

BRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Briston Parish Council held on Monday 4 December 2017 at 7pm in the Copeman Centre, Briston

Present: Cllr N Fippard Chairman
Cllr Miss P Whatling
Cllr Mrs J Denton
Cllr T Girling
Cllr L Edwards
Cllr P Egan
Cllr T Serne

Clerk: Mrs J English

| Number | | Action |
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| 2017/179 | Apologies for absence Cllrs Jeary, Twiddy and Collins are due to work commitments. | |
| 2017/180 | To record declarations of interest from members on any items on the agenda` Cllr Girling stated that he was a user of the Church Street Car Park | |
| 2017/181 | To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2017 Proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Denton, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Approved | |
| 2017/182 | To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation: County Councillor District Councillor SNT Representative The meeting adjourned at 7.02pm The meeting reconvened at 7.19 | |
| 2017/183 | As Mrs Rose Hayward was in the public Cllr Serne proposed that item 10 be discussed at this stage in the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Fippard. Approved To receive a report from Mrs Rose Hayward on the meeting held by CPRE with regard to the local plan The meeting adjourned at 7.20pm to allow Mrs Hayward to speak. The meeting reconvened at 7.22pm Cllr Fippard proposed that Briston Parish Council sign the pledge provided by CPRE Norfolk supporting its campaign aimed at ensuring that no new sites are allocated for house building in revised local plans to 2036 until all existing allocations in current core strategies have been developed. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. Approved Pledge signed by Cllr Fippard | |
| 2017/184 | To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 November | |

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| | <p>2017/161. In answer to an enquiry from Cllr Serne about the progress of this the clerk replied that she had assumed the Management Committee would be carrying this out. Cllr Serne and Cllr Egan said that this was not the case although Cllr Fippard and Cllr Mrs Denton agreed that they thought the Management Committee would be carrying this out. The clerk will put this matter in hand.</p> <p>2017/163. In response to a query from Cllr Serne, the clerk replied that she had been in touch with the company who supplied the pole and were waiting for them to put the fixings on it.</p> <p>Cllr Fippard reported that the lights on the Christmas Tree would be lit on Friday 8 December.</p> <p>2017/166. No volunteers have come forward to take over the speedwatch team organisation. Cllr Fippard will speak to Chris Mussellwhite about taking over.</p> <p>2017/170. In answer to a query from Cllr Edwards the clerk said she had been unable to progress this further as she was waiting for the police to come to the office and give her a crime number.</p> <p>2017/173. The clerk reported that the new flag pole was being delivered on Wednesday 6 December.</p> | Clerk |
| 2017/185 | <p>To consider and make observations on the following planning applications and any more that may be received:</p> <p>Change of use of annexe to dwelling (retrospective), Annexe at, The Acorns, Mill Road, Briston, Melton Constable, NR24 2JF</p> <p>It was agreed that Briston Parish Council would support the application.</p> | |
| 2017/186 | <p>To receive a report on the Church Street Car Park including hedge cutting and proposals for further action which may be taken to help alleviate present problems</p> <p>Cllr Fippard said that the council had discussed several times before the need to find ways of getting at cars who are abusing parking on the car park. He suggested that this matter be handed over to the Finance & General Purpose Committee to prepare a report on usage and recommend ways of overcoming abuse of parking rights.</p> | |
| 2017/187 | <p>To receive a report on the clearance of the pond on the corner of the Poors Allotments</p> <p>The clerk reported that Norfolk County Council had carried out clearance of the pond. Cllr Egan said that not only was the pond looking better but visibility for pedestrians and motorists was now much better. Several parishioners had thanked him for carrying out this work.</p> | |
| 2017/188 | <p>To receive an update on the progress of the Christmas Tree Festival</p> <p>Cllr Whatling reported that 19 trees would be going into the church on Tuesday 5 December. These would be decorated by local organisations. The clerk reported that the amount of sponsorship received was £420. This would cover all the costs incurred.</p> <p>Cllr Fippard invited all councillors and their partners to the private view of the Festival on Friday 8 December from 6 to 8pm in All Saints Church.</p> | |
| 2017/189 | <p>To receive an update on the solar panels on the roof of the Briston Pavilion and to discuss security measures.</p> <p>The clerk reported that she was unable to do anything until a crime number had been received from the police.</p> | |
| 2017/190 | <p>To discuss and approve the bank statement for November and payments for December</p> <p>Cllr Girling proposed that these be approved. Seconded by Cllr Fippard.</p> <p>Approved</p> | |

| Date | Description | Money in £ | Money out £ | Balance £ |
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| 28/11/17 | Deposit – Christmas Tree Sponsors | 420.00 | | 28,992.51 |
| 28/11/17 | Deposit – Allotment Rents | 132.50 | | 28,572.51 |
| 28/11/17 | Mrs J English – Salary | | 632.20 | 28,440.01 |
| 28/11/17 | Mr E Twiddy - Salary | | 290.69 | 29,072.21 |
| 28/11/17 | Axis – Electricity village green | | 12.43 | 29,362.90 |
| 28/11/17 | 1&1 Internet Ltd | | 11.99 | 29,375.33 |
| 28/11/17 | Cheque 102034 – Realise Futures – litter bins | | 1,226.40 | 29,387.32 |
| 21/11/17 | Cheque 102036 – Mrs Edwards payroll | | 30.00 | 30,613.72 |
| 21/11/17 | Cheque 102033 – TT Jones – street lighting maintenance | | 150.84 | 30,643.72 |
| 17/11/17 | Cheque 102035 – SSE – Street lighting energy | | 603.92 | 30,794.56 |
| 15/11/17 | Cheque 102032 – Blyth & Wright – monthly statement | | 13.48 | 31,398.48 |
| 15/11/17 | Cheque 102031 – P Minns – church yard maintenance | | 598.78 | 31,411.96 |
| 07/11/17 | Plusnet – telephone/broadband | | 30.18 | 32,010.74 |
| 02/11/17 | E.on – feed in tariff | 515.08 | | 32,040.92 |

