set up your TV and you haven’t made an appointment then refuse entry to your property and dial 999 and ask for police assistance immediately. Suffolk Police are asking residents to look out for their vulnerable or elderly neighbours and to notify the police immediately of any suspicious callers.

3-1112/3 - Chairman’s Welcome, Formal Meeting Opening and Acceptance of Apologies for Absence

The Chairman formally opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors. He advised receipt of apologies for absence from Parishioner Mr N Hayward and from Dist Cllr Snell, Cty Cllr Bellfield and PCSO Hassler

4-1112/3 - To Receive Councillors’ Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items

ST declared interest in agenda item 9 (i)

5-1112/3 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2011 were signed as a true record.

6-1112/3 - Matters arising from previous minutes

- (i) White-lining opposite village hall (previous minute 4-1112/2 (i))
The clerk confirmed that he had written to Aaron Nobbs and Lucy Lea at 33 The Street advising them of the council’s further consideration of this matter and their decision to extend the white-lining. The clerk also confirmed that he had so advised SCC, Highways.
- (ii) Leakage at Damming Boards, the Deben (previous minute 4-1112/2 (ii))
The clerk advised that he had written to the Environment Agency thanking them for their attention to this matter and confirming that the council would continue to monitor the situation.
- (iii) Speeding (possible joint meeting with Earl Soham Parish Council) (previous minute 8-1112/2)
The clerk confirmed that he had written to Earl Soham parish council advising of the council’s interest in joint discussions and he had written to the headmaster and Brandeston Hall School. It was agreed to await meeting proposals from Earl Soham Parish Council. The council suggested it might be appropriate to invite the involvement of Kettleburgh and of Brandeston Hall School at the meeting.

7-1112/3 – Planning

- (i) The council considered application C11/1436 (Extensions at 3 Larcom's Lawne).
The Chairman adjourned the meeting to permit Mr and Mrs Reade to comment on this application, as indicated in the attached notes
The Chairman then reconvened the meeting
The Council agreed to support this application provided construction was in accordance with the details provided including retention of the obscure glazing to the studio.
- (ii) Application C11/1144 – 6 new houses, Mutton Lane
PS reported that he had spoken to the Planning Officer regarding this application. Since the refusal of the previous application at this site, the new government had issued guidelines to local planning authorities to make a presumption in favour of sustainable development where the local planning authority have no up-to-date development plan and have a shortfall in the five year land supply for housing. SCDC had indicated that applications abutting envelopes should be considered for approval.
The clerk was instructed to write to our MP, Dr Daniel Poulter, suggesting that he could now intervene on this issue and re-iterating the council's and the parish's strong objections to the proposal.
The clerk indicated the our District Councillor had advised that, as Chairman of the North Development Control Sub-committee, he could not comment on this issue but he wished to be advised of the council's position. The clerk was instructed to write to Dist. Cllr. Snell requesting that he advise who might speak on the council's behalf at the Sub-committee meeting when this application is considered (assuming it goes to Sub-committee). The clerk was asked to provide copies of the council's correspondence to the SCDC, Planning Dept.

There were no other planning matters to consider.

8-1112 – Report from Responsible Finance Officer (The Clerk)

The RFO reported the current financial position with the main account holding £6,032.61 and the 100+ account £2,065.19 (both allowing accruals for approved expenditure and income). The current financial was considered satisfactory.

9-1112/3 - Financial Matters

- (i) The Council agreed payment of £10.50 to Brandeston VH&RG for room hire for the next meeting (see agenda item 13).

10-1112/3 - Review 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

11-1112/3 - Correspondence

There was no correspondence requiring attention.

12-1112/3 - Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman under Standing Order 16

The Chairman agreed consideration of the following matters :-

- (i) The Chairman commented that some of the fascia wood at the bus shelter was in very poor condition. The council agreed that the clerk ask Mr Jeff Hogan to look at this and offer a price for repair.
- (ii) The council requested that the clerk insert a note into the new notice board to advise that the key is held by the clerk.
- (iii) The meeting noted the suggestion from the village hall committee that a committee be set up to consider events for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The council agreed to support this initiative with the possibility of providing some financial support. The clerk was instructed to write to the village hall chairman, Mr Darryl Morgan.

13-1112/3 – Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday, 27 Sept. 2011.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Notes of comments from Mr and Mrs Reade

The Reade's advised that the Mr B Flack (the applicant) had spoken to them and provided copies of the plans. They indicated that they and the other residents of Larcom's Lawne had no objections to the proposal.