

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18 March 2014

Present

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

1-1314/7 – Open Discussion with Members of the Public

There was no discussion under this heading.

2-1314/7 – Reports from Cty Cllr P Bellfield, Dist Cllr B Snell and PCSO C Hassler

Dist Cllr Snell had advised his apologies but reported as follows :-

1. 2014 budget and Council Tax. SCDC has set a balanced budget for 2014/15 at £12.1million – a net reduction of just over half a million on 2013/14 and once again with no borrowings. Council Tax remains unchanged since 2010/11, despite a reduction of just over £2million in its central Government funding since 2010. See full press release at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/news/council-tax-frozen-for-fourth-year/>

2. Core Strategy. On Friday 7 February a High Court judge dismissed NANT's (No Adastral New Town) legal action against Suffolk Coastal District Council's Core Strategy. Since then Mrs Justice Patterson has both reviewed her own initial judgement and found it sound and in addition has refused NANT's request for leave to appeal. NANT are now seeking leave to appeal direct from the Appeal Court in a further attempt to have SCDC's Core Strategy set aside.

3. Boundary Committee review. As previously reported, the Boundary Commission is consulting on its draft proposals for new council ward boundaries (and their names), ending on 28 April 2014. The consultation is open to anyone who wants to have their say on new Council wards, ward boundaries and ward names across the district.

The Commission's draft recommendations accepted SCDC's proposals on the number of councillors reducing to 42, 13 fewer than at present. The recommendations also outline how those councillors should represent 10 single-member, 13 two-member and two three-member wards across the district. Parishes in the Earl Soham ward (except Letheringham and Charsfield, which would go into Wickham Market) would be subsumed into an enlarged Framlingham Ward.

The full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available on the Commission's website at consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk. Hard copies of the Commission's report and maps are also available to view at Council office and at libraries.

4. Community Enabling Budgets. Suffolk Coastal officially launched its Enabling Communities Strategy at a special meeting on 7 March, 2014, with more than 70 people – including representatives from local town and parish councils, voluntary groups, the business community and Suffolk Coastal councillors.

I await bids from local organisations for grants from the new SCDC Community Enabling fund. Each District Councillor has £4,000 available for approved grant purposes in both 2013/4 (for which applications must be agreed before 31 March 2014) and a further £4,000 in 2014/5. Community Projects that stimulate new community activity must be consistent with the Council's Business Plan and Localism Strategy and cannot be used to support existing services. Full details of the scheme and how to apply are at www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/enablingcommunities/communitybudgets/

5. East Suffolk Growth Plan. The consultation draft of the East Suffolk Growth Plan 2014 – 2025, setting out the strategy for growth across East Suffolk (PDF 964KB), is now available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/news/east-suffolk-growth-plan-consultation/>
The Plan lays out proposals to build more prosperity in East Suffolk, including creating 900 new enterprises and 10,000 extra jobs.

Cty Cllr Bellfield had advised his apologies but reported as follows :-

Cty Cllr Bellfield had confirmed that he had passed through the BVH&RG application for a contribution to the costs of the new tennis court amounting to £3000

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

Crime Update

There has been no reported crime from 1st January 2014 through to 28th of February 2014.

The next SNT public priority setting meeting will be held at Saxmundham Market Hall on the 9th of April 2014 at 2pm. All are welcome to attend

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

PCSO 3195 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

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

Check the website 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

3-1314/7 - 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 Snell, Cty Cllr Bellfield and PCSO Hassler

4-1314/7 - To Receive Councillors' Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items

ST declared interest in agenda item 9 (i).

5-1314/7 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings of 14 January and 18 February 2013 were signed as true records.

6-1314/7 - Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Anglian Water Sewage Works Update (previous minute 6-1314/5 (i))

AW advise as follows :-

"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, these schemes can vary and dates can change. I have arranged for an update request for the 1st May so I can update you again in better time for your next meeting if you need to discuss please give a call"

(ii) Tree at Grass Triangle (previous minute 6-1314/5 (iv))

The meeting noted that the tree had been obtained and planted

(iii) Enforcement (Dist Cllr's Expression of Concerns (previous minute 7-1314/5 (iv))

Clerk was asked to forward the parish council's concerns to Dist Cllr Snell

(iv) Paper Bank at The Queens Head (previous minute 12-1314/5)

The clerk advised that he had been in contact with Suffolk Coastal Services to arrange removal of the paper bank and this has now been done

7-1314/7 - Planning

(i) The clerk confirmed that he had advised SCDC of the council's considerations on application DC14/0313 (Reserved Matters for 3 (of 4 outline approved) Houses at Mutton Lane as recorded in the minutes of the council meeting of 18 February 2014. A decision is awaited

(ii) The council considered application DC14/0571 for the fourth house at the northern development in Mutton Lane. The council is reconciled to this application being approved but request that conditions be imposed to require a vehicle turning space within the for use during construction within the cartilage of the application and for detailed drainage arrangements to be submitted to the District Council for approval.

(iii) The council then considered application DC14/0760 (Construction of single storey link between main house and annexe (Grove House, Riggle Street)

The council agreed to approve this application.

(iv) The clerk advised of approval of applications DC13/2910 (Change of use of land to the east of existing approved development site to residential curtilage – Mutton Lane) and DC14/0074 (Erection of porch to rear elevation - 8 Pond Piece)

(v) The council agreed to approve application DC14/0528 (Garage at Friday St)
There were no other planning matters to consider.

8-1314/7 - Report from Responsible Finance Officer (The Clerk)

The RFO presented the current financial position with the main account holding £2,915.22 and the 100+ account £1525.94 (both after accruals for future income and approved expenditure).

9-1314/7 - Financial Matters

The council agreed payments as follows :-

- (i) £15 to Brandeston VH&RG for room hire for the next council meetings on 21 May 2014.
- (ii) a maximum of £200 for grass cutting at the triangle adjacent to The Queens Head
- (iii) to the clerk for distribution as prizes for the 100+ club for 2014-2015 as follows : £140 (payable 01 April 2014) and further payments of £140 (payable 01 August 2014), £185 (payable 01 November 2014) and £105 (payable 01 January 2015) (All from 100+ account – total £570).

10-1314/7 - 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

11-1314/7 – Suffolk Preservation Society

The council agreed to consider membership at the next meeting

12-1314/7 - Correspondence

There were no items for consideration

13-1314/7 - 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

14-1314/7 – Date of Next Meeting

Date for the next council meetings were confirmed as the annual council meeting at 7.00 pm followed by the annual parish meeting at 8.00 pm on 21 May 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm