

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

Parish Clerk and RFO A M Hounsell

Mrs W Woodland, Parish Historical Recorder

Mr N G Hayward

1-0910/4 - Open discussion with members of the public who may be present

There was no discussion under this heading.

2-0910/4 – Report of Cty. Cllr. Peter Bellfield.

Cty Cllr Bellfield had advised the Clerk of his apology for absence due to holiday. Cllr Bellfield had confirmed his appointment as Chairman of the SCC Pensions Committee and as a member of the Scrutiny Committee. In addition, he had advised that the three Suffolk District Councils had won their appeal against the decision of the Boundary Committee not to consider their “three district councils” proposal for local government changes in Suffolk.

3-0910/4 – Formal Meeting Opening, Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman then formally opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors. He confirmed receipt of apology for absence from Cty. Cllr. Bellfield.

4-0910/4 - To Receive Councillors’ Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items

ST declared interest in agenda item 9 (i)

5-0910/4 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 03 June 2009 were signed as a true record.

6-0910/4 - Matters arising from previous minutes

- (i) Drainage in The Street (previous minute 6-0910/3 (i))
The Council noted that the work at the upper end of The Street had been completed. In addition, work had been completed in Mill Lane including the further section advised by the Council as requiring attention.
The Clerk was instructed to write to SCC, Highways expressing the Council’s thanks but advising that they may revert to this matter dependent on the success of the works in resolving these problems.
- (ii) Legal Charge on BVH&RG (previous minute 6-0910/3(ii))
The Clerk advised that there had been no further communication from our solicitor following the proposal that the requirement for the charge be cancelled. The Clerk was instructed to pursue this matter with the solicitor.
- (iii) Hedge at Footway, Hill House (previous minute 6-0910/3(iii))
The Council noted that trimming had recently been undertaken of these hedges.
The Clerk was requested to contact SCC, Highways for confirmation of the formal responsibility for cutting of the inner hedge.
- (iv) Possible Purchase of Generator (previous minute 6-0910/3 (iv))
JF reported that Mr Graham Edhouse had now advised a number of factors which would need to be agreed to permit a decision on size of generator that would be required. PS suggested that the minimal requirement would be for running the heating boiler and for lighting.
It was agreed that the way forward was a site survey by Mr Edhouse with Mr Fred Mugglestone of the village hall committee.
- (v) Parish Plan (previous minute 13-0910/3 (ii))
 - (a) The Chairman suggested that the first priority for progress on the Parish Plan Action Plan be the proposed need for a youth club. He advised that Mrs Mary Mitson-Woods had stated that there was a possibility of obtaining public funds for this (in conjunction with other villages) and she would follow this up. The Council agreed to await confirmation of details.

(b) Travel for those without cars – the Council questioned if an insurance problem might arise for those giving lifts. The Clerk undertook to investigate.

It was agreed that a note be placed on the website, in the parish magazine and village notice boards and be raised at the coffee morning, asking those who might need such a service advise Councillors.

(c) Lights at Brandeston Hall – the Clerk was instructed to enquire of the Master at Brandeston Hall of progress on reduction of light pollution.

7-0910/4 - Planning

The Clerk advised that planning application C09/0537 (18 Low Street - listed building consent for erection of single storey lean-to extension) had been refused.

The Clerk also advised that SCDC were to carry out further consultation on the Local Development Framework in early September 2009 and that this involved potential adjustments to the previously proposed housing distribution, including “minor changes to the key and local service centres”

8-0910/4 – Report from Responsible Financial Officer (The Clerk)

The RFO advised that the public inspection period for the Council's audit papers had passed and the required items had been forwarded to the external auditors for inspection. The result was expected by mid September.

The RFO also advised that he understood that the village hall committee had purchased tables for the hall using funds from their own resources (see previous minute 13-0910/3 (iii)), meeting of 03 June 2009). ST indicated that it had not been possible to purchase these tables due to lack of stock at the supplier. The Council agreed to await formal request for purchases from the village hall committee.

The RFO then presented the current cashbook position showing the community account with a current balance of £4,058.31 and the 100+ account an unchanged balance of £1,391.14: both after accruals and allowance for future approved expenditures.

9-0910/4 - Financial Matters

The Council agreed payments as follows :-

- (i) £9.00 to Brandeston VH&RG for room hire for the next meeting (see minute 12-0910/4)

10-0910/4 - Correspondence

The Chairman advised that the Council had won second prize in the SCDC Village of the Year competition. The Clerk advised that Kettleburgh Parish Council had sent their congratulations for this success.

11-0910/4 - Any other business as may be raised and accepted as appropriate by the Chairman

The Chairman agreed discussion of the following item :-

- (i) The Chairman advised of a complaint from a parishioner of parking adjacent to the entry to Mill Lane and on the pavement. Councillors agreed to keep this matter under consideration.
- (ii) Comment was made of the quantity of horse residue being left in the roads around the village. The council expressed concern and agreed to keep this matter under consideration.
- (iii) Parish Bulletin – the Council asked that the Clerk arrange with SCDC for this to be sent by email to all Councillors.
- (iv) Request from East Anglian Daily Times for Council minutes by email – the Council agreed that EADT be advised that their minutes were available on the Brandeston website.

12-0910/4- Date of Next Meeting

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14 October 2009 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm