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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4 March 2019 at 7pm in the Copeman Centre, Briston

Present: Cllr Neil Fippard Chairman
Cllr Martin Collins
Cllr Terry Girling
Cllr Mrs Joan Denton
Cllr Miss Pauline Whatling

Clerk: Mrs Jenny English

Number		Action
2019/18	Apologies for absence Cllrs Egan, Serne, Edwards and Twiddy	
2019/19	To record declarations of interest from members on any items on the agenda and to consider requests for dispensations Cllr Girling – wife tenant on Poors Allotments Cllrs Fippard and Whatling – on Copeman Centre Committee	
2019/20	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019 Proposed Cllr Girling, seconded Cll Mrs Denton. Approved	
2019/21	To invite public participation including reports from: County Councillor District Councillor SNT representative County Councillor Steffan Aquarone Full Council met three weeks ago, as it does several times a year, this time specifically to discuss the budget for the coming financial year. This is set against a backdrop of the total removal of government support for local authorities by the year 2021/22. The effect of this reduction is to remove £100m from the County Council's annual budget. Whilst this might seem like a manageable percentage of our total £1.3bn annual spend, the vast majority of council expenditure goes on children's and adult services (looked-after children, social workers, and adult care including elderly care) that are in fact not able to be reduced because they are already being delivered at the statutory minimum level. Therefore, the effects of the recent reductions are profound and particularly harsh on the services that stop people needing to come into care in the first place. Whilst the ruling conservatives on the Council have written to government asking them to slow down the removal of support, there remain serious party political differences about how to manage budgets and finances. All of our motions to amend the budget were rejected by the controlling Conservative group and it remains the case that I believe now is exactly the 'rainy day' that any previous fiscal responsibility was saving for, and that it is vital in any tightened financial situation to be able to invest for the long term. I was therefore particularly disappointed, given the parlous state of County Council finances in general as well as our weak economic development record in Norfolk, that our amendment to propose a £500,000 public transport innovation fund was defeated. Public	

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	<p>transport is vital, both as an economic catalyst and for social mobility i.e. the ability for everyone in society to get access to a job and access to medical facilities amongst other things. Protecting the vulnerable and investing in the future appear to be causes that were defeated at Full Council</p> <p>Cllr Fippard asked about the £25 million windfall coming to Norfolk County Council over the next seven years. County Council Aquarone replied that as this was not known about before the budget was set the money would go into reserves.</p> <p>District Councillor Jenny English: Reiterated Steffan Aquarone's point that money given to Councils, including District Councils from Central Government is being cut. Report on the budget meeting of North Norfolk District Council supplied by Cllr Duncan Baker from Holt: 'Last week's budget meeting at North Norfolk District Council was a disappointing night for hard working families and rate payers across the District. Just three months after the Liberal Democrats with the 'Independents', took control, they presented a budget that was sadly short of any vision to make a real difference to the average family in North Norfolk. Instead we saw them put up Council tax by the maximum amount before they had to ask for a referendum. This was a tax increase that the Conservatives fought hard to avoid, because it wasn't necessary. The Conservatives, when they ran the District Council increased Council tax just once in seven years. Indeed, the record shows that during their administration across the Council, services were improved and enhanced. This record was achieved through sound financial management and thoughtful planning.' I attended a presentation by Greater Anglia on the improvements that they are making to the lines that they run across the region. This includes the Bittern Line which runs from Sheringham to Norwich. For the first time ever they are getting new rolling stock for all the lines. The new trains will be longer, 4 or 6 carriages as opposed to the 2 or 3 running now. This means that more passengers and bikes can be accommodated. More and more people are using the railways – over about the last ten years passenger numbers on the Sheringham line have increased from 200,000 to 600,000 per annum. The station at Sheringham will be improved to accommodate these new trains as it is too short and too narrow. Entrance from the car park at North Walsham will also be improved. Today I attended my favourite committee – The Big Society where we give money away for improvements to local amenities such as village halls and sports pavilions. In total over £50,00 was granted. This included several village halls, Ingham Cricket Pavilion and yes, the Copeman Centre -but I can't say any more!</p> <p>PCSO Graham Gower-Smith sent his apologies and the following information: the important issues at the moment is the increase in thefts from building sites, farms and industrial type areas. Trailer and tools seem to be high on the list.</p>	
2019/22	<p>To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 February</p> <p>Cllr Miss Whatling thanked the Clerk and Handyman for sorting out the plaque on the beacon and the seat at the Spinney. 2019/05: The defibrillator is still awaiting collection. When opened it displays a message saying it is not working. 2019/11: This has proved to be a bit more complicated than the Chairman and Clerk realised and they are still working on it. 2019/09: The Clerk has a letter from SSE confirming that all the power supplies to the street lighting is unmetered. The Chairman has started to ask questions with regard to LED lights. 2019/05: The clerk has contacted the supplier twice and has had no reply. She will try again.</p>	Clerk
2019/23	<p>To observe and make observations on the planning applications below and any more that may be received:</p> <p>Demolition of former petrol filling station/garage and erection of two-</p>	

	<p>storey detached dwelling Premises next 71 Church Street, Briston, Melton Constable, NR24 2LE. After discussion Cllr Mrs Denton proposed and Cllr Miss Whatling seconded that this application was supported. Approved Council asked that the Clerk see if the planning approval could be conditional on provision of a footpath outside the property as it was for several properties in Hall Street.</p>	Clerk
2019/24	<p>To discuss and approve induction pack for candidates in the parish council elections in May 2019 The Clerk presented a sheet which she had prepared giving information on the role of a Parish Councillor. She explained that the information had been taken from the NALC website. She had also included the election timetable supplied by NNDC. She said that this information would be available to anyone who requested it. Cllr Miss Whatling asked if details could go in the Briston & District News and on Council noticeboards. It was agreed to do this. Cllr Mrs Denton proposed that this be approved. Seconded by Cllr Fippard. Approved</p>	Clerk
2019/25	<p>To discuss a proposal from The Keeper's Daughter to put on a Christmas Carol in Briston The Clerk read out an email from the company who put this production on. For a cost of £300 they will present this around Christmas time. Cllr Collins asked for more information before a decision is made.</p>	Clerk
2019/26	<p>To discuss whether Briston may have "lost rights of way" The Clerk read out part of an email from SkyBlu solutions saying that the company was researching routes across Norfolk which are likely to be lost rights of way. They were asking if there were any in Briston. Councillors did not know of any.</p>	
2019/27	<p>To decide on date for the Annual Parish Meeting and format of this meeting The Clerk said that as there were Parish Council elections this year it was recommended that the Annual Parish Meeting be held after these to avoid infringing purdah. This meeting had to take place before 1 June 2019. the Clerk suggested that the meeting take the form of 'Meet the new Parish Council' with members introducing themselves. After discussion Cllr Mrs Denton proposed and Cllr Miss Whatling seconded that the Annual Parish Council meeting be held on Monday 13 May and the Annual Parish Meeting be on Tuesday 21 May 2019 and the format accepted. Approved</p>	
2019/28	<p>To discuss a request from Visit East of England for an image of Briston and to decide what this should be Cllr Collins proposed that the image should be the mural in the Briston Pavilion which shows the main sites and activities in the village. This idea was accepted.</p>	
2019/29	<p>To receive cost of cutting hedge round Copeman Centre on an annual basis and to discuss putting this on the contract The Chairman asked for the one off payment for the hedge cutting to be formally approved as well as the cost of £350 for the annual cut of the hedge and for it to be added to the contract with Norse. This was proposed by Cllr Girling, seconded by Cllr Mrs Denton. Approved</p>	
2019/30	<p>To receive update on allotments: New tenants Vacant plots</p>	

	<p>Condition of vacant plots The Clerk presented the following report: Stone Road: No plots vacant – last let recently</p> <p>The Poors: TP03 – let recently Vacant: TP02, TP03A, TP06 One contact made with prospective tenant</p> <p>Plantation Hill: PH11 – let recently Vacant: PH6, PH7, PH14, PH15, PH16 Showing prospective tenant plots next week</p> <p>Going to discuss with parishioner idea for getting grants to turn plots PH14, 15 and 16 into a community garden</p> <p>All vacant allotments have been cleared recently.</p>																											
2019/31	<p>To discuss and approve the bank statement for February and the payments for March</p> <p>The Clerk presented the above. She apologised for lack of a complete statement having inadvertently locked herself out of the online banking system today. She had been to the bank and they were sending a new password. The paper copy of the statement had not arrived in the post yet.</p> <p>Payments</p> <table><tr><td>SSE – Street lighting</td><td>£284.30</td></tr><tr><td>Blyth & Wright – monthly invoice January</td><td>£80.70</td></tr><tr><td>Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd – Alpha Software Maintenance – single user</td><td>£142.80</td></tr><tr><td>MAE Bookkeeping – Payroll February</td><td>£15.00</td></tr><tr><td>Norse – Copeman Centre Hedge cutting</td><td>£864.00</td></tr><tr><td>SLCC – subscription</td><td>£122.00</td></tr><tr><td>Blyth & Wright – monthly invoice February</td><td>£125.88</td></tr><tr><td>Allotment maintenance</td><td>£90.00</td></tr><tr><td>S/O Handyman – salary February</td><td>£291.29</td></tr><tr><td>S/O Clerk – salary February</td><td>£632.40</td></tr><tr><td>DD Npower</td><td>£9.88</td></tr><tr><td>DD 1&1 IONOS – internet</td><td>£5.99</td></tr><tr><td>DD Plusnet – broadband/telephone</td><td>£32.63</td></tr></table> <p>Bank statement as at 14.55 on 04/03/2019 GBP 20,141.00</p> <p>Proposed for approval by Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Fippard</p> <p>Approved</p>	SSE – Street lighting	£284.30	Blyth & Wright – monthly invoice January	£80.70	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd – Alpha Software Maintenance – single user	£142.80	MAE Bookkeeping – Payroll February	£15.00	Norse – Copeman Centre Hedge cutting	£864.00	SLCC – subscription	£122.00	Blyth & Wright – monthly invoice February	£125.88	Allotment maintenance	£90.00	S/O Handyman – salary February	£291.29	S/O Clerk – salary February	£632.40	DD Npower	£9.88	DD 1&1 IONOS – internet	£5.99	DD Plusnet – broadband/telephone	£32.63	
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2019/32	<p>To invite public participation</p> <p>A member of the public asked if there were rules and regulations for allotment holders and if there was a size limit for sheds. The Chairman replied that there were tenancy agreements which all holders signed. Cllr Girling, chairman of the Allotment Committee said that sheds were allowed as long as they were no larger than 6' x 4'.</p>																											
2019/33	<p>Any other business (for discussion only)</p> <p>Cllr Fippard presented the minutes from the last meeting of the Copeman</p>																											

	<p>Centre Committee.</p> <p>It was suggested that notices regarding road closures could be put in the Briston & District News.</p> <p>There was some concern that Macks Loke, which it was understood is a private road, was being used as a diversion route while the road was closed at the junction of Hall Street and Reephram Road.</p>	
2019/34	Date of next scheduled Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1 April 2019	

Signed: 

Dated: 1 / 4 / 19.