

BRUNDISH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 17th January 2024, 7.30pm
at Brundish Village Hall

Those Present: Chairman Cllr Neil Parsons, RFO Cllr Carl King, Cllr George Austin, Cllr Karen Clabburn, Cllr Jan Bright, District Cllr Anders Linder and Clerk: Amanda Austin.

Ref: AMENDMENT 1 Agenda Item & Update/Comments	Action by:
Chairman Cllr Neil Parsons welcomed those present and wished them all a Happy New Year!	
BPC/24/01 To receive Apologies for Absence/reason: Cllr P Smiddy – accepted.	
BPC/24/02 To receive any Declarations of Interest re Agenda. None.	
BPC/24/03 To consider Requests for Dispensations. None	
Members of the Public are welcome to attend. No public present.	
BPC/24/04 To Approve the Minutes of the BPC Meeting: 06/12/2023 - accepted & approved.	
BPC/24/05 To receive Progress of Actions from previous BPC Meeting Minutes.	Clerk
<p>BPC/24/06 To receive Reports from the District and County Councillors.</p> <p>District: Cllr Anders Linder reiterated the Cosy Homes scheme and gave an update on Floods Grant re Storm Babet. District concerned over people ‘sleeping rough’ especially within villages there are Second Homes lying empty – could be utilised?</p> <p>Q: Should there be an Extra Tax for those with Second Homes?</p> <p>Q: Should Parish Councils report Second Homes within villages?</p> <p>Q: Should Parish Councils identify Second Home Owners?</p> <p>Cllr A Linder interested to hear the raised questions.</p> <p>Cllr Matthew Hicks (SCC) attended the meeting.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council: Cllr Matthew Hicks referred to his January 2024 Report.</p> <p>Discussion on the following items/issues of interest: Proposed Budget around £752 million / Home to School Transport / 2% increase dedicated to funding Adult Care / The Arts, having to reduce their funding / The closing of West & East Suffolk Archives but relocate to the proposed Western Way development / Foxhall Recycling Centre redevelopment completed / Winter preparation for our Highways. Cllr M Hicks highlighted recent Scams/make the public aware.</p> <p>SCC January Report can be viewed on BPC Website.</p> <p>Cllr N Parsons thanked Cllr M Hicks for attending the meeting.</p>	
BPC/24/07 Planning. Nothing received.	
<p>BPC/24/08 Open Spaces and Amenities.</p> <p>a) Village Green. Agreed to have a <u>Goal Post</u> on the Village Green. Cllr C King viewed the Cllr P Smiddy’s Goal Post, but unsuitable. Cllr C King will order Goal Post from the recent Quotation submitted via Mr Karl Banham: MH Goals Ltd, Quote MHG-11055, £1,566.72 incl VAT & Delivery. Proposed: Cllr C King / Seconded: Cllr G Austin.</p> <p><u>VG Grass Cutting</u> – Cllr C King has spoken to Mr P Liverton who can provide a contractor for £100 per cut. Clerk to ask MSDC if a Grass Cutting service available?/at what cost? Cllr C King to ask Mr PL for x5-cuts p.a. and agree start date/x5 cuts.</p> <p>b) Village Hall. Grant (District) received for new windows. Management of VH Finance being re-addressed. Someone needed to run the Film Nights. Further posts/lights for Car Park lighting being installed.</p> <p>c) Defibrillator. Maintenance check ok – c/o Palmer 19.12.23.</p> <p>d) Highways & Road Signs. Dennington to Brundish, road sign has fallen over! Cllr C King</p>	<p>Cllr C King</p> <p>Clerk Cllr C King</p>

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<p>reported that Cllr P Smiddy was looking into viewing all signs within Brundish village and will report findings. General concern - most village signs are in a poor condition.</p> <p>e) Footpaths. Cllr K Clabburn reported that MSDC are visiting Brundish 26/1/24. The No.5 Footpath near Manor House/Manor Barns has been agreed upon and will shortly open. Cllr G Austin questioned the Footpath past Lane Farm/across the field towards Les Cotton works – path needs addressing/make Footpath Sign obvious. Cllr K Clabburn agreed to look into and will advise action taken at next meeting.</p> <p>f) PCC. Ref SALC document (Email 3/1) received re: <u>NALC Legal Briefing - L02-23 - Removal of legal restriction on expenditure on Church buildings etc.</u> S. 82, Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 came into effect on 26th December 2023, removing the restriction the Local Government Act, 1894 previously had on parish councils from incurring expenditure on buildings, grounds etc. relating to the Church or ecclesiastical charities. It should be noted that the change will only remove the restriction- expenditure can only be incurred when; - a council has the general power of competence; or - a specific statutory power exists; or - where the council decides the expenditure will benefit the area/inhabitants, using s.137, Local Government Act 1972. Other than the case of formally closed churchyards, any such expenditure is totally at the discretion of local council.</p>	<p>Cllr P Smiddy</p> <p>Cllr K Clabburn</p>
<p>BPC/24/09 Items for BrunbyNews... Councillors to submit items of/for public interest to NP. BPC Councillor Vacancy to be re-advertised. Clerk to re-Register vacancy.</p>	<p>All Councillors Clerk</p>
<p>BPC/24/10 To consider any further correspondence received via Clerk.</p> <p>A. Re D-Day 80, 6/6/24. BPC decision not to organise this mid-week event.</p> <p>B. MSDC – Dog Litter Bin, 2024 charge increase. BPC made aware.</p> <p>C. SALC Email 15/1 – Police & Crime Commissioner proposed increase in Precept 24/25. Cllr K Clabburn agreed to go On-line to complete Survey on behalf of BPC - by 25/1</p>	<p>Cllr K Clabburn</p>
<p>BPC/24/11 BPC Housekeeping. All up-to-date.</p>	
<p>BPC/25/12 Finance/Administration, including:</p> <p>1. Finance</p> <p>a) Expenditure v Budget – BPC Accounts 2024</p> <p>b) Barclays Community Bank Statement as @ 11/1/2024 = £16,303.39 Cllr C King stated: £5,123.90 available to spend on Village Green.</p> <p>2. Receipts/Invoices for Payment:</p> <p>a) Brundish Village Hall, BVH-2023-0042 - £120.00</p> <p>b) A Austin, Clerk – Salary, Months: December 2023 & January 2024</p> <p>3. Under £200 BPC Authorised Payments:</p> <p>a) Agreed at 6/12/23 BPC Mtg: BPC/23/93 A/ - £100 Donation to Citizens Advice B. (Mid Suffolk CAB, Email 14/11/23).</p> <p>b) £100.00 each p.a.: Brundish & Wilby PCs - towards printing costs of BrunbyNews.</p> <p>Items 1.-3. All present agreed on finances/payments.</p>	<p>Clerk to remind Wilby PC</p>
<p>BPC/24/13 BMSDC Email 9.1.2024 – confirmation of BPC Precept 2024-24: 3% Increase. Cllr C King (RFO) confirmed to BPC that above receipt/confirmation received from BMSDC.</p>	
<p>BPC/24/14 Matters/Proposed Agenda items. Nothing additional.</p>	
<p>BPC/24/15 Date of Next Brundish PC Meeting: March 20th 2024, 7.30pm</p>	
<p>Cllr N Parsons thanked Cllr A Linder (District) for his attendance at the meeting. Meeting closed: 8.45pm</p>	

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