

## **BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 29 April 2009

### **Present**

Councillors D Risk (Chairman) (DR), H Saxton (HS) and S Thurlow (ST).  
Parish Clerk and RFO A M Hounsell

### **1-0910/1 - Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. He confirmed receipt of apologies for absence from Cllrs. W Elson, J Fielder and K Churchill and Parish Historical Recorder Mrs W Woodland.

### **2-0910/1 - To Receive Councillors' Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items**

ST declared interest in Agenda items 5 and 6 (iii).

### **3-0910/1 - Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2009 were signed as a true record.

### **4-0910/1 - Matters arising from previous minutes**

- (i) Drainage in The Street (previous minute 6-0809/7 (i))  
The meeting noted that the work had not been completed by March 2009 as promised. The Clerk was instructed to ask SCC when they now anticipated completion and to remind them of a previous agreement to "level" the surface in Mill Lane
- (ii) Legal Charge on BVH&RG (previous minute 6-0809/7(ii))  
The Clerk advised that there had been no further communication from our solicitor. The Council agreed for the Clerk to seek to have the requirement for the charge to be cancelled.
- (iii) Hedge at Footway, Hill House (previous minute 6-0809/7(iii))  
The meeting noted that the hedge had now been cut back by SCC. The Clerk was instructed to enquire of SCC whether the responsibility really did lie with them.
- (iv) Possible Purchase of Generator (previous minute 6-0809/7 (iv))  
In the absence of Cllr. Fielder, the Council agreed to leave this matter in abeyance.
- (v) Toxic Materials at Office Farm (previous minute 10-0809/7)  
The Clerk advised that he had written to SCDC, Environmental Health. In turn, they had agreed to investigate but current workload meant there may be some delay. However, they had agreed to respond in sufficient time before the Council's meeting on 20 May 2009.  
In the meantime, they had suggested that there was unlikely to be any danger and that the possible toxic materials were best left untouched. The Clerk was requested to advise the complainant.
- (vi) Damage to Footpaths and Bridleways (previous minute 12-0809/7)  
The Clerk advised that he had written to Mrs Lydia Harvey and received reply indicating that all those riding out from Oak Farm were made aware that they must never use footpaths and that she insisted that when on bridleways they should use the same side of the path both coming and going. Mrs Harvey had pointed out that she estimated that some thirty different riders use the Mill Lane bridleway.
- (vii) The Parish Council's response to the Boundary Committee's proposals for local government changes (previous minute 2-0809/7)  
The Council reaffirmed its position in respect of local government changes as agreed at the Council's meeting on 24 September 2008; namely that the Parish Council's preferred option "...for the future of local government in Suffolk was to retain the status quo but that otherwise they supported the "One Suffolk" proposal of SCC".  
The Clerk was instructed to so advise the Boundary Committee.

### **5-0910/1 - Planning**

ST withdrew from the meeting for this item.

The Council considered applications C09/0536 and 0537 for a lean-to extension at 18 Low Street.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Elson in giving his apology for absence had indicated that he had no objections to these proposals. The Council approved the plans.

ST then returned to the meeting.

#### **6-0910/1 - Financial Matters**

The Clerk advised that he had received the annual audit papers from the external auditor and the necessary work was well advanced for the first stage – the internal audit.

The Council agreed payments as follows :-

- (i) £25 to Suffolk ACRE for subscription for 2009-10
- (ii) £108.60 to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) for subscription for 2009-10
- (iii) £5.00 to Brandeston VH&RG for room hire for the current meeting (29 April 2009)

#### **7-0910/1 - Correspondence**

The Council agreed that the Chairman complete the questionnaire received from SALC and HS that received from the NHS.

#### **8-0910/1 - Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman**

The Chairman agreed discussion of the following item :-

ST raised the matter of deposit of dog litter. It appears that dog-walkers were depositing plastic bags of such litter in hedgerows. The Council agreed that this subject be raised at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **9-0910/1 - Date of Next Meetings**

Dates of the next meetings were confirmed as the Annual Council Meeting at 7.00 pm on 20 May 2009 followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 8.00 pm.

The Council also agreed to meet on 03 June 2009 at 8.00 pm to consider and if thought fit, approve the Council's accounts for 2008-09

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm