

## **BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 19 November 2013

### **Present**

Councillors D Risk (Chairman), S Thurlow, J Fielder, W Elson and H Saxton  
Dist Cllr B Snell  
Parish Clerk and RFO, A M Hounsell

### **1-1314/4 – Open Discussion with Members of the Public**

There was no discussion under this heading.

### **2-1314/4 – Reports from Cty Cllr P Bellfield, Dist Cllr B Snell and PCSO C Hassler**

Dist Cllr Snell reported as follows :-

1. Sizewell C  
No firm news on the delayed process following agreement over the strike price of electricity reached between the government and EDF. Chinese investment likely.
2. Neighbourhood plans  
On 29 October 2013, SCDC approved the neighbourhood plan areas for Framlingham, Great Bealings, Leiston and Rendlesham. In each case the area boundary follows the parish boundary. For more information see the SC DC neighbourhood planning web pages.  
The Localism Act 2011 introduced statutory neighbourhood planning in England. It enables communities to draw up a Neighbourhood Development Plan for their area and is intended to give communities more say in the development of their area within certain limits and parameters. The Council has also recently agreed to an expansion of its Planning and Delivery Team to provide help, support and advice to these communities as they progress their plans.
3. Review of electoral wards in Suffolk Coastal  
The official review which would see Suffolk Coastal represented by 43 councillors with new ward boundaries drawn has now been through two consultation stages. Draft recommendations are due to be published by the Boundary Committee for consultation in January 2014. The Council's proposal is that Charsfield, Letheringham and Hoo would become part of Wickham Market ward, with the remainder transferring to Framlingham ward. Details are available at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/wardreview/councilsubmission/>

### **3-1314/4 - 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 Cllr K Churchill, Cty Cllr Bellfield and parishioner Mr N Hayward.

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

ST declared interest in agenda items 6 (iii) and 9 (i), (ii) and (iii).

### **5-1314/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 24 September 2013 were signed as a true record.

### **6-1314/4 - Matters arising from previous minutes**

(i) Sewage discharge (previous minute 6-1314/3 (i) )

The clerk advised that the long-awaited meeting with Anglian Water had now been arranged for 02 December 2013 at the village hall at 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Also, AW had arranged for attendance by others from the Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership. In addition, at the suggestion of the Chairman, the Clerk had invited attendance by Kettleburgh parish councillors and residents, who it is understood are experiencing similar difficulties in obtaining action from AW

(ii) Flooding in Mutton Lane (previous minute 6-1314/3 (iii))

This item will also be the subject of the meeting referred to under item 6-1314/4 (i)

(iii) Business Rates on Brandeston Village Hall (previous minute 6-1314/3 (iv))

SCDC had finally responded to the VH committee after a three-month delay requesting the same information that had been provided earlier by the Chairman of the committee. This has been provided once again. Further response is awaited

#### **7-1314/4 - Planning**

(i) The clerk advised of approval of applications DC13/2405 and 2406 (Installation of 8 solar panels to existing roof – The Broadhurst) and DC/13/2495 (Replacement of existing timber double glazed windows with evolution upvc timber alternative storm 2 windows and doors – 2 Pond Piece.

The council had raised no objection to these proposals

(ii) Decisions are awaited on applications C13/2658 (Change of use of land to the north and east of existing approved application C12/1979 – Mutton Lane), DC/13/2908 (to vary condition 16 of previous approved outline application C12/1939 to read “No more than 4 no dwellings to be erected on the site” – Mutton Lane) and DC/13/2910 (Change of use of land to the east of existing approved development site to residential curtilage – Mutton Lane)

The clerk confirmed that the council’s comments on these applications had been advised to SCDC  
There were no other planning matters to consider.

#### **8-1314/4 – Report from Responsible Finance Officer (The Clerk)**

The RFO presented the current financial position with the main account holding £4,319.90 and the 100+ account £769.94 (both after accruals for future income and approved expenditure).

#### **9-1314/4 - 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 (see agenda item 14).
- (ii) £20 to SCDC being the renewal of the 100+ lottery licence
- (iii) a grant of £2,000 to the village hall management committee towards the costs of a tennis court at the village playing field provided that a substantial grant is received from SCDC and sufficient funds are raised from other sources to meet the full costs of the project.

#### **10-1314/4 - 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

#### **11-1314/4 – To consider whether to press SCDC to permit removal of dead branches of tree with preservation order at 8 Pond Piece**

The clerk advised that he had received a telephone call from Mr C Rayworth (on behalf of the owners of the property) asking for the parish council’s support for removal of further dead branches from the “preserved tree” at the property. He had advised that SCDC had refused permission for such removal. The Chairman pointed out that it was his understanding that applications for such work had to come from the property owner.

The council agreed to support such an application from the owners.

The clerk was instructed to so advise Mr Rayworth

#### **12-1314/4 – Correspondence**

There were no items for consideration

#### **13-1314/4 - Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman under Standing Order 16**

The council agreed to consider, at the next meeting, replacement of the cherry tree that had been previously reported as dying but had been blown down in the recent gale force winds

#### **14-1314/4 – Date of Next Meeting**

Date for the next council meeting was confirmed as 14 January 2014 at 8.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.