

## BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 16 July 2014

### Present

Councillors D Risk (Chairman), K Churchill, J Fielder, W Elson, P Summers and H Saxton  
Parish Clerk and RFO, A M Hounsell  
Parishioner Mr N Hayward

### 1-1415/2 – Open Discussion with Members of the Public

There was no discussion under this heading.

### 2-1415/2 – Reports from Cty Cllr P Bellfield, Dist Cllr B Snell and PCSO C Hassler

Dist Cllr Snell reported as follows :-

1. Planning. As previously reported, in February, the Secretary of State dismissed NANT's (No Adastral New Town) legal action Suffolk Coastal District Council's Core Strategy. On 16 June the Court of Appeal refused NANT's request for leave to submit a written appeal, saying that they had no reasonable chance of success. In order to delay the process further, NANT have now requested an oral hearing, which, at SCDC's request, has been fast tracked for hearing on 30 July.

#### 2. Station Road site, Framlingham

After my planning sub-committee had twice unanimously rejected Hopkins Homes application to remove the entire affordable element from their proposed development in Station Road, a planning inspector has allowed their appeal and given them the go-ahead, on grounds of viability.

3. **Boundary Committee review.** We are still waiting for the final decision from the Boundary Committee on the future shape of Suffolk Coastal's ward boundaries.

#### 4. SCDC HQ office

The Council's review of its headquarters office requirements is expected to result in a confidential recommendation to Cabinet this evening (14 July) and to full Council for a decision on 27 July or 25 September

5. **Localism.** Suffolk Coastal's Community Enabling fund provides each District Councillor with £4,000 from the for approved grant purposes in 2014/5. I was able to support the new facilities at Eastern Bowls Club with a small grant from last year's fund and of course with a new tennis court in Brandeston. The rules seem to be being interpreted somewhat more widely than the Council's web site would imply, so new applications for this financial year are requested!

#### 6. Benefit Fraud

In a case brought by SCDC, a former Martlesham Heath woman was given an 18-month suspended prison sentence for defrauding various authorities out of £140K benefits over a ten-year period.

#### 7. Waste Collections

In our continuing drive to cut costs, SCS will be beginning collections at 6 a.m. from next Monday, 21 July. Your day of the week may change, but the frequency of collections will not alter. This move allows SCS to reduce the number of their collection vehicles by 20%, saving the council a further £230K p.a.

8. **New Chairman of SCDC** – your ward member! I was pleased to represent the Council at the greeting of HRH Prince Harry at the recent Suffolk Show, which benefited greatly from his attendance. I am no longer Chairman of the Planning Committees, but will continue to sit as a member of the North area sub-committee.

Cty Cllr Bellfield had advised his apologies but advised that during his convalescence he would still be available to assist if requested.

PCSO Hassler had advised his apologies for absence but reported to the Clerk as follows :-

#### Crime Update

There have been 2 reported crimes from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 through to 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2014

2 x Burglary other building 16/06/2014 undetected

The next SNT public priority setting meeting will be held at Saxmundham Market Hall on 8 October 2014 at 2pm. All are welcome to attend

The PCC, Tim Passmore, will be hosting a public meeting for the Suffolk Coastal district on Monday 21 July 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Market Hall,, High Street, Saxmundham, IP17 1AF. Chief Constable, Douglas Paxton will also be in attendance at the meeting.

### Police Direct

For those of you that haven't signed up for Police Direct yet, please don't forget about it! The service is free, easy to use and is proving to be a very valuable policing tool.

The service doesn't just assist us it also benefits you. You will receive regular updates either via text, email or landline letting you know what is happening in your area.

Leaflets are available at all police stations or visit our website.

### Contacting the Police

Your local officers are:

PC 1410 Burt

PCSO 3034 Hassler

PCSO 3051 Mann

PCSO3195 Hinton

In an emergency always dial 999

To report a crime, speak to your local officers or leave a message, please dial **101**

Any member of the team can be contacted at [FRAMLINGHAM.SNT@SUFFOLK.PNN.POLICE.UK](mailto:FRAMLINGHAM.SNT@SUFFOLK.PNN.POLICE.UK)

Our office phone number is 01986 835497 (answer phone).

Check the website [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) for our engagements.

Our website as detailed below also has an email link to contact us.

Please also have a look at the Suffolk Constabulary Website, which can offer further help and advice.

To find the Framlingham and Saxmundham safer neighbourhood team website please see [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk)

### **3-1415/2 - 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 Cllr S Thurlow, Cllr P Bellfield and PCSO Hassler

### **4-1414/2 - To Receive Councillors' Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items**

There were no declarations of interest

### **5-1415/2 - Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meetings of 18 March and 21 May 2014 were signed as true records.

### **6-1415/2 - Matters arising from previous minutes**

(i) Enforcement (Dist Cllr's expression of concerns) (previous minute 6-1314/7 (iii) )

Dist Cllr Snell advised that this will be the subject of further meetings at SCDC and that many other councils have expressed concerns. He advised that he is assembling a list of all council's concerns.

(ii) Possible council enrolment as members of Suffolk Preservation Society (including payment of membership fee of £30) (previous minute 11-1314/7)

After due consideration, the council confirmed its decision to join Suffolk Preservation Society and to pay the £30 annual membership fee

### **7-1415/2 - Planning**

(i) The council agreed to support Tree Order DC/14/2095 (Tyes Cottage - Felling of unbalanced conifer)

(ii) The clerk advised approval of applications DC/14/0313 (Reserved Matters for 3 (of 4 outline approved) houses at Mutton Lane, DC/14/0571 for the fourth house at the northern development in Mutton Lane (with the inclusion of a vehicle turning space within the site – as requested by the council), of approval of DC/14/0760 (Construction of single storey link between main house and annexe (Grove House, Riggle Street and of DC/14/0528 (Garage at Friday St)

There were no other planning matters to consider.

### **8-1415/2 - Report from Responsible Finance Officer (The Clerk)**

The RFO presented the completed Annual Return for 2013-14 to the council and the council recorded its approval and acceptance

The RFO presented the current financial position with the main account holding £3,806.22 and the 100+ account £44.94 (both after accruals for future income and approved expenditure).

The clerk also advised of difficulties in obtaining a "proper" VAT invoice for the work at the village hall for the provision of a basketball area. The clerk confirmed that he was pursuing this matter.

**9-1415/2 - Financial Matters**

The council agreed payments as follows :-

- (i) £10.50 to Brandeston VH&RG for room hire for the next council meeting on date to be agreed.
- (ii) a donation of £50 to the Disability Advisory Service

**10-1415/2 - 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

**11-1415/2 - Correspondence**

There were no items for consideration

**12-1415/2 - 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

**13-1415/2 – Date of Next Meeting**

Date for the next council meetings was agreed as 01 October 2014 at 8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm