

Minutes of the Meeting of Brundish Parish Council, held on 11th July 2013 in Brundish Parish Rooms.

Members present	AB (Chair); CD; HG; ASQ; GW
Other persons	Sandra Apps, Clerk; Mr Terry Lee (public) Matthew Hicks (MSDC) arrived at 8.20
Apologies	MH;
Declaration of interests	None
Minutes	Minutes of AGM of 9 th May 2013 were read, agreed and signed.
Matters arising	HG agreed to be vice chair having been elected in her absence.
Finance	Agenda items agreed. Internal audit report heard and accepted. Audit process passed as adequate.
Planning	Application no. 1034/13 has been agreed – no comments.
Appt of new councillor & clerk	AB has been approaching various people for both these positions. Has approached SALC, who say there is no reason not to appoint someone to take on the finance and legal side and have a volunteer minutes secretary (not a member of the PC) Looking into the cost of a professional clerk, but this may be more than the council can afford; some names were put forward to be asked – HG will approach. Hopefully if someone is found, an extra meeting will be called to officially confirm and appoint. Regarding a new councillor, some suggestions also made – to be approached.
Change of meeting dates	Councillors had been previously advised of a request to move the meeting from 2 nd Thurs to 1 st or 3 rd Thurs in order to accommodate the Hall Film Night – AB proposed 4 th Thurs, all agreed.
Village Green	AB asked if it was now a good time to take the sign down for repair, while the ground is dry enough to get heavy machinery on. GW agreed to put this in motion. Fund raising for the war memorial will be held in the autumn – AB and ASQ working on it.
MSDC councillor's report/SCC report	Matthew's report had been previously circulated. Matthew mentioned the broadband issue – AB asked when this area will get faster broadband – referred to website Better Broadband Suffolk which will give a date when villages will be upgraded. AB reported that a resident had contacted BT who had been unable to give any information; M said he would refer on to a contact and express local concerns about the problems businesses and residents are having. Also referred to education and the efforts to improve primary schools. Matthew had had a good response to the roads problem, but although the surveyor and engineer had been out, some small holes had only been patched, and one large one had not been touched, and AB had been told that it had been removed from the schedule. AB is still chasing these problems up and has been told that he will soon have some sort of indication as to when proper repairs will happen. M suggested continuing to chase up and provided some thoughts as to why there is a hold up. Mr Lee offered the comment that some repairs have been of very poor quality – M pointed out that temporary repairs are made through the winter and more permanent in the summer – there is a very high volume needed.

	MSDC staff positions all now filled and are settling. The merger won an award for the way it was handled. AB thanked MH for his input.
Correspondence	Emails had been previously circulated. There was a letter from Suffolk Coastal District Council regarding core strategy and development management policies which was circulated and no comment needed.
Any other business	None
Date & time of next meetings	Thurs 26 th Sept & Thurs 28 th Nov Both at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

CD apols for September