Payments for December 2017

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| SSE Street Lighting | £594.67 |
| SLCC Subs | £115.00 |
| Blackwater Potatoes (Christmas Trees) | £252.00 |
| Colin Eggleton (Stone Road hedge) | £ 45.00 |
| First Aid + Care Training Ltd (first aid cover for Firework evening) | £ 50.00 |
| D J Barham (fire beacon) | £450.00 |
| Higginbottom Community Centre (office rent April – September 2017) | £330.00 |
| TT Jones (replacement street lights) | £2319.84 |
| T S Alford (base of beacon) | £589.63 |
| Mrs J English (repayment flag pole) | £94.80 |
| Plusnet DD | £ 31.14 |
| Axis (electricity village green) DD | £ 12.43 |
| 1&1 Internet (domain name rental) DD | £106.75 |
| 1&1 Internet (basic fee) DD | £ 11.99 |
| Mr R Twiddy (salary December) SO | £290.69 |
| Mrs J English (salary December) SO | £632.40 |
| Total | £5241.91 |

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| | Receipts Sponsorship money for Christmas Tree Festival £420.00 Allotment rents £132.50 | |
| 2017/191 | To adjourn the meeting for public participation The meeting adjourned at 7.45pm The meeting reconvened at 7.55pm | |
| 2017/192 | To receive items for the next agenda for the meeting scheduled on Monday 5 February 2018 None received. The next meeting of the Higginbottom Recreational Charity will take place on Monday 18 December. | |

Dated:

5 Feb 2018

Signed:

N. Fyppend

Seven members of the public attended the meeting

Public Forum

Minute 2017/182 refers

County Councillor Steffan Aquarone sent his apologies and a long report which the clerk had distributed to Councillors before the meeting and tabled at the meeting. His report focused on the details of how the spending cuts will be made, concerns over the levels of adult social care provided and mobile phone coverage. Finally he confirmed that Central Government does not receive any share of Council Tax collected. All money collected by collecting authorities (ours is NNDC) is distributed amongst 'precepting authorities' which for North Norfolk are: Norfolk County Council, NNDC, joint collecting boards (police authorities, fire authorities), parish councils and occasionally special purpose authorities like National park authorities and the Olympic Delivery Authority.

District Councillor Jenny English reported that she had attended the North Norfolk Big Society Fund Grant Panel that day. There were 8 applications for funding requesting a total of £58,045. Two applications were deferred and one did not get all the money requested. Total paid out was just over £30,000. The grants went to fund various projects such as playground equipment, new windows and doors for Wells Coastwatch and upgrading paths in RAF Coltishall Memorial Garden. There were 15 end of grant reports. The majority went on upgrading village halls.

She had also attended the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting recently. There was an extremely good presentation from the Chief Inspector, Teresa Futter from Cromer and Ed Brown from Holt, Fakenham and Wells.

Jenny English expressed her concern that most of these people have been in post for not more than a year and seem to be moved around a lot.

There are approximately 5 emergency calls a day and the police attend 27 jobs per day. Most work covers domestic abuse and violence. There is a real need to recruit more police officers. From the 150 PCSOs who will lose their jobs 96 will be recruited as police officers. The 43 posts lost are to finance the additional 1% bonus on pay.

NNDC is still looking to update the Splash swimming facility Sheringham. It was discussed at the cabinet and will go before full council.

PC Graham Gower-Smith reported that since the last parish council meeting there had been 25 calls to the police in the Briston area resulting in 8 crimes being recorded: 3 x common assault, 1 x possession of a class B controlled drug, 1 x ASB – children playing football in the street, 1 x criminal damage to a motor vehicle, 1 x making off without paying for fuel, 1 x section 4 public order offence. There have been complaints from a resident in Plumbs Close regarding youths causing problems on Friday nights. Extra patrols will take place. PC Graham Gower-Smith further reported that he will be staying in post and continue to be responsible for 25 parishes. All PCSOs are at risk and a final decision will be taken on 5 January. There will be no more police offers for Briston once the 2 PCSOs go. All 999 calls will be answered but local items such as parking may not get answered.

Public Forum

Minute 2017/183 refers

Mrs Hayward drew the council's attention to her summary of the meeting held on 7 November in North Walsham. This outlined the main points of the meeting which covered the population, land supply and a request from CPRE to parish councils to support the pledge for the new land identified to be held back until the existing land has been developed and that growth should be proportionate.

Public Forum

Minute 2017/191 refers

Mr Chiltern asked about the street lights that were being replaced. The clerk said that the council owned 44 street lights all of which were of an obsolete design and could not be repaired if they went wrong. The council had started a programme to replace them. Mr Chiltern said that the replacements gave out a much better light.

Mrs Hayward asked how many solar panels had been damaged and the clerk said that the total was four, two on the front and two on the back.

The clerk reported that Norse had sent contracts for the Village Green and Recreation Ground for the 2018 season. The cost had gone up by 8.5% but the company still offered good value for money.

Mr Pickhaver who attended with his wife said that he had recently moved into Briston Lodge on the Holt Road and he would be interested in organising the Speedwatch team. The clerk gave him the details received from Chris Mussellwhite and it was suggested that Mr Pickhaver get in touch with him.